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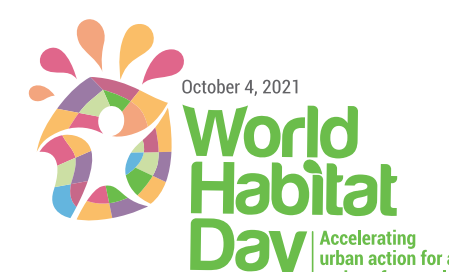
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## Urban October shines the spotlight on the urban climate crisis



31 DAYS OF PROMOTING A BETTER URBAN FUTURE



Once again Urban October inspired at least 560 exciting events focusing global attention on the challenges and opportunities created by our increasingly urban world. The overall theme for the month was the climate crisis.

The month began as always with **World Habitat Day** on Monday 4 October on *Accelerating urban action for a carbon free future* which involved over 55 events across the world including in the USA, the Republic of Korea, Cambodia, the Philippines, Spain, Ghana, Mexico, Kenya, Peru and Nepal.

**The Global Observance in Yaoundé Cameroon** was attended or watched by around 1,200 people. The high level opening ceremony included online and in person speeches and video messages from **the First Lady of Turkey, the UN Secretary-General**, the Executive Director of UNEP, **the Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) network**, Cameroon's Minister of Housing and Urban Development, **Nobel Laureate Mohammed Yunus**, **UN-Habitat's Goodwill Ambassador for Africa, Poland's Secretary of State, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy** and the African Union.



UN-Habitat presented the **Scroll of Honour Awards** to this year's five winners with Egypt's Vice Minister for Housing and representatives from Shining Hope for Communities, Kenya, Let's do it World Estonia and Ciudad Emergente Chile attending in person while Baoji City, China sent a video.

During October, Brazil held the most events including 174 as part of the Urban Circuit, followed by Mexico, Spain and Bolivia and Ecuador, Kenya and the USA. Key events included the **Innovate4Cities Conference** (I4C), the launch of the Saudi Green Initiative in Riyadh and the **SDG Conference in Shanghai**.

Urban October closed with **World Cities Day** on 31 October on *Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience* which coincided with the opening of the UN Climate Conference - COP 26. There were around 50 global events including in China, Mexico, India, USA, Benin, Netherlands, Kenya, Ecuador, Cambodia, Ghana, Indonesia, and Chile.



**The Global Observance in Luxor, Egypt** was attended by the Egyptian Prime Minister, with contributions from the **UN Secretary-General**, the Secretary General of the League of Arab States, **the Director General of the World Health Organization, the Head of UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction**, the President of the UN-Habitat Assembly, **UN-Habitat's Goodwill Ambassador for Arab States**, China's Minister for Housing and Urban Rural Development, the Mayor of Shanghai, the President of UCLG, **the Mayor of Ekaterinburg**, Russia (a former World Cities Day host), the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on **Road Safety** and the Chair of his Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.

There was a live link up to the World Cities Day at **Expo2020Dubai**. The opening ceremony was followed by roundtable discussions. For more information visit the **Urban October website**, photos are [here](#) and videos are [here](#).



UN-Habitat Engagement at Expo 2020, Dubai

World Cities Day was celebrated at Expo 2020 Dubai with a series of events aligned to this year’s theme Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience at the Nexus for People and Planet, Opportunity District. The first event, called **Strengthening collaborations for a green and resilient urban recovery in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)**, saw the launch of the **Executive Summary – Guidelines for Sustainable Reconstruction and Urban Regeneration in the MENA Region** by UN-Habitat and the World Green Building Council.

The World Cities Day Youth Circle provided a platform for young voices to engage an open discussion focused on youth perspectives for urban climate action. This brought together some 30 young activists and experts to discuss climate mitigation and adaptation in cities. Participants shared inspiring initiatives and discussed how the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF) due to take place in Katowice, Poland, next year can advance the transformation of cities to become greener and more resilient. For more information, please click [here](#).



Launch of the UN-Habitat Roadmap

As part of the EXPO 2020 Urban-Rural Development Week from 31 Oct – 06 Nov UN-Habitat co-curated a day-long event called, **Inclusive Cities: Last Mile Delivery in Slums and Informal Settlements**. The event brought together a diverse range of speakers using case studies, panel discussions and informal chats to promote effective models of slum upgrading and frameworks for improved access to essential services. The UN-Habitat Roadmap to the last mile delivery in slums and informal settlements was launched during this session. The roadmap is a journey and invitation to look at slums differently to begin a shift to fully integrate moving from exclusion, poverty, inequalities and inadequate housing to integrated urban development, empowering with an equitable approach with communities with communities at the centre for prosperity for all.



UN-Habitat calls for urgent humanitarian support for Afghanistan’s overwhelmed cities

There is need for immediate response to the growing humanitarian needs in Afghanistan, particularly in urban centres where most people have been fleeing and seeking shelter. Many of the displaced people are living in tents and other makeshift shelters and are lacking basic services.

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UN-Habitat’s Executive Board approves work programme and budget for 2022

From 15 to 16 November 2021, the Executive Board of UN-Habitat held its second session for 2021. This was the first time the Executive Board held a fully hybrid meeting with over 100 delegates participating in person at UNON, and others participating virtually. Among the outcomes of the session, **three decisions were adopted**, including approval of the work programme and budget for 2022 and recommendation of a budget for Foundation non-earmarked contributions for 2023 to be in line with the Executive Director’s recommended budget of USD 12 million. The Board requested its ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to continue discussions on the Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023. The Executive Board also discussed the financial and staffing status of the Organization. The Executive Board called for the adoption of the UN-Habitat strategic plan 2026-2029 to follow the next anticipated QCPR, 2025-2028. This decision followed a request by the Habitat Assembly to identify ways to align planning cycles with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) as undertaken by the governing bodies of other UN entities. The Executive Board further recommended that the second session of the Habitat Assembly adopt a two-year extension (2024-2025) of the current UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023 thereby enabling the organization to align strategic planning cycles from 2026 onward.

The details of the deliberations of the last session of the Executive Board can be found in the Daily Journal— [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#).The next session of the Executive Board will be held from 29 to 31 March 2022.

UN-Habitat informal settlement youth group partner wins digital art award at COP26



A UN-Habitat partner group in one of Nairobi’s biggest informal settlements has received an award on the sidelines of the recently-concluded UN climate change conference for creating a mural graffiti on the need to use green energy. The Mathare Environmental One Stop centre received the Special Award from the DigitalArt4Climate (DA4C) competition during the COP26 conference in Glasgow, Scotland in November. The group worked with community artist groups Graffiti Girls and Mathare Young Mothers to create the climate changed mural Team Spirit, portraying a young woman sending a paper plane conveying the message on the need to build forward towards a greener future. In addition to the UN-Habitat partner group, the DA4C awarded four other artists from Philippines, Iran, France and the United States. The winners of the competition have been profiled by the **Wall Street Journal** and **CNN**. The DA4C initiative, founded by GloCha in partnership with UN-Habitat, Social Alpha Foundation, Unique Network, Palette69, HubZine Inalia, and Exquisite Workers, is an initiative that brings together civil society associations, private sector, creative industries, and international organizations. This multistakeholder partnership aims at creating an online infrastructure and platform for digital artists globally, thus enabling additional source of revenue for environment conscious creators and mobilising resources for worldwide climate empowerment.

Asia Pacific advances on regional NUA reporting

UN-Habitat’s Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and UN-ESCAP brought together over 130 stakeholders from the region to advance the follow-up and review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The Regional Partners Forum which convened virtually on 28 and 29 October brought in The Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanisation as a co-host.. During the Forum 25 new regional case studies were submitted and reviewed by participating stakeholders who looked at the need for more voluntary national and local reporting ongoing in the region. Representatives from **Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal and Thailand** presented progress in national reporting on the progress of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Progress on regional commitments made at the **Asia Pacific Urban Forum 7** in 2017, in Penang, Malaysia, as well as the increase in **Voluntary Local Reports** started by cities and local governments was reviewed by the participating stakeholders, from national and local governments, NGOs, academia and multilateral organisations and finance institutions. The Forum included sessions on a range of issues such as Capacity Building for NUA Reporting, Voluntary Local Reviews, Smart Cities Innovation Lab, SDG Localization and Territorial Planning and Vertical Integration for Climate Action. Stakeholders were introduced to the UN-Habitat’s **New Urban Agenda Illustrated**, the **NUA Crash Courses** and the **SDG Project Assessment Tool**. The **first forum in 2017** set out regional priorities for implementation and action, on **urban and territorial planning, resilience, innovation and urban finance**.

The World Urban Campaign Towards COP26

In 2021, the 180 partners of the **World Urban Campaign** (WUC) coordinated by UN-Habitat have focused on climate action. WUC Partners organized 27 Urban Thinkers Campus (UTC) in the lead up to the United Nations Climate Change Summit (COP26). Campus events explored climate action and highlighted concrete actions, solutions and recommendations to address the impacts of climate change. In-presence and virtual events included over 7,000 participants, 250 panelists and 460 organizations. During Urban October, WUC Partners have promoted a series of individual **‘City Changers’** acknowledged for their outstanding contributions to climate action through concrete solutions and mobilization at the city and community levels. During COP26 WUC Partners gathered in a **virtual learning event** engaging some 200 participants on 10 November to take stock of all solutions and recommendations presented in UTCs in 2021. Some 30 speakers explored key results in four panel discussions on: Localizing Climate Action, Planning and Design for Climate Resilience, Guiding Climate Action and Addressing Vulnerability. This will contribute to a synthesis report on Solutions and Recommendations for Climate Action prepared by the WUC Secretariat. [Read More](#)



The City We Need Now!



On 1 December, the 180 partner organizations of the World Urban Campaign (WUC) will launch **The City We Need Now!** an action campaign on the lead to the 11th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF). The campaign will raise awareness on the role of urban areas as accelerators to achieve the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs towards a better urban future. ‘We cannot lose time any longer and need to take action now!’ is the motto of the campaign partners. For the WUC partners it is imperative to join hands in cities and communities to accelerate action through catalytic partnerships and by promoting the best solutions to the current challenges. The WUC partners will also launch local and regional action campaigns to better engage from the ground and contextualise actions and solutions. These campaigns will help mobilise organizations towards WUF11 through action days, Urban Thinkers Campus sessions, City Changers events, as well as on social media to spread key messages and solutions. A first round of **regional consultations** was held with the WUC partners on 24 November to seek commitments by partner organizations and start gathering interest on campaign activities by regions and sub-regions in 2022.

UN-Habitat and China Host the 5<sup>th</sup> Chengdu Forum for Park Cities Towards Carbon Neutrality

During the 5th Chengdu Forum for Park Cities Towards Carbon Neutrality, mayors, scholars, experts and representatives from the Chinese Government, international institutions and private sector discussed ideas on how to cooperate on zero-carbon development projects. The forum was organised by UN-Habitat, the China Center for Urban Development (CCUD), and the Chengdu Municipal Government and co-hosted with Liverpool, Seoul, and Vienna. Cities are vital to the implementation of climate action, UN-Habitat supports the Cities **Race to Zero** and the **Cities Race to Resilience**, two global campaigns towards carbon-neutrality and adaptation. In China, Chengdu has taken the lead in the implementation of carbon-neutrality and innovation. Chengdu’s “Park Cities” strategy emphasizes green corridors and belts, which act as carbon sinks and strengthen resilience. The International High-Level Forum on Sustainable Urban Development is convened each year under an Action Plan on Jointly Promoting the Construction of the Belt and Road Initiative agreed in 2019 between the Government of the People’s Republic of China and UN-Habitat. The International High-Level Forums on Sustainable Urban Development have so far reached out to 40 city mayors from China and abroad, as well as to over 30 international organizations and 110 major companies.



UN-Habitat call for submissions of women-led Initiatives for Sustainable Urban Development

Submissions are accepted through the Collection’s UN-Habitat [web page](#) and the winning entry will be awarded the Prize for Ingenuity at the next International Women’s Day, **8 March 2022**.

Asia Pacific

MYANMAR



UN-Habitat solid waste management project in Myanmar to lower methane emission

Yangon city, a home for over 5 million people, is undergoing rapid urbanization due to increased industrial and commercial investments, and infrastructural development in the recent years. With rapid population growth and urbanization have also come unprecedented volumes of solid waste that reach the 60-hectares Htein Bin open landfill site every day. Residents of the Hlaing Thar Yar township and surrounding areas hope a UN-Habitat solid waste management project can prevent a deadly fire like the one caused by combustion of methane gas from a nearby open landfill in 2018. The fire lasted for three weeks, over 150,000 people were affected by the smoke. The Htein Bin open landfill catches fire almost every year but the blazes have never been big or lasted so long as they were in 2018. UN-Habitat has applied the Fukuoka Method in the Htein Bin open landfill. The method leads to faster decomposition of waste materials, improves quality of the leachate, and reduces emission of methane gas. The project has been implemented with financial support from the Government of Japan and technical support from Fukuoka City and the Solid Waste Management Advisory Network (SWAN). The 60-hectares Htein Bin open landfill site collects about 1,500 tonnes of daily waste, compared to the overall 2,000-3,000 tonnes of waste generated in Yangon city each day. Under the project, 49 hectares of existing landfill site are being rehabilitated.

LAO PDR



UN-Habitat helps flood victims move into permanent houses with access to services

*“When the flood came, my husband was holding my hand so we could die together,”* says Kinnavanh Xayasy, recalling the devastating day in 2018 when she and thousands of residents lost their homes to floods.

Thanks to support from the Japanese Government, Kinnavanh, her family, and 66 other families moved into permanent homes a year ago. The houses are designed in such a way that there are possibilities of modular extension, which provides flexibility to accommodate family growth. With the provision of small-scale water supply systems, the socio-economic conditions of the families have also improved drastically. In the past year, the families have continued to engage in the kitchen, gardening, and small-scale animal husbandry because of the continuous supply of water, which not only improved the livelihoods but also contributed to augmenting some income. In October, UN-Habitat provided additional support to these communities through distribution of non-food items, including basic hygiene kits, to prevent the further spread of the virus during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

VIETNAM



Cities in Vietnam are making efforts towards sustainable urban development

Experiencing rapid and extensive economic integration, industrialization, and urbanization pressure, as well as being heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Vietnam has been facing significant challenges in terms of urban development, management, and adaptation to climate change. UN-Habitat has contributed to the regional and global discussion on Housing, COVID-19 pandemic and Urban Management, Urban Planning and Resilience as well as Stakeholder Engagement Strategy in urban practices. In the recent Urban October, UN-Habitat together with partners such as the Ministry of Planning and Investment, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, and universities organized a series of Webinars. During these events, UN-Habitat, various stakeholders and more than a thousand attendees ranging from leaders, public agencies, experts, social activist groups, to communities, discussed and identified key issues, situations, and proposals, sharing experiences and recommended solutions such as Integrated planning approach and strategies to integrate SDGs in planning. These webinars were initial efforts to create open platforms to continue conversations with the expert communities, create a chain of connections, and widen the network for all relevant stakeholders of those three respective pillars.



Flood resilience building through local community action in Ger areas of Ulaanbaatar city, Mongolia



By focusing on flooding, the project increases resilience of the Ger areas through construction of physical flood infrastructure and improved sanitation services; improves the knowledge on flood hazard and risk exposure and vulnerability for these areas; and improves the resilience and adaptive capacity of the Ger areas through a community-based gender-responsive approach. In the long run, the project intends to generate ‘demand’; and supply the software, tools and methodologies necessary to urban authorities for other high risk Ger communities based on incremental impact for replication. The Mongolian capital is an example of how local communities have taken charge of not only the implementation process but also devising side projects that might not even be part of the main programme but still contribute toward the broader goal.

Africa



Vulnerable families in Somalia’s Kismayo receive aid to cope with COVID-19

“The USD 70 has helped my family of seven afford basic items such as sugar, cooking oil, rice and vegetables whose prices drastically increased during the pandemic,” says Amino Gurey one of the beneficiaries.

Large numbers of people have been affected by affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Kismayo, Jubaland and the health system in its current structure and capacity cannot cope with a large-scale spread of the disease. The resilience of communities has been further affected by the cascading impacts of climate change on the food security of the most vulnerable communities. UN-Habitat’s COVID-19 response initiative is part of the USD 4.6 million Youth and Urban Regeneration Project (YOURS) funded by the Government of Sweden. The cash transfers targeted 250 families to alleviate their vulnerability, with each household receiving USD 70 from May to July 2021. The cash transfer component of the programme leverages UN-Habitat’s experience working with local communities to identify their priorities and needs. The multi-pronged approach also includes the construction of handwashing facilities for families in the informal settlements of Kismayo, as well as in selected crowded public points across urban settings, thus contributing to a collaborative response strategy led by the local authorities in Kismayo.



UN-Habitat helps unlock the hidden potential of Kenya’s refugee camps through regeneration

The Kakuma-Kalobeyei refugee camp, located in the Turkana Country, is home to almost 200,000 refugees originating from many countries including South Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Over the decades, however, Turkana County Government has recognised Kakuma-Kalobeyei’s importance as a potential case study for integrating refugees into host communities and transforming it socially, economically, and environmentally into an economic centre of the region with adequate infrastructure. To promote urban resilience, self-sufficiency and communities’ integration in the refugee camps, UN-Habitat is formulating a detailed Regeneration Strategy focusing on harnessing inclusion and socio-economic opportunities for host and refugees. This regeneration project for the Kakuma-Kalobeyei refugee camps will combine different measures to promote self-sufficiency, economic growth and environmental resilience for the host and refugee communities, laying the foundations for a sustainable future. The project is implemented in collaboration the Turkana County Government, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP) and with funding from the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF) which supports UN-Habitat’s Humanitarian Development Programmes. UN-Habitat is currently formulating a detailed Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration Strategy in order to achieve the community’s goals of sustainable infrastructure, accessibility and connectivity, entrepreneurship and strong economy, resilient communities and efficient land management and urban governance.



UN-Habitat helps Yaoundé develop highway project to boost economic activities for the capital

Officials in Cameroon’s capital have put their stamp of approval on a government-sponsored highway construction project that turns several administrative districts into a controlled urbanization corridor. The Yaounde-Nsimalen highway construction project will impact the capital’s administrative communes of Yaoundé III, Yaoundé IV, Mfou and Bikok but is expected to show positive economic activities throughout the city. The overall objective of the project is to control land use developments along the Yaoundé-Nsimalen. Thanks to funding from the Government of Cameroon, the project was done in compliance with national and international guidelines for sustainable urban planning while integrating strategic and planning documents at the national and local levels. Local officials’ capacity to handle future development plans was also enriched through various training workshops organized at different phases of the project. This included a capacity building training session on analysis and management of information with Geographic Information System and an exchange visit to Senegal where the stakeholders gained various insights to sustainable ways of urban-rural development. The workshop was also an opportunity for some 30 members of the Review and Oversight Committee, including national institutions, local governments and professional bodies, to review and approve the final report of the project. The approved reports include a justification, technical design, an urban planning regulation which defines a set of 159 regulations along the corridor area, and a socio-environmental impact assessment and investment plan which identifies sensitive elements in the project environment and recommends mitigation measures/actions to preserve the environment.



Nigerians become beneficiary of UN-Habitat COVID-19 data gathering, WASH project

Karu is a densely populated area in Nasarawa state which shares borders with the federal capital Abuja from where a huge population commute daily into the capital, it has the second highest rate of COVID-19 infections in the country. Residents of six Nigerian communities are now beneficiaries of a UN-Habitat project to collect COVID-19 data and provide emergency water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, and other urban planning interventions services. The project, which started December 2020, has several components, some of which have been completed while others are ongoing. The overall project is part of UN-Habitat Regional Office for Africa’s COVID-19 Response and Resilient Recovery strategy and was implemented in partnership with Tulsi Chanrai Foundation and the Karu Local Government. An estimated 100,000 residents of the six Karu communities are being served by the WASH facilities in the communities of Masaka, Ado, Uke, Keffin Sanu, Kugbaru, and Koso. At the community level, the COVID-19 WASH intervention is also directly serving 3,466 children under 17 years (1,701 males, 1,765 females), 6,638 school children (3,168 males, 3,470 females) from six schools within the communities, six markets and six religious centres, as well as two primary health centres at Uke and Ado.



Arab States

LEBANON

Renewable energy proves essential to service continuation of the National HIV and TB Centre in Beirut



"In one second all of our services were halted, and half of Beirut destroyed," says Dr Hiam Yaacoub, Manager of National Tuberculosis Programme.

Prolonged fuel and electricity shortages in Lebanon have made it nearly impossible for businesses, medical facilities, restaurants, and supermarkets to operate and provide goods and services at an adequate standard or even at all. Medical facilities have been heavily hit, as medical equipment require electricity to function and the shortage of medication in the country has made attending and treating patients more difficult. All these challenges have worsened the after effects of the Beirut Port explosion. The ? Centre, only one kilometer away from the epicentre was badly damaged during the Beirut Port explosion and needed infrastructural renovation. Thanks to funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, UN-Habitat has supported the only National HIV and Tuberculosis Centre in Lebanon to restart its operations. The Centre was rehabilitated inside and out ensuring it regains structural stability, is easily accessible to the public and uses renewable energy so it does not rely on the national power grid. The installation of solar panels enabled its operations to shift to using renewable energy which allows the Centre to continue providing much needed services and treatment to patients and those seeking diagnostics and care. In the Centre, 13 employees, including doctors and pharmacists, provide services to at least 900 patients each month. This project provided a server to the Centre to facilitate the digitization of patients' confidential records and is rehabilitating the street and pedestrian sidewalks in the surrounding area. The project is part of UN-Habitat's continued commitment in Lebanon and other countries worldwide to provide solutions to help cities recover from urban crises, while building resiliency and reducing carbon emissions.

JORDAN



Multi-agency UN project to be catalyst for developing sustainable, resilient livelihoods

A multi-agency United Nations project will create a safe and green public space in the Jordan Valley area to enhance the socio-economic conditions of vulnerable women. The public space design comprises of safe and inclusive play areas for children of all ages and children with disabilities, shaded seating areas, and a market space which will serve as a platform for the creation of livelihood opportunities for vulnerable women. It will include an area allocated for the implementation of sustainable agriculture methods such as permaculture and a rehabilitated and expanded multi-service community centre within the public space, which will host the different social, cultural, and capacity building activities. The design was developed through a participatory process that engaged the local community to ensure the development of a safe, inclusive, and accessible public space. This participatory process included community consultations throughout the design development as well as a Public Space Site-Specific Assessment, which provides guidelines to achieve quality public spaces at the neighbourhood level. The project will be implemented in partnership with the Zaha Cultural Centre, the overall project is funded by the United Nations COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi Partner Trust Fund and was developed in collaboration with Turath Architecture and Urban Design Consultants. The UN Response and Recovery Fund received contributions from the Governments of Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Republic of Korea, Finland, New Zealand, Croatia, Iceland, Thailand, Slovak Republic, and Cambodia.

SAUDI ARABIA



UN-Habitat and UNDP launch Sustainable Housing Concept Plan Initiative in Saudi Arabia

University students, non-profit organizations, and local experts are working on housing design projects to reimagine what housing and neighbourhoods could look like in Saudi Arabia. The studies are being conducted through a series of workshops that engage participants in collaborative design processes resulting in new housing and neighborhood designs in two selected sites: Jeddah and Al-Khobar. The three-day October workshop was part of the 2021-2022 series organised by UN-Habitat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Saudi Ministry of Municipal Rural Affairs and Housing (MoMRAH). By engaging young people, women, non-profits and local design experts, the programme aims to ensure that the new designs are culturally appropriate, gender responsive, and truly reflect the desire of younger generations and the beneficiaries of developmental housing. Professor Mohammed H. Al-Turaiki, Rehabilitation and Sustainable Development consultant participating in the workshop said, "Among the most important outcomes of this workshop will be innovative and sustainable developmental housing models that are compatible with the Saudi environment and are intended to achieve the objectives of Housing Program and KSA Vision 2030."

Latin America and the Caribbean

MEXICO



Mexico's southeast region to benefit from UN-Habitat urban planning and design guidelines

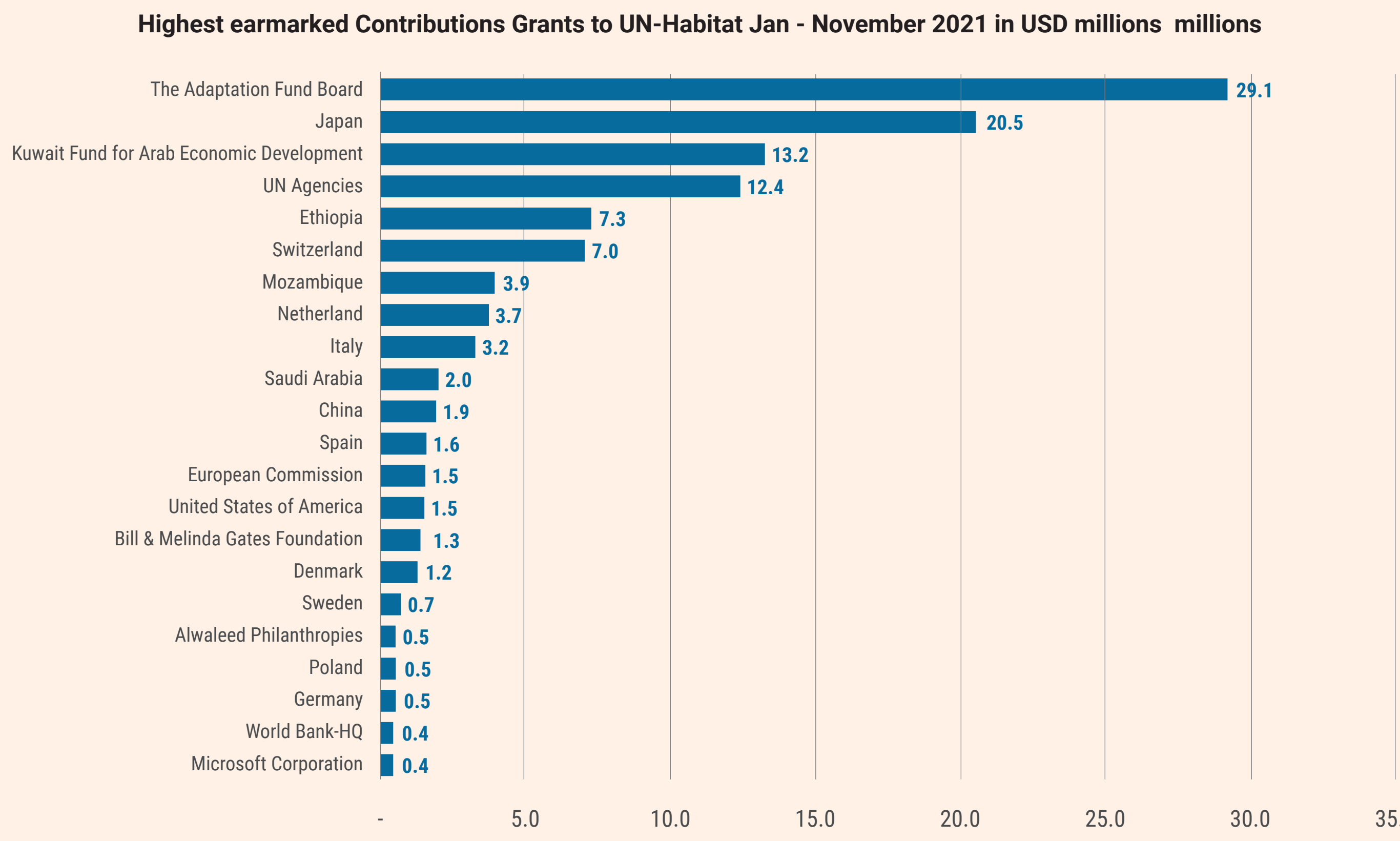
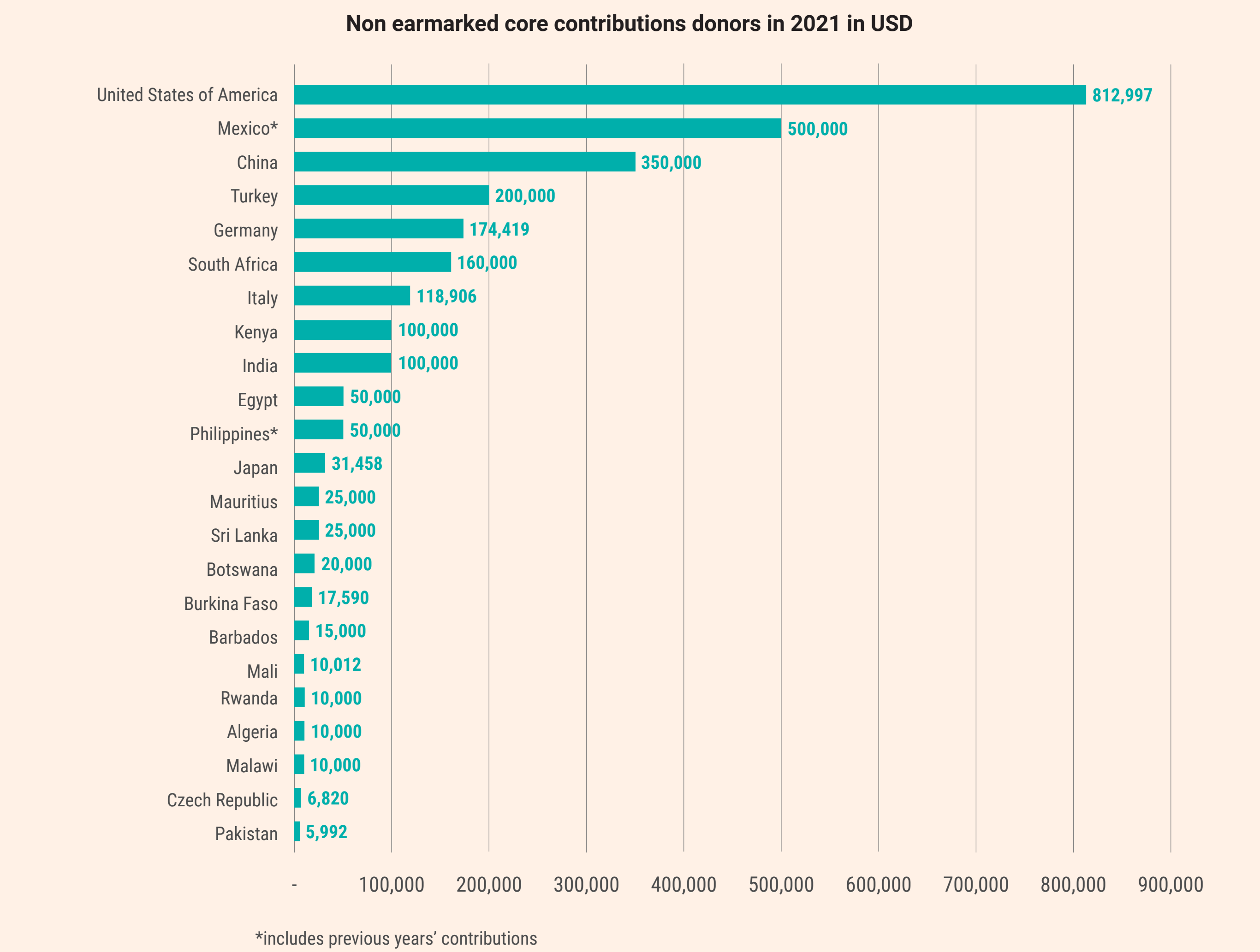
UN-Habitat and the National Fund for Tourism Development of Mexico (Fonatur) presented 12 urban planning and design guidelines to promote sustainable urban development in the municipalities of the southeastern Mexico, where Maya Train stations will be constructed. The Maya Train is a comprehensive project of land use planning, infrastructure, economic growth and sustainable tourism that seeks to improve the well-being of the inhabitants of the southeast of Mexico. Since 2019, UN-Habitat has been providing technical assistance to Fonatur in the five states where the Mayan Train will travel. Specific recommendations are included in the publication "Urban planning and design guidelines," published by UN-Habitat, with support from Fonatur and UNESCO. The 12 guidelines, divided into environmental responsibility, social inclusion, and local economy axes, will serve as a guide for decision-making processes and planning tools around the stations of the Maya Train, contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda in the southeast region of Mexico.

MEXICO

UN-Habitat presents the Strategy for Adequate Housing and Sustainable Urbanization of the State of Coahuila

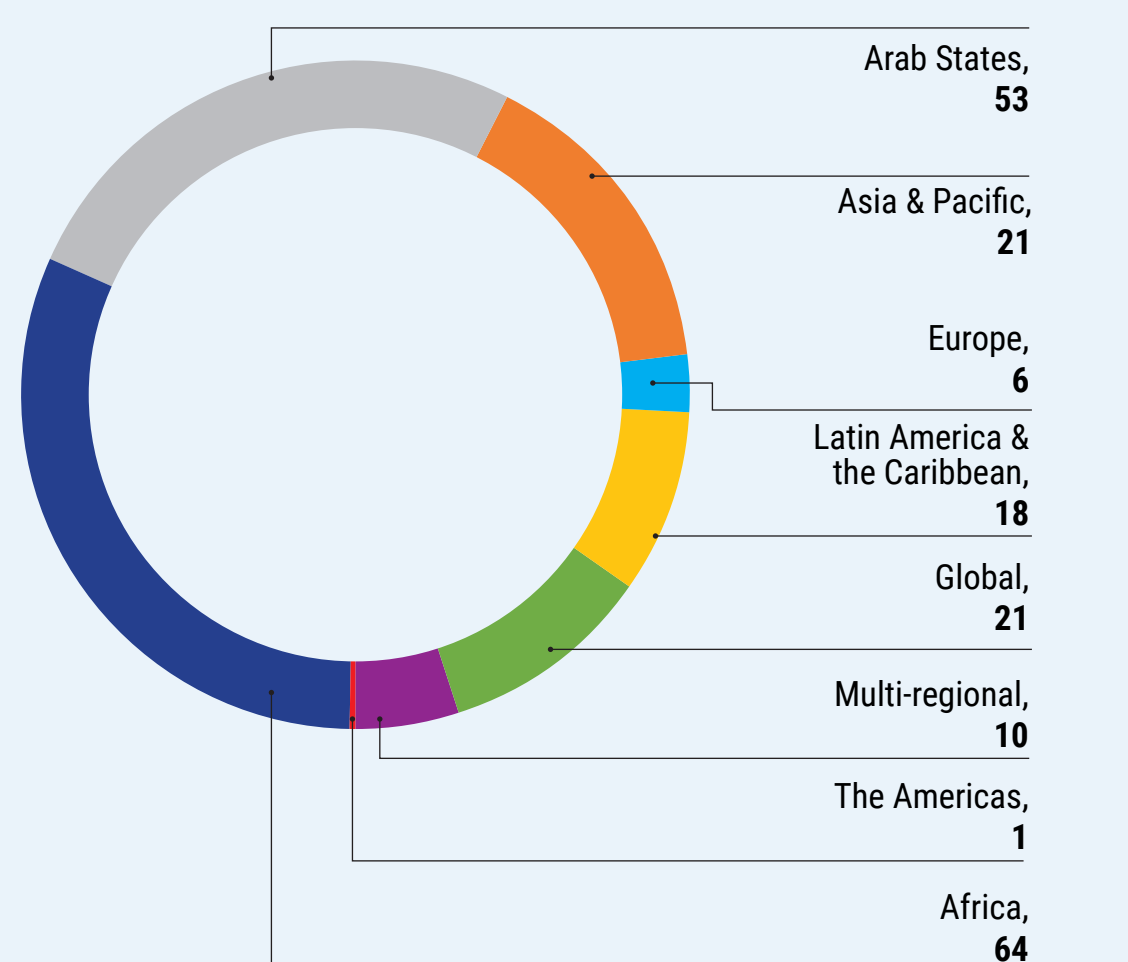
UN-Habitat launched the "Integrated Strategy for Adequate Housing and Sustainable Urbanization" of the northern state of Coahuila, in Mexico. The strategy will guide local public policy decisions about housing and sustainable urbanization in correspondence with the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs. The strategy proposes to improve the quality of life of three million inhabitants in the state, through a process of sustainable urbanization that will promote adequate housing. The approach to the Strategy is to reduce spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum, achieve shared prosperity in cities and regions and strengthening the climatic action of urban environments. The development of the Strategy implied a wide process of technical analysis, forums, and consultation with citizenship through ten workshops in which more than 150 actors from all the regions of the state participated. As a result, the Strategy defines 10 goals and 50 proposals for concrete actions that will guide the public policy objectives through 2030. In 2022, UN-Habitat will continue to accompany the Government of the State during its implementation phase and will assist in the processes of updating the State Law for Adequate Housing as well as the Law on Human Settlements, Territorial Ordering and Urban Development of the state.



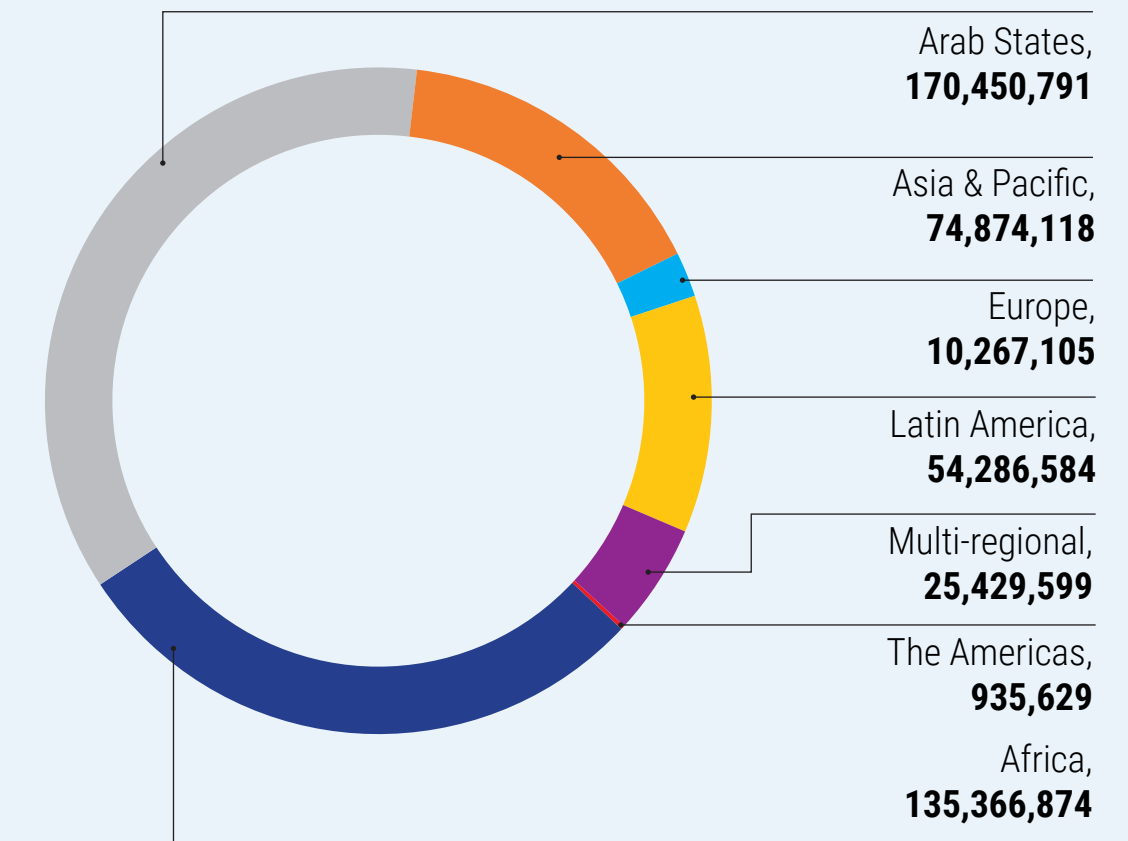


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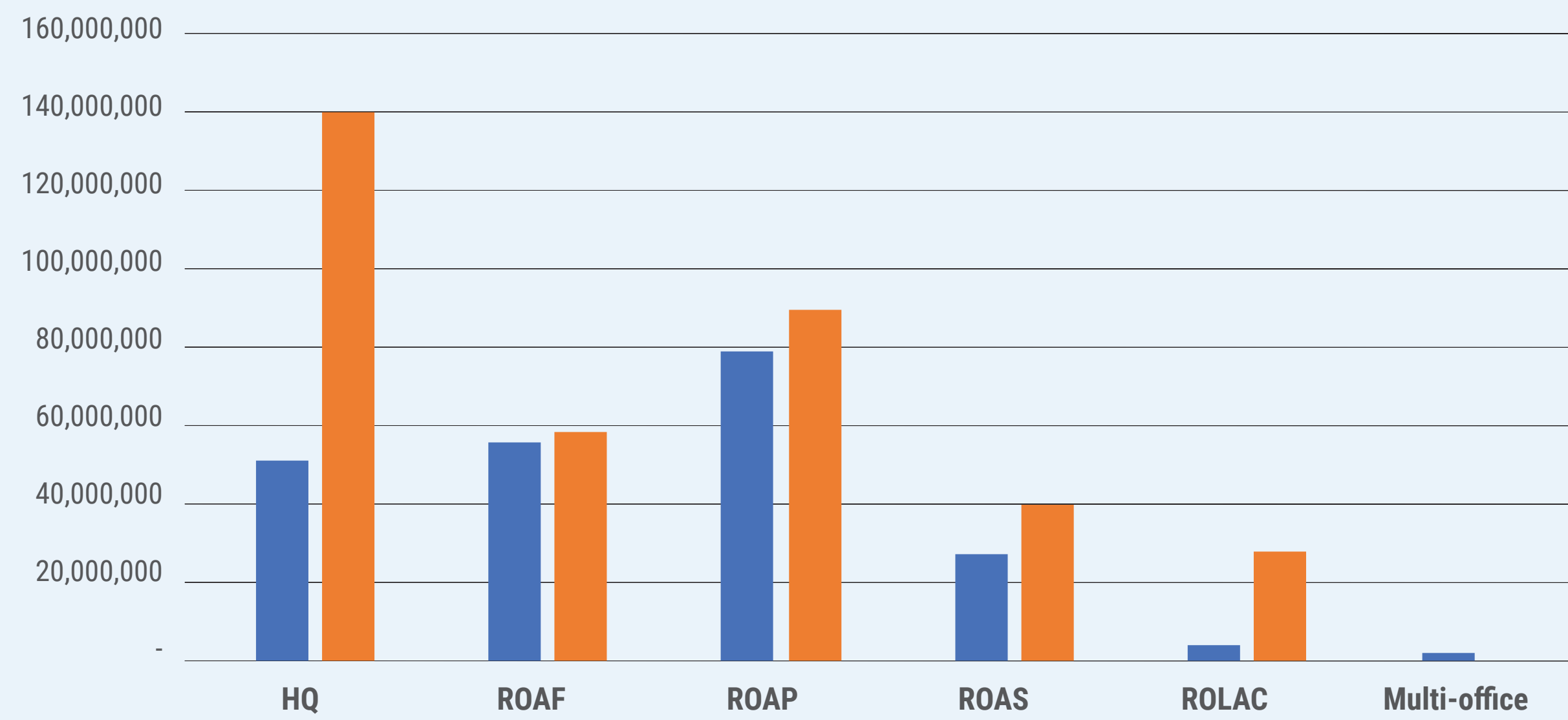
Number of projects reviewed by the PRC per region in 2020 and 2021



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USD Value of Projects Years 2020 and 2021





# Quarterly Report on Results achieved in implementing the Strategic Plan 2020-2023



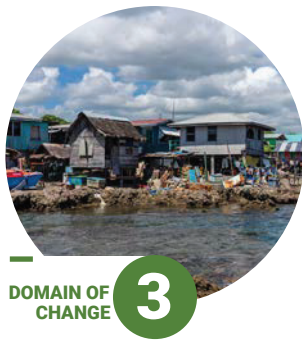
## DOMAIN OF CHANGE 1: Reduced **spatial inequality and poverty** in communities across the urban-rural continuum

Outcome area	Other outcome areas	Results featured in Urban Impact Issue 15	Partnerships	Growing scale and scope of initiatives	Positive impact of urbanization
<b>Outcome 1.1</b> Increased and equal access to basic services, sustainable mobility, and public space	<b>Outcome 4.3</b> Enhanced resilience of the built environment and infrastructure	<b>1 Support to COVID-19 Response and Resilient Recovery, Nigeria.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction of WASH facilities to approximately 100,000 residents (48% women) in six communities.</li></ul>	SIDA, Tulsi Chanrai Foundation and Karu Local Government	Data collection and capacity building on urban and health enhances evidence-based development planning and resilient recovery process.	<b>Improved health and hygiene.</b>  Free access to water, benefitting households and reducing the time spent to fetch water.
	<b>Outcome 4.1</b> Enhanced social integration and inclusive communities	<b>2 Developing sustainable, resilient livelihoods, Jordan.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safe, inclusive and green public space in Ghor Al Safi, with areas for children, sustainable agriculture and a community center hosting capacity building activities to empower women.</li></ul>	Zaha Cultural Centre, Turath Architecture, UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi Partner Trust Fund	Project based on the joint initiative by UNOPS and ILO for women empowerment through improving Access to Safe, inclusive and Green Public Spaces.	<b>Improved public space for citizens.</b>  Creating livelihood opportunities for vulnerable women through public space to enhance their socio-economic conditions.
<b>Outcome 1.2</b> Increased and secure access to land, and adequate and affordable housing	<b>Outcome 2.1</b> Improved spatial connectivity and productivity of cities and regions	<b>3 Integrated Strategy for Adequate Housing and Sustainable urbanization, Mexico.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The state of Coahuila launched a strategy to reduce spatial inequality and poverty. UN-Habitat will assist in updating related state laws.</li></ul>	Government of the State of Coahuila	The strategy will guide local public policy decisions about housing and sustainable urbanisation in correspondence with the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs.	<b>Provision of adequate housing, achieving shared prosperity and strengthening climate action.</b>  Aiming to improve the quality of life of 3 million inhabitants.
<b>Outcome 1.3</b> Effective settlements growth and regeneration	<b>Outcome 2.3</b> Expanded deployment of frontier technologies and innovations for urban development	<b>4 Urban planning and design guidelines, Mexico.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Urban planning and design guidelines promote sustainable urban development and provide technical assistance to National Fund for Tourism Development of Mexico (Fonatur).</li></ul>	National Fund for Tourism Development of Mexico (Fonatur), UNESCO	The guidelines will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda in the southeast region of Mexico.	<b>Improving urban planning and design.</b>  Integrating nature with built environment, promoting inclusivity and local production by developing sustainable infrastructure.
	<b>Outcome 1.2</b> Increased and secure access to land, and adequate and affordable housing	<b>5 Sustainable Housing Concept Plan Initiative, Saudi Arabia.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Youth and women reimagined urban development during a 3-day workshop to make cities more sustainable and accommodating to all.</li></ul>	UNDP, Saudi Ministry of Municipal Rural Affairs and Housing	Inclusion of local and international experts, women and youth, alignment with the objectives of Saudi Arabia Housing Program and KSA Vision 2030.	<b>Re-thinking urban development.</b>  Culturally appropriate, inclusive, environmentally sustainable housing and neighbourhoods



## DOMAIN OF CHANGE 2: Enhanced **shared prosperity** of cities and regions

Outcome area	Other outcome areas	Results featured in Urban Impact Issue 15	Partnerships	Growing scale and scope of initiatives	Positive impact of urbanization
<b>Outcome 2.1</b> Improved spatial connectivity and productivity of cities and regions	<b>Outcome 1.3</b> Effective settlements growth and regeneration	<b>6 Yaounde-Nsimalen highway construction project, Cameroon.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Capacity building and training workshops for project report review and approval, including urban planning regulation defining a set of 159 regulations along the corridor area.</li></ul>	Cameroon Ministry of Economy, Planning and Land Management; Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	An exchange visit was organised to Senegal for knowledge sharing on urban-rural development.	<b>Sustainable and prosperous urban-rural development.</b>  Creating an urbanisation corridor for development and environmental preservation.
<b>Outcome 2.2</b> Increased and equitably distributed locally generated revenues: No updates					
<b>Outcome 2.3</b> Expanded deployment of frontier technologies and innovations for urban development: See result 7					



## DOMAIN OF CHANGE 3: Strengthened **climate action** and improved urban environment

Outcome area	Other outcome areas	Results featured in Urban Impact Issue 15	Partnerships	Growing scale and scope of initiatives	Positive impact of urbanization
<b>Outcome 3.1</b> Reduced greenhouse emissions and improved air quality	<b>Outcome 2.3</b> Expanded deployment of frontier technologies and innovations for urban development	<b>7 Solid waste management project to lower methane emissions, Myanmar.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accelerated decomposition of waste and reduced methane gas emissions in Htein Bin open landfill, rehabilitating 49 hectares of existing landfill and improving air quality for an estimated 150,000 residents and over 5 million people living in Yangon.</li></ul>	Government of Japan, Fukuoka City and Solid Waste Management Advisory Network (SWAN)	Tackling the broader issues of climate change by using innovative methods to limit methane emissions, in line with recent calls for reducing methane emissions by 2030 at COP 26.	<b>Improving air quality.</b>  Improving health of citizens and targeting environmental concerns.
	<b>Outcome 1.3</b> Effective settlements growth and regeneration	<b>8 Sustainable urban development, Vietnam.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A series of webinars during Urban October contributed to creating awareness on sustainable urbanization and harnessing interlinkages between Housing, Urban Management, Urban Planning and Resilience for an inclusive and green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.</li></ul>	Government of Vietnam Ministry of Planning and Investment, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Universities	Open platforms were created to continue conversations with the expert communities, creating a chain of connections, and widening the network for all relevant stakeholders	<b>Enhancing sustainable urbanization.</b>  By raising awareness on cross-cutting linkages between housing, urban management and planning, and participatory approaches.
<b>Outcome 3.3</b> Effective adaptation of communities and infrastructure to climate change	<b>Outcome 4.3</b> Enhanced resilience of the built environment and infrastructure	<b>9 Flood resilience through local community action, Mongolia.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Utilising a participatory approach to construct physical flood resilient infrastructure and improved sanitation services to an estimated 1 million people, which account for 68% of Ulaanbaatar's population.</li></ul>	Funded by the Adaptation Fund	Providing the software, tools, methodologies and knowledge used for flood resilience to urban authorities for other high risk Ger communities to utilise in the future.	<b>Improving climate resilience.</b>  Increasing the adaptive capacity of the Ger areas to climate change through a community-based gender-responsive approach.



## DOMAIN OF CHANGE 4: Effective **urban crises** prevention and response

Outcome area	Other outcome areas	Results featured in Urban Impact Issue 15	Partnerships	Growing scale and scope of initiatives	Positive impact of urbanization
<b>Outcome 4.1</b> Enhanced social integration and inclusive communities	<b>Outcome 1.1</b> Increased and equal access to basic services, sustainable mobility, and public space	<b>10 Vulnerable families receive aid to cope with COVID-19, Somalia.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cash transfers to 250 vulnerable families, to mitigate the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and increase community resilience.</li></ul>	Funded by the Government of Sweden	Youth and Urban Regeneration Project (YOURS), building community resilience by constructing hand-washing facilities and working alongside local authorities.	<b>Building community resilience.</b>  Ensures vulnerable families can afford necessities that have become less accessible as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
		<b>11 Integrating refugees into host communities, Kenya.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UN-Habitat is formulating a detailed Regeneration Strategy focusing on harnessing inclusion and socio-economic opportunities for host and refugees for the Kakuma-Kalobeyi refugee camp, home to almost 200,000 refugees.</li></ul>	Turkana County Government, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), European Union Trust Fund (EUTF)	Regeneration Strategies can contribute to achieving community's goals of sustainable infrastructure, accessibility and connectivity, entrepreneurship and strong economy, resilient communities and efficient land management and urban governance.	<b>Promoting inclusive communities.</b>  Self-sufficiency, economic growth and environmental resilience for host and refugee communities lay the foundations for a sustainable future.
<b>Outcome 4.3</b> Enhanced resilience of the built environment and infrastructure	<b>Outcome 3.3</b> Effective adaptation of communities and infrastructure to climate change	<b>12 Rehabilitation of National HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) Centre, Lebanon.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Solar panels for the retrofitted medical centre in Beirut ensure cost efficiency, building resiliency and reduced carbon emissions. A server facilitates the digitisation of patients' confidential records.</li></ul>	SIDA, Lebanese Centre for Energy Conservation	Part of cross- sectoral response to Beirut Port explosion.	<b>Improving infrastructure resilience.</b>  Ensuring vital infrastructure is resilient to future crises.
	<b>Outcome 1.1</b> Increased and equal access to basic services, sustainable mobility, and public space	<b>13 UN-Habitat helps flood victims move into permanent houses with access to basic services, Lao PDR.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construction of resilient flood-proof housing for 67 families, as well as ensuring access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).</li></ul>	Funded by the Government of Japan	UN-Habitat provided additional support through the distribution of non-food items, including basic hygiene kits, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.	

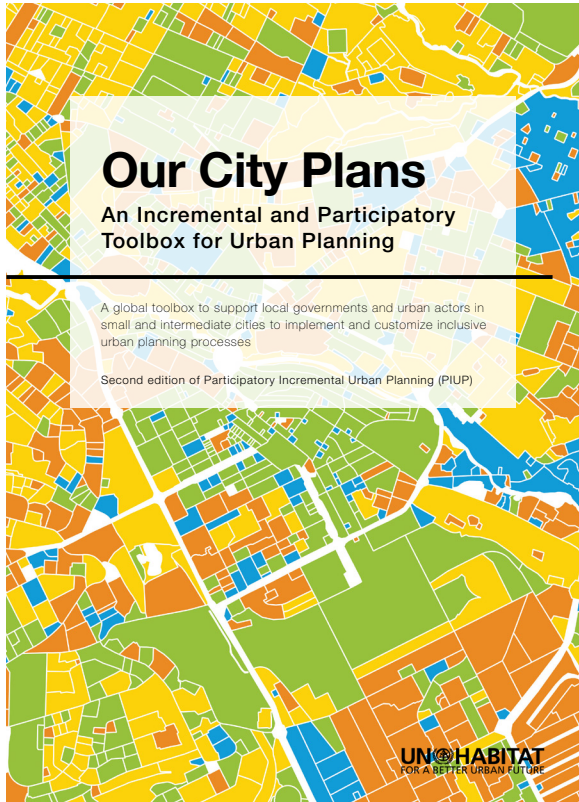


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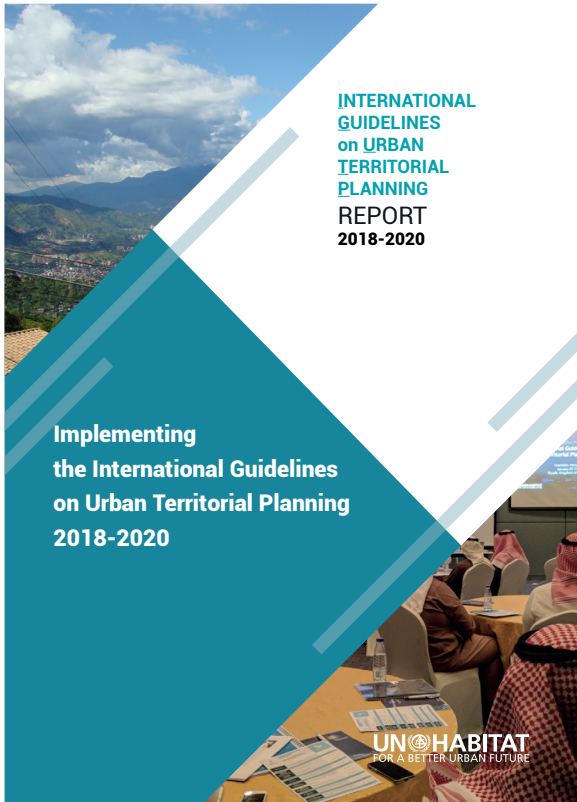
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