

Urban Resilience in Africa



Regional Overview

Structure

- Strategy of the Regional Office for Africa (ROAf)
- Current resilience portfolio and notable initiatives
- What can be expected from ROAf

ROAf Strategy



To leverage sustainable urbanization for **transformative, resilient and peaceful** cities in Africa

Ensure that African cities are **RESILIENT** to conflicts, disasters, disease outbreaks and climate shocks.

In the spotlight: **secondary and intermediate cities**



Sampling What We Are Doing: Resilience to Climate

DiMSUR + CityRAP

- **South-east Africa Urban Resilience project (Adaptation Fund)** building in *Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Comoros*

In the cities: city-wide early warning systems, improved solid waste management, enhanced drainage capacity, resilient infrastructure, multi-purpose safe havens and evacuation centres, reforestation and mangrove rehabilitation, and community managed rainwater harvesting

- **CityRAP expansion in 2022:** Sahel (7 cities), Comoros (2 cities), Guinea-Bissau (5 cities), Mauritius, and Mozambique (4 cities).

UN-Habitat/ UNDP Joint Regional Programme:

Smart Urban Resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Sahel Resilience Project with UNDP** in *Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal*

Nature-based Solutions/ Ecosystem-based Adaptation pilots and municipal capacity-building in *Morondava, Madagascar and Lilongwe, Malawi* - SIDA – RISE UP

Build Back Better (BBB): Safer Schools and Hospitals in *Mozambique* – constructed the only schools that withstand cyclones in Mozambique!

Climate Resilience for Urban Areas in *Zanzibar, Tanzania*
Promotion of Urban Low Carbon Emission Development in *Rwanda*

Go Blue (with UNEP) on Kenyan coast and **Solid Waste Management** in *Kisi County, Kenya*

Sampling What We Are Doing: Resilience to Conflict



Land Based Finance for Service Delivery, Reconstruction, Citizenship Building and Sustaining Peace In Fragile States: Scaling up, institutionalizing and replicating good practices

Midnimo (Unity) to enhance local leadership capacities to facilitate the sustainable return, recovery, social integration and peaceful co-existence of displacement affected, returnee, other migrant groups and host communities

Youth Political Empowerment: enabling Somali young women and men to meaningfully engage in governance, peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts

Dhulka Nabaada (The Land of Peace): in Somalia
Supporting Land Reform initiatives and integration of land dispute resolution mechanisms

Joint Programme on Local Governance and Decentralized Service Delivery contributing to peace and stability by effectively and accountably responding to the needs and rights of all Somalis.

What can be expected from ROAf:

- **Scale-up** and **expand** existing tools and initiatives e.g **CityRAP, EbA tool**
- Facilitate **city-to-city learning** and collaboration to promote **urban resilience and NbS best practices** across Africa
- Enhance the capacity of municipalities of secondary cities in Africa to **access climate finance** to support the **localisation of the SDGs**
- Intensify work on **disaster preparedness** and **urban disaster risk reduction** in Southern Africa (SADC) with use of incoming funds
- Engage further with **NbS and EbA** to build the resilience of informal settlements and replicate best practices in more cities across the region
- Contribute to the expanding body of knowledge on **climate migration** in Africa and **facilitate a dialogue** with relevant stakeholders on the topic across **local, national and regional levels**
- **Scale-up** solutions to displacement
- Intensify work on **own resource generation** by local government to improve service delivery

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