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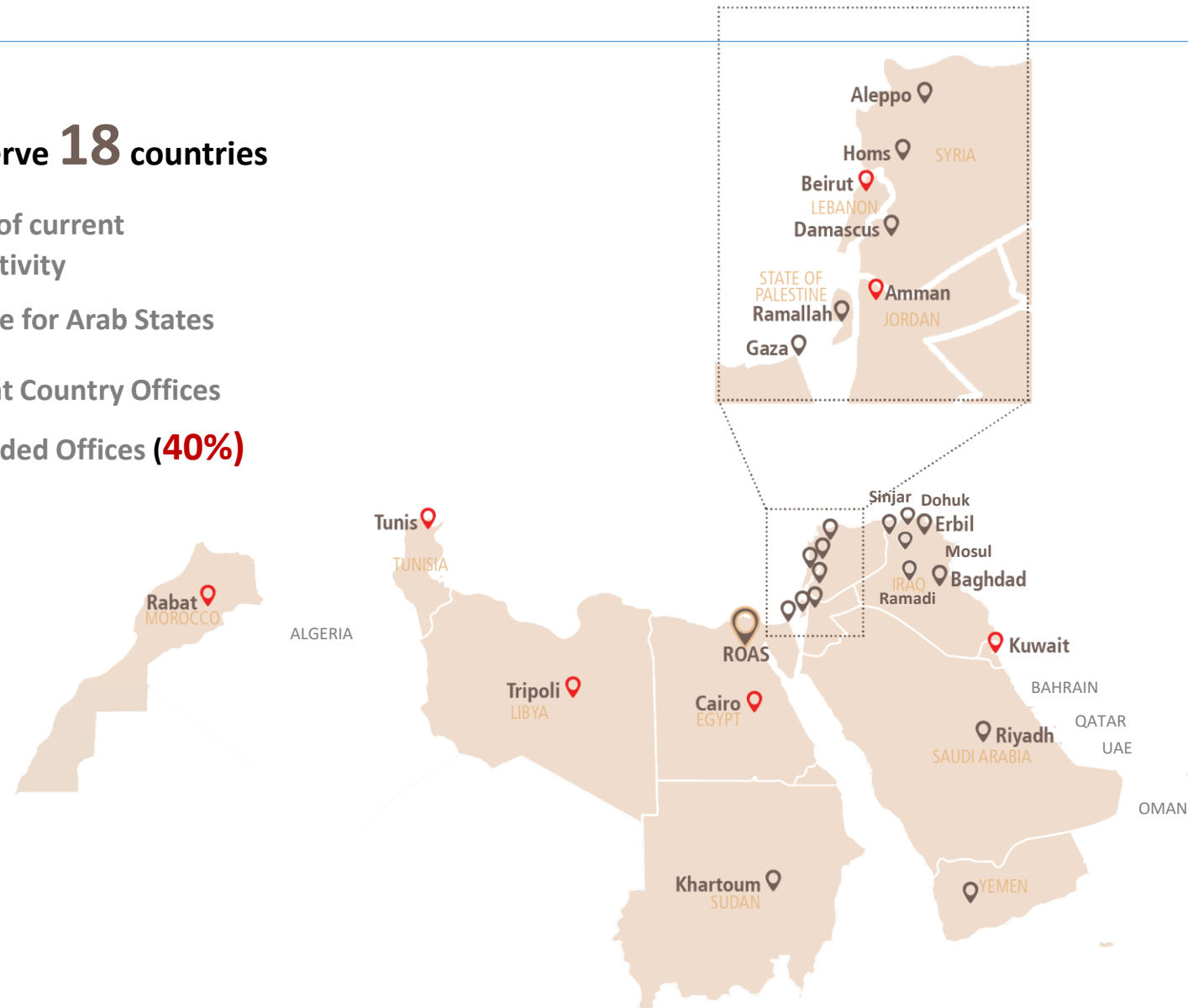
Mandated to serve **18** countries

■ 16 Countries of current
UN-Habitat activity

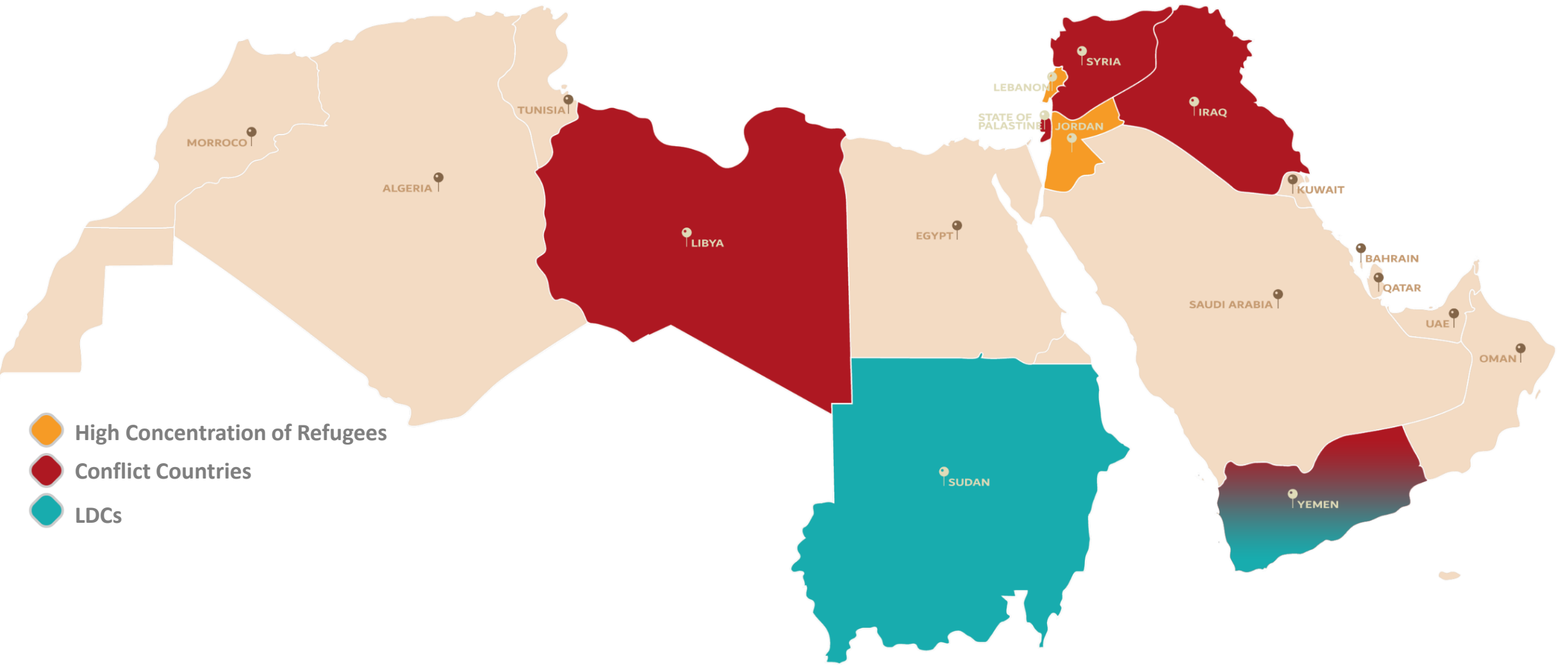
📍 Regional Office for Arab States

📍 13 UN-Habitat Country Offices

📍 6 Female Headed Offices (**40%**)



ROAS Presence



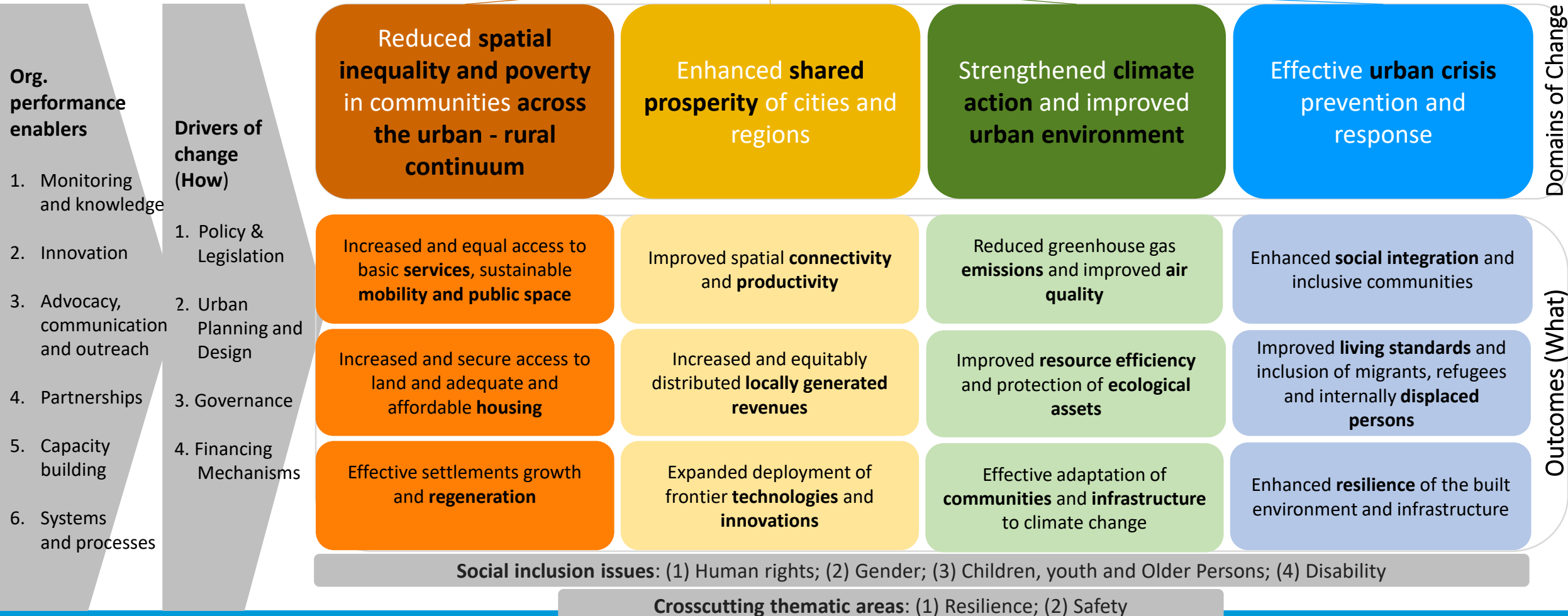
UN-Habitat Strategic Plan (2020-2023)

A better quality of life for all in an urbanizing world

Vision

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

Sustainable urbanization is advanced as a driver of development and peace, to improve living conditions for all in line with SDGs



Regional Strategic Plan (2020-2023)

Global level



GLOBAL
CLIMATE
ACTION SUMMIT



UN-Habitat
Strategic Plan
2020 - 2023



PARIS2015
AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
COP21-CMP11



UN World Conference on
Disaster Risk Reduction
2015 Sendai Japan

SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Regional level



UN Regional
Collaborative Platform
RCP



UN-Habitat ROAS
Strategic Plan
2020 - 2023



League of Arab States
Strategy for Housing
and Sustainable Urban
Development
2015 - 2035

Country level

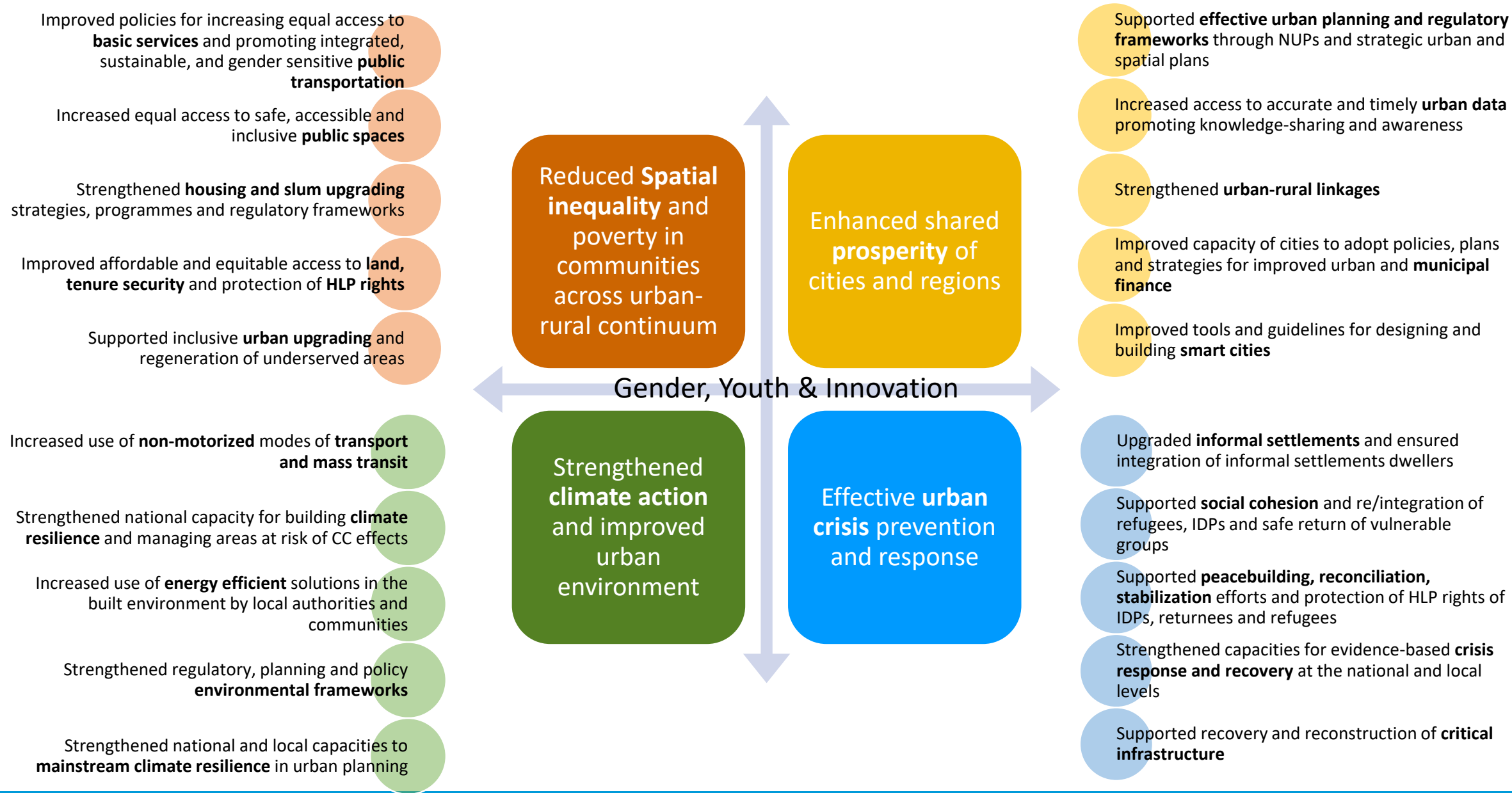
UNSDCFs

National Develop. Plans

HCPDs

- Maghreb: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, **Mauritania**
- Mashreq: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria
- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
- Southern Tier: Sudan, Yemen, **Somalia**, **Djibouti**, **Comoros**

Implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan (2020-2023)





347.7 million USD

is the value of projects implemented
in Arab States Region since 2014



50.8 million USD

Total ROAS Acquisitions in 2018



164 projects

implemented in Arab States
Region since 2014.



56.5 million USD

ROAS Acquisitions in 2019 (as of December 19)



IMPLEMENTATION OF SP 2020-2023: ONGOING PROJECTS: DoC 1



Palestine

- Achieving Planning and Land Rights in Area C, West Bank – Palestine'
- Rehabilitation of Dar al Consul into a Residential and Civic Complex

Lebanon

- Integrated approach to address vulnerable refugee & host communities
- Enhancing access to Social & Basic Services to host & Refugee Population in Beirut
- Preservation of historic buildings and towns occupied by displaced population
- Improving access to basic urban services for refugee and host communities
- Respond to the sudden and urgent multi-dimensional humanitarian crisis
- Improving the Well-Being of Host & Refugee population in "Maraach"

Jordan:

- Safe, inclusive and accessible Public Space for Social Cohesion

Iraq:

- Support to Reconstruction and Peacebuilding of Liberated Cities
- Supporting Recovery and Stability
- Supporting Housing Rehabilitation

KSA:

- Technical support to the Effective Implementation of the Developmental Housing Initiatives
- Support to the NSS Office in MOMRA

Yemen:

- Neighbourhood Profiling Towards a Development Oriented Urban Recovery Process in Yemen

Sudan:

- Emergency support to IDP return in Al Salam locality, South Darfur State
- Building Sustainable Peace and Social Cohesion

Egypt

- Integrated Urban Development Project in Egypt
- Supporting Innovation in water and Sanitation in Egypt: clean water for Integrated local Development



IMPLEMENTATION OF SP 2020-2023: ONGOING PROJECTS: DoC 2



Palestine

- Eliminating Violence against women in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

Tunisia:

- Towards a National Urban Policy in Tunisia

Regional

- Urban Profiling for Post-Crisis Stabilization, Recovery and Reconstruction in Conflict-Affected Cities in The Arab Region (Regional project)
- National Urban Policies in Arab Countries
- State of Arab Cities report 2020: Financing Sustainable Urbanization

Libya:

Institutional development and capacity building of the Urban Planning Agency

Egypt:

- Strategic National Development Support Project
- Strengthening Development Planning and Management in Greater Cairo on Urban Planning and Governance
- Participatory Citywide Urban Upgrading
- Strategic Urban Plans for Small Cities in Egypt (For Ras ElHekma and other small cities)

Iraq:

Support to Housing, Land and Property Rights for IDPs in Nineveh

KSA:

- Future Saudi Cities Programme
- Urban Regeneration of Central Riyadh-Initial Phase



IMPLEMENTATION OF SP 2020-2023: ONGOING PROJECTS: DoC 3

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Egypt:

- Strengthening Development Planning and Management in Greater Cairo

Lebanon:

- Increasing the resilience of both displaced persons and host communities to climate change-related water challenges

Regional Project

Jordan:

- Increasing the resilience of both displaced persons and host communities to climate change-related water challenges

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- SDG Climate Nexus Facility



IMPLEMENTATION OF SP 2020-2023: ONGOING PROJECTS: DoC 4



Lebanon:

- Respond to the sudden and urgent multi-dimensional humanitarian crisis
- Support Local Development planning to municipalities impacted by the Syrian Refugees

Jordan:

- Strengthening the Social Stability and Resilience of Vulnerable Jordanian Communities and Syrian Refugees in Amman Against Flash Floods

Sudan:

- Joint State Liaison Functions in Support of African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operations in Darfur

Iraq:

- Transitional shelters for extremely vulnerable families
- Emergency shelter and NFI assistance to improve living conditions of most vulnerable families
- Strengthening the Long-Term Resilience of Subnational Authorities in countries affected by the Syrian and Iraqi Crises
- Rapid Response to COVID-19 in Iraq through Mobile Handwashing Trailers

Syria:

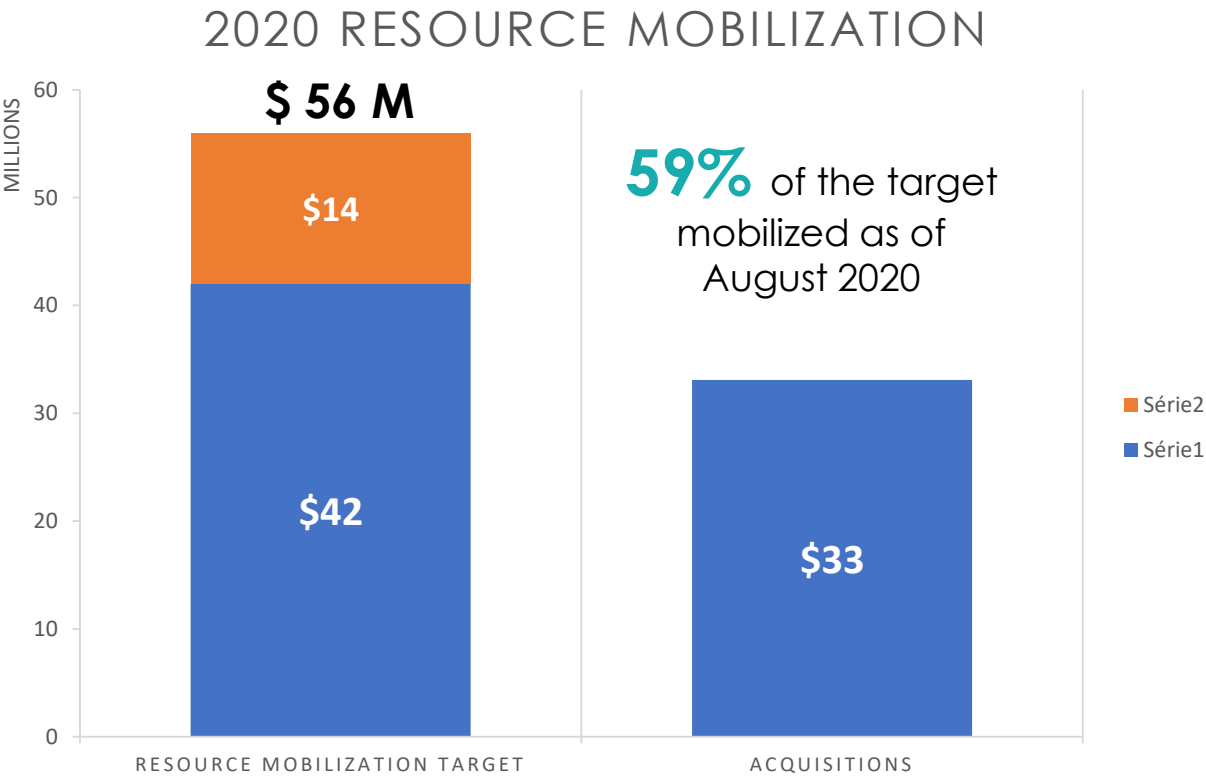
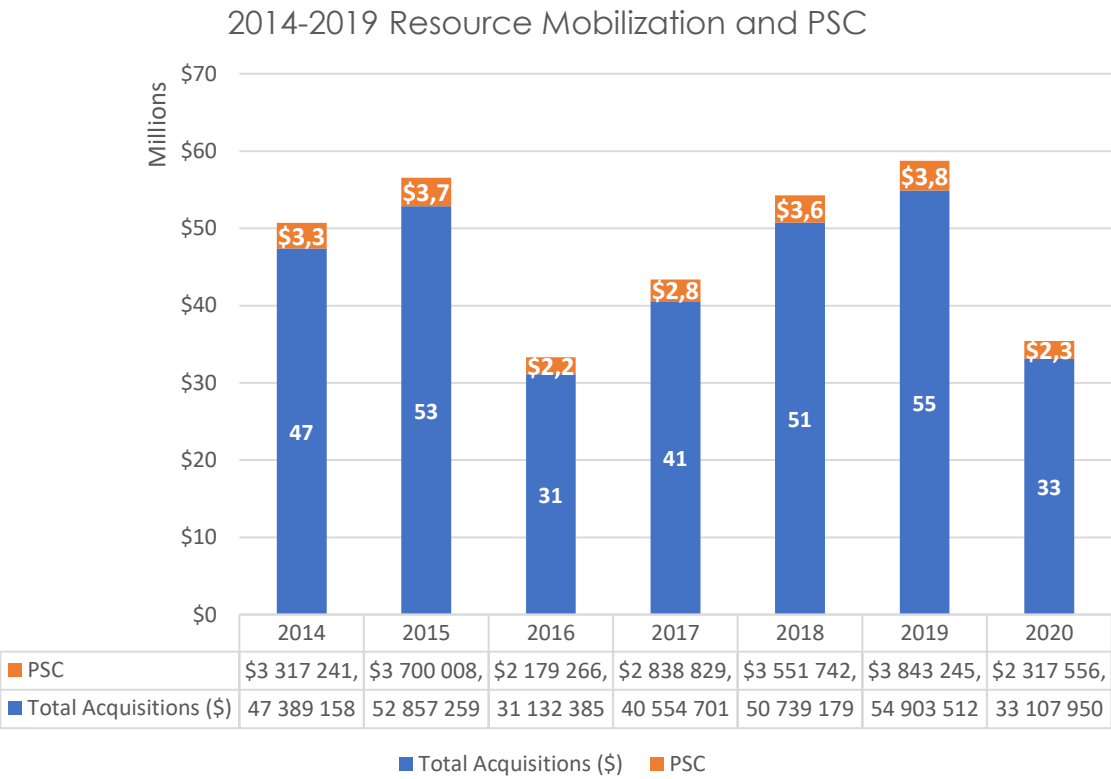
- Support to Restoration of Minimal Functionality of Infrastructure in contested area
- Strengthening Capacity to Address HLP Issues
- Build Urban and Rural Resilience and the Conditions for Recovery
- Improve the Safety of Residential Buildings for Returnees and Residents with a Focus on Female-Headed Households
- Urban Profiling to Strengthen the Conditions for Inclusive Urban Recovery and Returns
- UN-Habitat COVID-19 Emergency Response

Yemen:

- Prevention of Water Borne Disease Outbreak through Emergency Repair and Upgrade of Damaged Waste Water Facilities
- Emergency Response to the Immediate Shelter and WASH Needs for IDPs in Displaced Areas and Conflict Affected Neighborhoods

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

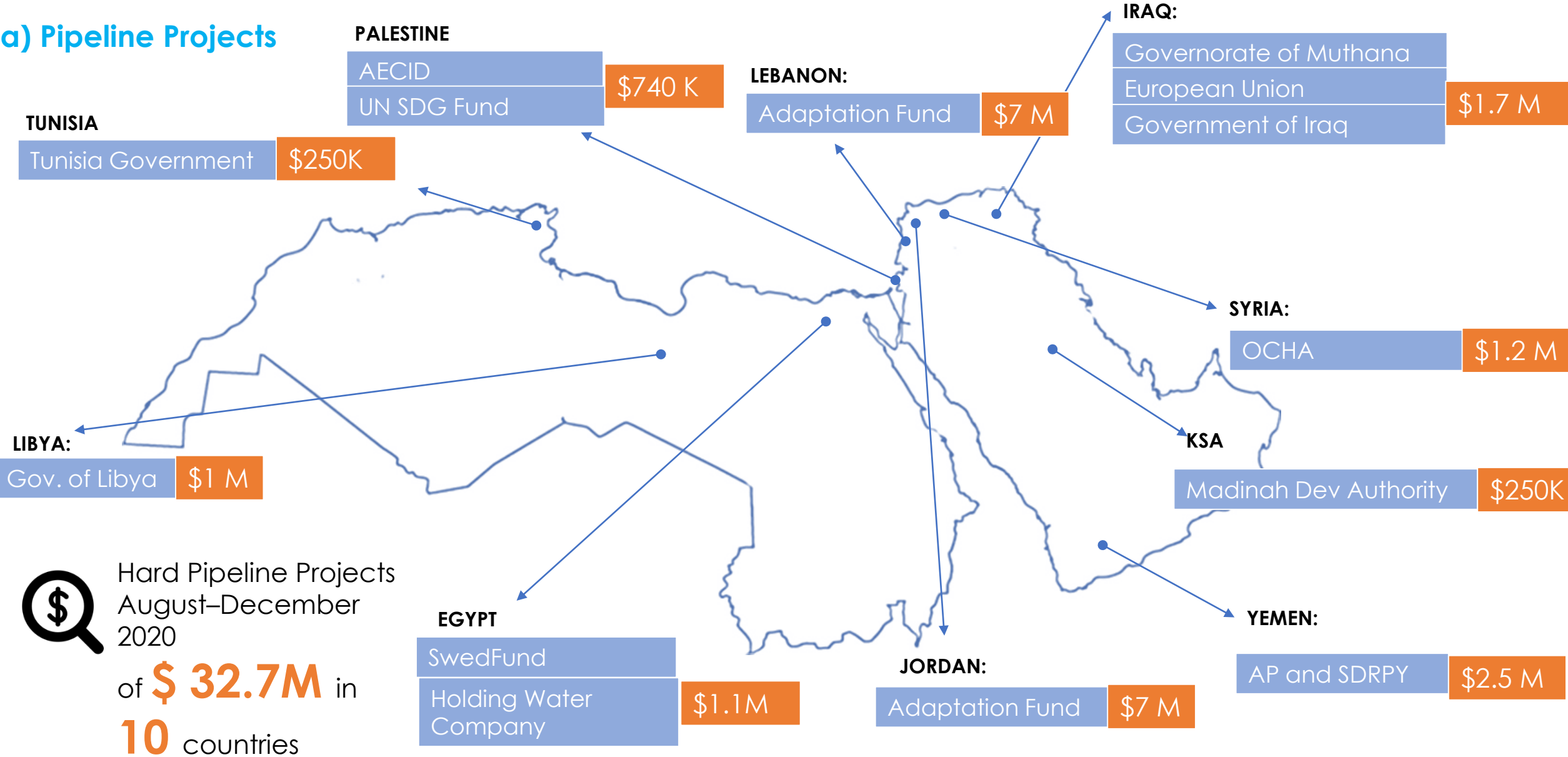
a) Overview on Resource Mobilization (2018/2019 vs 2020)



 Adaptation Fund Project

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

a) Pipeline Projects





YEMEN

Responding to the immediate needs of shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene in Al-Hudaydah, Yemen

- 125 homes in Qataba, Yemen were renovated after being completely destroyed by war.
- Community members were trained on building and constructions skills and employed through the cash for work initiative.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ONGROUND WORK



EGYPT

Riverbank Filtration technology to support clean water provision to vulnerable populations in Egypt

- Cost-efficient, can be built rapidly, and is an environmentally friendly process which relies on natural soil filtration to treat the water, producing clean and potable water that is approved by the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population.
- Over 450,000 from vulnerable populations in three different governorates in Assiut, Sohag and Luxor, in Upper Egypt will benefit from the intervention



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ONGROUND WORK



Rebuilding of public buildings, facilities and Housing in returnee sites in Darfur

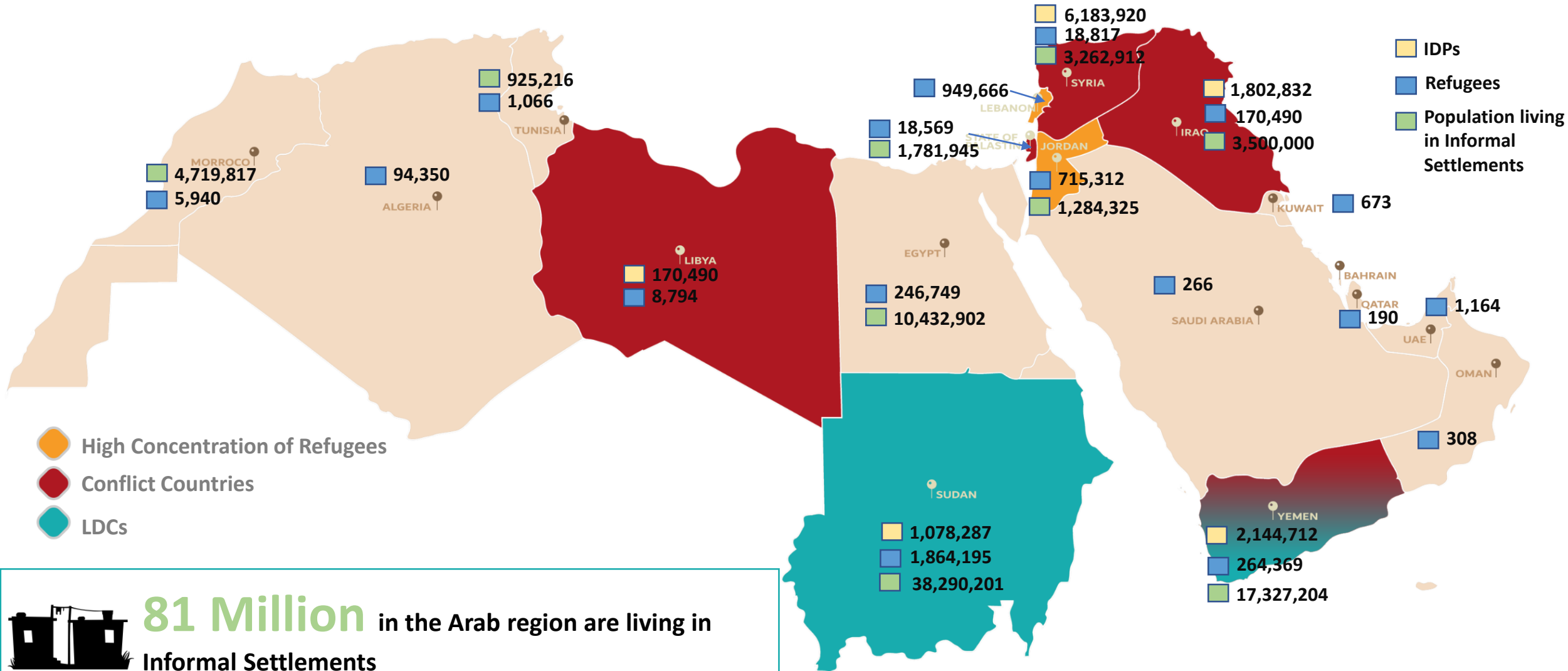
- As of March 2020, UN-Habitat has constructed 81 public facilities including six schools, 44 health facilities and six rural courts in 59 villages in five Darfur States. These were all built in cooperation with the Government of Sudan, and have improved the lives of close to **six million people**.
- By opening day of Sunta Girls' School 94 students were already enrolled for the year. This doubles the number of female students in the community.



COVID19 Impact on the Region



The Arab Region currently hosts **12 Million** Refugees and IDPs



81 Million in the Arab region are living in Informal Settlements

UN-Habitat response is aligned to United Nations system collaboration mechanisms at country, regional and global levels. To maximize our outreach and impact we work with local government associations, local governments, and civil society organizations including grassroots organizations. We empower communities and their leaders to maximize the ownership success and impact of response programmes.



Support to Arab States

Current requirements for the region amount to **USD 24.8 million** for **10** countries. The support for each country is summarized in the next slides.

Priority Areas



Mapping and spatial analysis of hotspots to shape local responses, reorganize informal markets, transport hubs, plan public spaces and buildings for health and emergency services



Local governments and grassroots organizations need to work together to find **integrated community driven solutions** in informal settlements cope with the scale of the problem



Designing strategies to **mitigate the economic impact** on of COVID-19 on local governments, small business and informal laborers who make up the bulk of the workforce in cities in many developing countries



Providing **fast-track learning for cities and communities**, particularly in informal settlements, to help them to respond to new daily challenges from COVID-19



Affordable **water and sanitation** facilities are central to controlling the outbreak in informal settlements



Self-isolation is difficult in overcrowded informal settlements. **Housing** options and security of tenure in informal settlements is a priority during this crisis



Supporting local governments to manage **urban mobility and transport** to keep it safe while observing movement restrictions

Summary of Funding Proposals in Arab States

Iraq US\$ 3,300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping and analysis of informal settlements and camps, including their population density and availability of critical services such as WASH and health • Vulnerability assessment of informal dwellers and in-camp IDPs and refugees through household surveys • COVID-19 online platform, a one-stop shop for information in English and Arabic with statistics, prevention measures, government decrees, UN messages • Handwashing stations – mobile and in hotspots such as markets, clinics, schools • Rehabilitation and upgrading of WASH and health facilities in vulnerable congested neighborhoods of Iraq
Jordan US\$ 1,934,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness raising and capacity building for municipal cleaning workers, bus drivers' association and bus operators; • PPE supplies (protective suits, goggles, gloves, N-95 masks, sterilization materials, sterilization sprays and alcohol rub sanitizers) to cleaning workers and bus operators; • Disinfection of bus stations and sanitization of public transport vehicles • Cash for rent interventions for severely vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees residing in urban areas • Installation of small communal handwashing systems in targeted public buildings • Promotion of safe hygiene practices through capacity building and awareness raising campaigns for communities in informal tented settlements • Providing business revitalization support to vulnerable Syrian and host communities
Lebanon US\$ 1,900,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis cells to support local authorities and communities as frontline responders • Rapid assessment of Unions of Municipalities to ascertain urban gaps, needs and priorities and quick solutions • Develop Strategies to mitigate key challenges in vulnerable locations • Messaging and advice to local authorities on area-based preparedness and targeted response • Distribution of personal protection equipment (PPE) kits to the most vulnerable households in high-risk neighborhoods • Community mobilization on preparedness, reduced transmission, community tracing, treatment and solidarity • Facilitate knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning between cities on COVID-19 response
Libya US\$ 2,585,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Portal mapping risk areas, vulnerabilities and available basic services to facilitate local response to COVID-19 • Handwashing stations and hygiene kits in detention centers and migrants' facilities • Improved water and sanitation services established in vulnerable areas • Advocacy campaigns on protection of self and others from the virus • Awareness and technical advice to local authorities on preparedness and response • Fit-for-purpose information and communication materials tailored to migrants (French, Bambara, Buduma, Hansa and Bengali languages)

UN-HABITAT COVID-19 REGIONAL URBAN RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

Morocco US\$ 1,990,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Leave No One Behind</i> App to map support available from the United Nations, governmental services, private sector and civil society for the vulnerable• WASH units to shelters hosting the homeless and locations in slums to prevent propagation of the virus.• Technical advice to municipalities on their local economic recovery and response• Livelihood pro-poor support to affected informal sector workers, with focus on women
Palestine US\$ 1,060,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contextualized Land, Housing and shelter protection advocacy in context of deterioration of Livelihoods caused by the crisis• Rehabilitating livelihoods of affected communities through home-farming initiatives• Interactive child-friendly kit, games and to raise awareness on COVID-19 distributed to families with children• Improved waste collection through enhanced protection to workers and awareness raising on solid waste management• Development of safe mobility options in refugee camps and emergency support to local authorities• Disinfection/sterilization of main public spaces and solid waste collection points in vulnerable urban areas• Community mobilization in refugee camps and across the urban-rural continuum of Bethlehem on preparedness, reduced transmission, community tracing, treatment, and solidarity
Syria \$US 3,669,698	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote virtual workshops for municipalities on mapping of high-risk areas, utilities, infrastructure and health services, with neighbourhoods' committees and community leaders including women• Substantive support to municipalities and neighbourhoods' committees to develop urban mobility plans to maintain access to vital services (medical, food supply, etc.) while observing restrictions on movement, gatherings, markets, public transport, etc.• Deployment of workers to collect daily household waste with basic training and equipment to ensure effective decontamination measures, and personal protection from infection.• Sterilization equipment and solid waste containers in high-risk and underserved residential areas, public spaces and non-healthcare facilities.• Awareness campaigns on Covid-19 hygiene on social media, online awareness sessions and brochures using WHO materials for relevant partners, and neighbourhoods' committees• Urban Risk and Vulnerability Analysis at the City/Neighborhood Level and Tracking of Municipalities COVID-19 Response Plans

UN-HABITAT COVID-19 REGIONAL URBAN RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

Egypt US\$ 4,015,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study of actual impacts of urban risk factors and effectiveness of interventions in cities in the region to learn for future interventions• Providing knowledge-based tool to identify potential hotspot areas for COVID spread and platform to align quick innovative responsive interventions to end beneficiaries with multiple epidemic vulnerability conditions• Extend WASH facilities (necessary as a preventive measure to COVID) to remote communities lacking access to continuous clean water and/or improved sanitation, and support building awareness of the hygiene practice relevant to the pandemic (especially for women and children)• Advocacy and introduction of cash-less systems and other infection prevention measures in transportation modes• Technical advisory to national and local government on integration of pandemics mitigation in urban plans and public services delivery
Yemen US\$ 1,880,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mapping urban risks and vulnerabilities to identify the most vulnerable and develop pro-active mitigation response• Installment of handwashing facilities in public facilities and water-stressed areas• Establishing (temporary) shelters and rehabilitating war-damaged housing in order to address overcrowding and enable physical distancing• Improving water and sanitation services through innovative saving and treatment technologies
Tunisia US\$ 1,917,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Leave No One Behind</i> App mapping support available from the United Nations, governmental services, the private sector and civil society to the most vulnerable• WASH units for Social Orientation Centers hosting the homeless to prevent the propagation of the virus and allow for hosting more residents• Awareness raising material and activities and technical guidance on safe garbage collection by municipal workers and the informal sector• Development of safe mobility plans in cities in emergency through critical mobility mapping• Supporting national and local government coordination of pandemic mitigation response through the National Urban Policy
Sudan US\$ 2,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Establishment of mobile, low cost and easy-to-operate handwashing station in water deprived settlements in partnership with local authorities</i>• <i>Upgrading WASH and health facilities in the targeted informal settlements and vulnerable neighbourhoods</i>• <i>Develop and disseminate Local Information on COVID-19 prevention and response to residents of the targeted informal settlements and vulnerable communities</i>

1. COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN:

a) Regional Level: as co-lead of Regional IBC on Urbanization:

- **Socio-economic assessment** of local response to COVID-19 in Arab countries through an online questionnaire
- Series of multi-stakeholder online **webinars** on urban resilience to COVID-19 in Arab region
- **Guidance note** on embedding Health in urban development in Arab cities
- **Policy brief** on COVID-19 impact and response in Arab cities
- Repurposing **State of Arab Cities 2020** towards integrating COVID-19 response in its analysis.

b) IBC ON Gender

- **Policy brief** on COVID-19 and the impact on GBV and GBV response in the region in the Arab region

c) IBC ON Migration

- **Policy brief** on COVID-19 impact on Migrant Workers in the Arab region



ARAB STATES
**REGIONAL
COLLABORATION
PLATFORM**



World Food
Programme



1. COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN:

a) Regional Level: Engagement in UNCT Socioeconomic response

Iraq

Basic Services and Governance

Egypt

Urban Mobility and WASH

Morocco

LNOB

Libya

Livelihoods

Lebanon

Socio-Economic Response

Bahrain

Urban resilience to Pandemics

Syria

Impact Assessment and Advocacy

Saudi Arabia

Local Authorities and Migrant
Workers

Jordan

Social Cohesion and Community
Resilience

Kuwait

Awareness-raising & Migrant
Workers

Sudan

Slums & Urban Mobility

Palestine

Social Protection and Basic services

Tunisia

Social Protection and Homeless

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ONGROUND WORK



IRAQ

Supporting the functioning of food supply chains and creating labour-intensive jobs in the agricultural sector to mitigate COVID-19 impact on economy

- The rehabilitation of the **4.3 km** long tertiary 'Irrigation Canal EC-9'
- The canal serves around 18,000 acres of agriculture land
- Rehabilitation will contribute to a more equitable distribution of water quotas among landholders, allowing nearby farmers to increase the yield of their fields and orchards and improve their economic conditions.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ONGROUND WORK – COVID19 RESPONSE



Equipping vulnerable urban populations including refugees and migrants with WaSH facilities to mitigate the impact of COVID-19

- Handwashing facilities placed in hotspots to serve vulnerable communities
- Awareness raising plan developed to accompany implementation and awareness material posted on HWS to raise community awareness on COVID-19 protection



1. COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN:

b) Country Level:



SYRIA

Covid-19 response in high-risk urban areas and densely populated settlements

- 25 solid waste containers were distributed in Homs city to ensure mitigation of the spread of Covid-19 in high-risk and underserviced residential areas and public spaces.
- 35 workers have been deployed at Al-Fayhaa neighborhood to collect daily household waste for two months, the workers were provided with equipment and PPEs to ensure effective decontamination measures, and personal protection from infection.
- visibility materials are being prepared for the Hygiene Awareness campaign planned for July.



1. COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN:

b) Country Level: UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund



TUNISIA

Strengthening social protection and economic relief systems for vulnerable and marginalized segments of the population as a response to COVID-19

- **A three-pronged COVID-19 approach:**
 1. Support the Government of Tunisia to target and include the vulnerable communities in national response.
 2. Provide emergency support - financial, psychological, shelter, NFI, etc. - to excluded communities to leave no one behind.
 3. Provide sustainable economic generating opportunities to marginalized women, supporting small and micro businesses, and promoting their inclusion in the digital economy.

UN-Habitat will provide policy support and quick operational solutions to address forced evictions and improve the protection of the homeless



1. COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN:

b) Country Level: Egypt Informal Markets Guide

- A guideline on COVID-19 response mechanisms to mitigate its spread and employ prevention schemes in informal settlements and markets.
- Based on the Global Humanitarian Response Plan, the UN-Habitat COVID-19 Response Strategy and ROAS Urban Response Framework to COVID-19.
- Presented to both the Ministry of Local Development (MOLD) and the Informal Settlements Development Fund (ISDF) in Egypt,
- The guideline will be disseminated by MOLD to all local authorities for implementation

