FINANCIAL SITUATION UPDATE
COVID-19 RESPONSE AND IMPACT

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A new focus for UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat promotes transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action to leave no one and no place behind.

- Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum
- Enhanced shared prosperity for cities and regions
- Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment
- Effective urban crises prevention and response
1. The mandated deliverables are requested to be achieved by the Executive Director based upon:
   a. Resolutions of **UN General Assembly**
   b. Decisions of the **UN-Habitat Assembly** and their **Executive Board**

2. The above mandated deliverables are to be funded by the UN-Habitat **Core Funds** which consists of:
   a. UN-Habitat **Foundation Fund**
   b. **Regular Budget**
• UN-Habitat proposed **immediate support in 2020**.

• UN-Habitat has been advised that our **proposals are not being included in the final submission to the legislative bodies**.

This also includes proposed increases to meet the **UNON Common funding requirements for RB personnel**.
Deliverables – Scenario 2: with 27.5% resources

**Subprogramme 1: Reduced spatial inequality and poverty**

- Seminars, workshops and training events
- Field and technical cooperation projects
- Publications
- Technical materials

**Subprogramme 2: Enhanced shared prosperity**

- Seminars, workshops and training events
- Field and technical cooperation projects
- Publications
- Technical materials
Subprogramme 3: Strengthened climate action

- Seminars, workshops and training events
- Field and technical cooperation projects
- Publications
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Subprogramme 4: Effective urban crisis prevention

- Seminars, workshops and training events
- Field and technical cooperation projects
- Publications
- Technical materials

Deliverables – Scenario 1: with 100% resources
- Scenario 2: with 55% resources
- Scenario 3: with 27.5% resources
Review of UN-Habitat 2020 100% Funding Scenario

Note: The numbers budgeted for General Operating Expenses were based on continued subsidies from the Programme Support Cost Fund.
Review of UN-Habitat 2020 55% Funding Scenario

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2020 FOUNDATION FUND: FINANCIAL PROJECTION & SCENARIOS

Review of UN-Habitat 2020 27.5% Funding Scenario

18% 2020 Approved Resources

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4/5. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Response

• COVID-19 will have a disproportionate impact on the urban poor, especially those who live in informal settlements, with limited access to water, sanitation and other basic services, are dependent on informal livelihoods, and threatened by insecure tenure and forced evictions.

• We have responded at the corporate level, as well as across our normative work and programming.

• Internally, We have activated our emergency protocols and established the Crisis Management Group which meets daily.

• We have taken steps to determine which programmes will continue, which need to be scaled up, and which need to be temporarily suspended for security and safety reasons.

• We have established an internal emergency fund to provide support for quick impact scale-up in informal settlements, WASH, safe mobility, and housing.
UN-HABITAT COVID-19 RESPONSE AND IMPACT

Response

• UN-Habitat joined the coordinated inter-agency appeal to mobilize over USD $2 billion for the Global Humanitarian Response Plan COVID-19 launched last week.

• We are mobilizing support to local authorities: #BeyondTheOutbreak, a virtual live learning series for selected mayors and local leaders co-convened with UCLG.

• We are mobilizing networks such as PSUP and GWOPA partners to increase water and sanitation in slums and informal settlements.

• In Kenya, with the UN Country Team we have seconded staff to support the government in mapping, economic analysis, public communications, and water and sanitation. We are scaling up our work in informal settlements with partners.

• We have developed key guidance on informal settlements and housing during the COVID response, and contributed to inter-agency guidance to ensure that urban issues inform all humanitarian technical guidance.
Impact

• We are taking steps to ensure business continuity yet the pandemic could impact the delivery of the SP2020-23 in the short term, as:

Project implementation is hampered due to inability of teams to travel to project locations and provide technical support.

Local governments focus on mobilizing their limited capacities to focus on COVID-19 response.

Donor countries re-programme their budgets and development cooperation funds to address the emergency as well as ensuing socio-economic challenges within their borders. Core funding and earmarked funding may therefore be further reduced.

Reduced earmarked funding would proportionally reduce the projected revenue of the Programme Support Cost Fund.