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Highlights of the outcomes of the implementation of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan for the year 2021
The Strategic Plan has proven to be a robust framework for recovery and roadmap for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The new organizational structure and choices made by UN-Habitat have strengthened integrated programming and increased synergies.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the implementation of UN-Habitat’s mandate. Cities asked to delay technical support but appreciated online learning products such as the New Urban Agenda Illustrated and related online crash courses.
Cities provide opportunities to anchor COVID-19 pandemic recovery in social justice and climate action.
The highlights demonstrate that UN-Habitat is implementing initiatives that contribute to the fulfilment of the organization’s mandate by,

- Alleviating poverty and inequality
- Enhancing shared prosperity
- Strengthening climate action
- Preventing urban crises
Agenda Item 2 Annual Report 2021—Three Priorities of the Executive Director

1. Housing
   The right to adequate housing can support the reduction of poverty, exclusion, and inequality, and strengthen inclusive, planned, and sustainable urbanization.

2. Climate Action
   Urban and local climate action with an emphasis on Climate Resilient Informal Settlements, multi-level governance and climate change planning in support of the achievement of the Paris Agreement.

3. Localizing the SDGs
   UN-Habitat’s Executive Board mandated UN-Habitat to “actively advance SDG localization in support of the Decade of Action, through normative guidance, technical assistance and strategic partnerships”.

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Domain of Change 2: Enhanced Shared Prosperity

Have directly supported in the National Urban Policy through training, technical drafting, stakeholder mobilization, policy review and evaluation. 14 Countries

USD 30m

In local revenue collection from 2017-2020 collected from 830,000 Occupancy Certificates and 720,000 municipal service charge invoices in collaboration with relevant ministries and agencies.

55 Cities

Received support from City Investment Facility for SDG impact projects.

The first United Nations Innovation Accelerator for Cities launched and is now developing data and artificial intelligence tools for informal settlements management in Brazil, Jordan and South Africa, and a digital transformation tool for African cities.

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Domain of Change 3: Strengthened Climate Action

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UN-Habitat assisted urban recovery interventions in countries affected by conflict. New interventions have been designed and implemented to address the displacement in Mozambique caused by conflict and climate induced disasters.

Cities

357

used participatory planning methodologies and collected spatial data to increase quality and ownership of local plans, and to foster sustainable urban development.

are being provided housing, job opportunities and vocational training, and 600 houses for low-income families are being rehabilitated. All of these have increased social cohesion, improved and enhanced stability.

people in Yemen

4000+
1. Strengthening the social and economic conditions of Palestinian families and enhancing Palestinian cultural and community identity in the Old City of Jerusalem

2. Attracting FDI during for shared sustainable prosperity and investment in Mexico through a geographic atlas with strategic analysis of sectors with high growth potential.

3. Improve flood resilience and sanitation for 1 million vulnerable groups in Ulaanbataar through a community-based gender-responsive approach supported by the Adaptation Fund.

4. Integrating refugees into host communities in Kenya through numerous initiatives, tools and intensive workshops that have informed implementation.
New Urban Agenda Illustrated
Over 2,000 participants have accessed the online course in English and Spanish, and 387 certificates of completion were awarded by the end of the year.

UN-Habitat Learn
UN-Habitat’s first online learning platform and learning management system, in which the New Urban Agenda crash course was first developed. By December 2021, the UN-Habitat Learn page had been viewed by users from 181 countries.
Inclusive, Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities

People-Centered Smart Cities

RISE-UP
Resilient Settlements for the Urban Poor

Inclusive Cities: Enhancing the Positive Impact of Urban Migration

SDG Cities
Agenda Item 2 Annual Report 2021—Setting the global discourse

- Cities and Pandemics Report
- UN-Habitat–CITIQ COVID-19 tracker for cities
- Launch of Global Urban Monitoring Framework
- Coordinating the UNSG Quadrennial Report
Thank you