





Asia and the Pacific Overview

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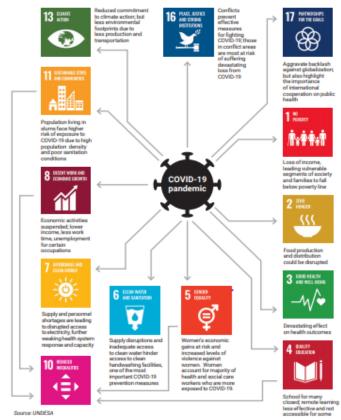


SDG progress in the AP region



Source) UNESCAP, Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2020 (March 2020)

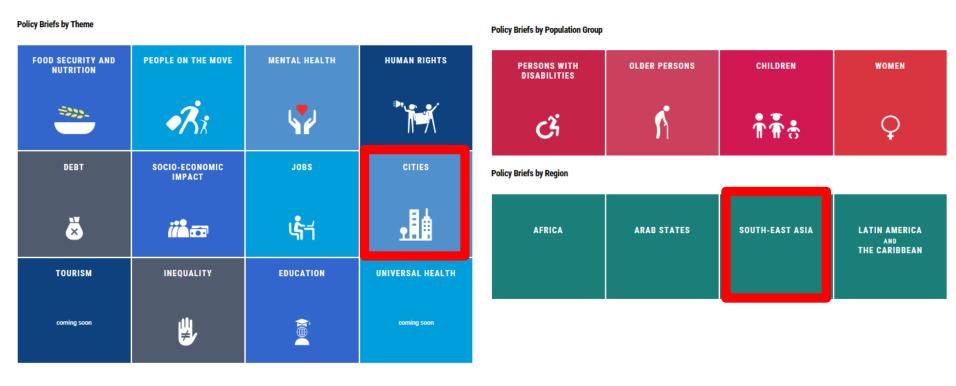
COVID-19 affecting all SDGs



Source) UN, Shared Responsibility, Global Solidarity: Responding to the Socio-Economic Impacts of COVID-19 (March 2020)



Policy Briefs by Theme, Population Group and Region



Source) https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus/un-response



Two Policy Briefs most relevant

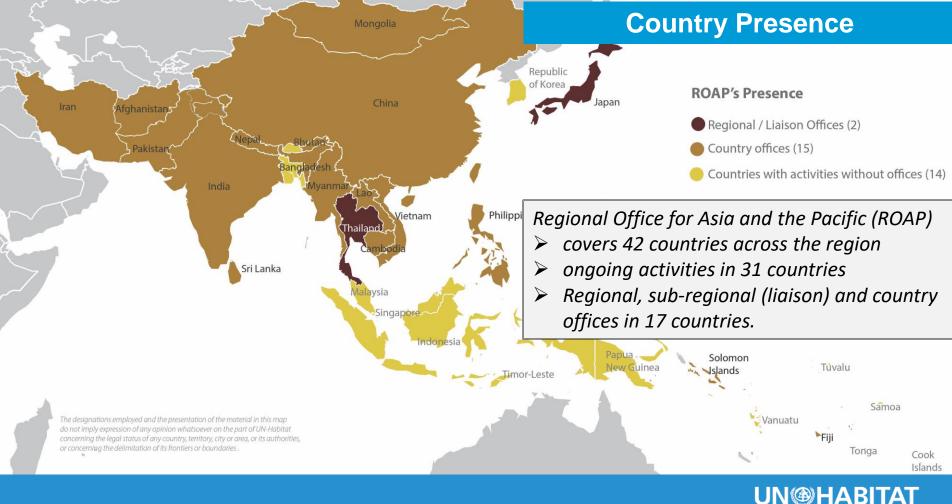


- 1. Tackle inequalities and development deficits
- 2. Strengthen the capacities of local actors, particularly local governments
- 3. Pursue a resilient, inclusive, gender-equal and green economic recovery



- 1. Tackling inequality
- 2. Bridging the digital divide
- 3. Greening the economy
- 4. Upholding human rights and good governance practices







ROAP Strategies

- 1. Deliver practical solutions on the ground by customizing UN-Habitat knowledge products to needs of countries;
- 2. Provide technical/administrative support to Country Offices (COs), jointly efforts for project development and implementation, resource mobilization and bridging between HQ and MCOs/COs.
- 3. Matching the needs of countries where urbanization challenges abound with knowledge/technologies elsewhere;
- 4. Support governments' efforts to restructure their spatial structure at all levels with a focus on national territorial planning, urban regeneration/infill, compact cities, Transit Oriented Development (TOD), etc.
- 5. Building on its own "People's Process", implement people-centred and community-driven recovery process (e.g. PHL, CAM, LAO), community development projects (e.g. MMR, AFG, SRL);
- 6. As a leading office of CCA and DRR, provide advisory in areas such as Adaptation Fund, DRR, etc.
- 7. As a leading office of environmental solutions, help HQ and other ROs in tackling issues, e.g. solid waste management, plastic pollution and marine litter by applying adaptable and affordable solutions.
- 8. Facilitate city-to-city learning/collaboration through Mayors Academy, Asia-Pacific City Summit, Asia Townscape Award
- 9. Strengthen strategic partnerships with key stakeholders such as ESCAP, ASEAN, ADB, AIIB, KOICA, JICA, etc.
- 10.Make the best use of reinvigorated UN Regional Collaboration Platform (UNRCM), e.g. new UNRC/UNCT system, CCA/UNSDCF, IBCs



Security of tenure, Bamiyan city, Afghanistan





Community mapping in Herat, Afghanistan



The first female park in Jalalabad,
Afghanistan



Enhancing urban resilience in Lao PDR



Country Activities

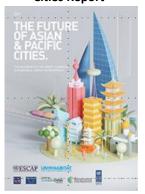
Supporting the development of inclusive land policy in Nepal



Asia Pacific Urban Forum 7 in Penang, Malaysia



Future of Asia & Pacific Cities Report



Community contributions on resilience in the Solomon Islands



Community climate action planning in Bilo informal settlements in Fuji





City for All Programme - Afghanistan

Project Profile (2015-2021)

- USD 60.53M supported by European Union and USAID
- Over 825,000 properties surveyed, and 55,000 occupancy certificates issued to date.

Impact on the ground delivered

- ➤ Effective Land Management: Residents of informal areas have reduced fear of eviction through the legal recognition of occupancy rights in informal settlements.
- ➤ Improved Municipal Finance: over USD 13 million in additional municipal revenues transparently generated, improving funding for municipal services and infrastructure projects and accountability of municipal authorities to citizens.
- ➤ Inclusive Strategic Urban Planning: Local urban governance more inclusive of the vulnerable citizens through the creation of community development structures and development of participatory strategic action plans in 12 cities.
- ➤ Improved urban conditions: over 150 local infrastructure projects (costing over USD 16 million) from co-implemented using funds from CFA, municipal authorities and communities, resulting in improved living standards for urban citizens.







Sri Lanka Housing Reconstruction Programme

Project Profile (2015-2021)

- Support to Crisis Affected Communities in the Northern and Eastern and Plantation Communities
- > US\$ 80M
- European Union, Government of India, Government of Australia, SDC, Government of Japan, KOICA

Impact on the ground delivered

- > 30,350 returning IDPs and refugee returnees enjoy improved housing facilities
- > 83,483 conflict affected households have improved access to community infrastructure, urban basic services, and skills development
- > 23,410 households have improved land tenure security
- > 6,913 students and teachers have improved access to learning environments
- > 1,615 marginalized plantation households own improved housing facilities
- > 6,000 plantation households have improved access to community infrastructure, urban basic services, reduced disaster risk and improved access to employment











Healthy Oceans Clean Cities - Philippines

Project Profile

USD 3,000,000 supported by Government of Japan (From April 2020 to March 2021)

Impact on the ground delivered

At city and community levels

- Multi-stakeholder local action plans developed;
- Pilot initiatives implemented at community and city level

At regional and global levels

- ➤ Testing of UN-Habitat tool
- Contribution of good practices to regional collaboration (e.g. ESCAP, ASEAN)

At the national level

- Strategy to localize the national plan of action
- > Strategy for private sector engagement
- ➤ Advocacy material and partnership with League of City for replication







Building Climate Resilience through Urban Planning & Design

Project Profile

USD 2,000,000 supported by the International Climate Initiative / Government of Germany From March 2017 to September 2020

Impact on the ground delivered

- 1. City-level climate action plans in 5 cities in the Philippines
- Climate resilient urban design solutions including feasibility studies
- 3. Investment forum to attract climate finance
- Capacity development for 5 national government entities including training manual
- 5. Methodology for climate resilient design.
- 6. Policy guideline to supplement Comprehensive Land Use Plan



Integrated design solutions for: Urban Resilience, climate change mitigation and liveability and social integration, here linear park.

Working with national and local government partners as well as communities





Project implementation in Central Asia

Project Profiles

Kyrgyzstan: Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and

urban development (UNDA 10th tranche, with UNECE)

Kyrgyzstan: Block by block public space

Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan: Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030

Agenda and NUA (UNDA 12th tranche, with UNECE)

Tajikistan: Integrated Spatial Plan for Environmental and Socio-Economic Resilience in Khorog (starting, funded by the Aga Khan

Agency for Habitat

Impact on the ground delivered

- Methodologies for data collection and evidence-based sustainable housing and urban development policies
- 2. Capacity development and monitoring mechanisms



Expansion of **UN-Habitat's advisory capacity** in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; Engagement in **Issuebased Coalitions** at regional level; **Technical support** UNCTs, CCA process and UNSDCF for joint programming



Fukuoka Method Landfill and Sustainable Solid Waste Management

Methodology

- Low cost, sustainable, simple technology and easily adaptable to varying local contexts and issues.
- Developed jointly by Fukuoka University and Fukuoka City Government in 1970s: now standard landfill used by over 80% of local governments in Japan and applied in 15 countries
- Supported by Government of Japan

Projects

- Kenya: completed
- Ethiopia and Myanmar: ongoing
- Several countries including India under discussion







Yangon City, Myanmar: Emergency rehabilitation and stabilization of largest dump site (120 ha) after fire broke out in April 2018. Fire walls, water and leachate drainage construction in process.





Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Emergency rehabilitation, stabilization and green recovery after major collapse in 2017



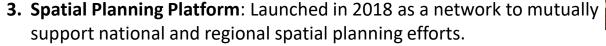


Bahir Dar, Ethiopia: open burning dump site in process of conversion to Fukuoka Method landfill



Inter-agency coordination activities in Asia and the Pacific

- **1. UN Regional Collaboration Platform**: e.g. Issues Based Coalition on Human Mobility and Urbanisation led by UN-Habitat and IOM;
- 2. ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy implementation project:
 Leading a project with 8 pilot cities in areas such as affordable housing,
 waste management, digital safety and security, enhanced BRT and
 traffic management systems.



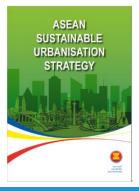
- **4. Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy**: Started in 2019 as a boot camp for newly elected mayors for peer learning on urban development.
- **5. Asian-Pacific City Summit**: Jointly organized with Fukuoka city.
- **6. Various guidelines**: Regional VLR Guidelines (under development), Integrating Urbanization into CCA/CFA (to be updated), etc.













COVID-19 Activities

Total budget(*including funds pledged*): USD 3,369,682.00 **Collaboration with:** WHO, UNICEF, IOM, UNDP, UNFPA ,UNDRR, ESCAP, FAO, UNIDO

Action 1. Support local governments and community driven solutions in informal settlements

- Community Awareness & Preparedness in Informal Settlements: Fiji, Philippines, Myanmar
- Community based infrastructure (WASH) facilities: Fiji, Philippines, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Pakistan, Cambodia, Afghanistan,
- > Safety kits, PPEs to vulnerable communities: Fiji, Philippines, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Pakistan, Cambodia

Action 2. Provide urban data evidence-based mapping, knowledge for informed decision making

- Socio-Economic Impact Assessments Afghanistan, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Pakistan, Nepal
- > Virtual Community Coordination Platforms for informal settlements: Pakistan
- > Vulnerable Mapping to identify geographical areas most at risk from COVID-19 : Lao PDR
- > Issue papers, technical notes related to impacts in different sectors/thematic areas: Myanmar, Lao PDR , Pakistan

Action 3. Mitigate economic impact and initiate recovery

Livelihood improvement support to vulnerable groups through projects: Fiji, Philippines, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Nepal



Myanmar - Enhancing Community Resilience Against COVID-19

Total budget: USD 77,900 (UN-Habitat emergency fund)

- ❖ To enhance public preparedness to combat COVID-19 by expanding access to water, essential support kits, and sanitizers and supporting to develop family preparedness plan for COVID-19;
- ❖ To improve community and public knowledge to tackle COVID-19 by provision of access to reliable and accurate information through appropriate medium;
- ❖ To provide direct support to combat loss of income to a network of community mobilizers and volunteers; and
- To expand capacity of COBs and local governments to respond to COVID-19 in informal settlements by addressing gaps in data. The project targets informal settlements of Yangon.











Philippines - Covid-19 Response as We Rebuild Marawi

Total budget: USD 100,000 (UN-Habitat emergency fund)

- ❖ Assist the internally displaced people (IDPs) of Marawi City living in the transitional shelter sites and families in preventing the spread of Covid-19 virus by installing hand-washing facilities, distribution of personal protective equipment (PPEs) and provision of disinfectant supplies
- Provide easy access to food and basic necessities through the operation of satellite markets and rolling stores;
- Promote small-scale vegetable growing at the household and community levels; and
- Provide capacity development support to the local government of Marawi City through enhancement of its Incident Command System.

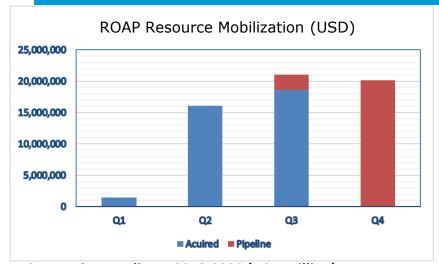








ROAP Resource Mobilization 2020

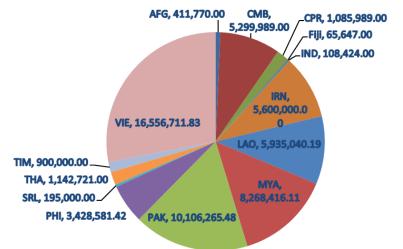


ROAP Projects Delivery 2019-2020 (USD Million)

	2019	2020 *
A. Released Budget	48	56
B. Expenditure	48	25
B/A (%)	99%	45%
PSC Generated	3.3	1.8

^{*} As of August 2020

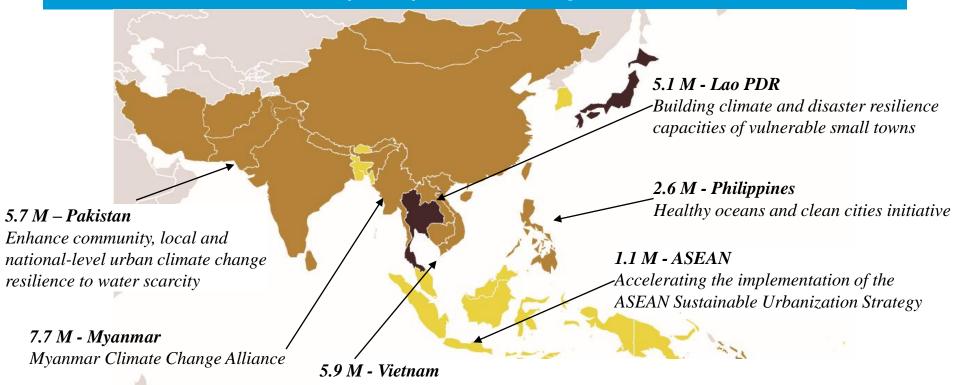
ROAP Resource Mobilization (Acquired and in Pipeline) USD)



ROAP Projects Delivery 2001-2019 (USD Million)

	No of Projects	Direct Cost	PSC	Total
2001- 2019	340	726.6	52.3	779.5
Average	18	38.2	2.8	41.0

Resource Mobilization (1M <) in Jan – Sep 2020



Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions

Core Budget is vital to maintain Regional and Country Offices' Capacity

- 1. UN-Habitat needs to strengthen its regional and country presence as the entire UN system is becoming more decentralized with new UNCT and UNRCP in place.
- 2. Regional and Country Offices have been suffering most from a continued decline in core budget. ROAP has lost 4 Professional staff out of 10 in last three years including the only P-staff in Bangkok, Chief of Bangkok Office, hence reduced the capacity to collaborate with other UN agencies including UNESCAP, ASEAN as well as Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. Some Country Offices are also facing the risk of scale-down or closure.
- 3. If Regional and Country Offices keep losing their capacity, it will have a detrimental impact on the organization's overall capacity as they together deliver the majority of projects and generate the majority of its income (e.g. 70 % of PSC in 2019).
- 4. More importantly, Regional and Country Offices produce tangible impact on the ground in line with the new generation of UNCT and UNRCP, localization of SDGs and the Decade of Action. So, Member States' continued or expanded support is vital for UN-Habitat to remain relevant and best serve MS and their cities as they recover from COVID-19 and achieve the SDGs by 2030.



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