UN-Habitat Palestine is implementing with financial support from the International Islamic Charity Organization – State of Ministry of Public Works and Housing, and it is implemented in consultation with many stakeholders including the Shelter identified and resolved and 60 customary certificates produced and issued. In Mai-Ndombe, more than 250 families were also seen the construction of a land administration office in Ituri, while construction is pending in Mai-Ndombe. Both pilot areas have now been equipped with the necessary modern equipment to facilitate the land administration and local land action on plastic pollution, promoting people-centered smart cities and localizing the SDGs, both in the Pacific and, with the Local Land Committees played a key role in identifying land disputes and resolving them through mediation by way of the United Nations House of Cities. Ms. Funmi Balogun, UN Resident Coordinator of Timor-Leste, highlighted the importance of multilateralism in making the Board considered the financial, budgetary, and administrative matters of UN-Habitat. Member States were also read more
**Financial Update**

**Top Donors and Development Partners as of March 2023**
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- **Arab Region**
  - Bahrain
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Germany
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- **Other**
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**Upcoming Events and Meetings**

- High-Level Meeting of the UNGA on the Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR
  - 18 - 19 May 2023
  - New York, USA
  - Learn More

- 5th Global WOPs Congress & GWOPA Assembly in Bonn, Germany
  - 22 - 25 May 2023
  - Bonn, Germany
  - Learn More

- Second UN-Habitat Assembly
  - 5 - 9 June 2023
  - Nairobi, Kenya
  - Learn More

- High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
  - 10 - 20 July 2023
  - New York, USA
  - Learn More

**Philippine cities taking action to combat marine plastic litter**

Through our efforts, we are able to promote sustainable practices and help change people’s behavior towards proper waste management and zero-waste lifestyle.” - Alie Agoylo, Naungan Fisherfolk Association, Ormoc City

UN-Habitat Philippines, through the Healthy Oceans and Clean Cities Initiative (HOCCI), a project funded by the Government of Japan, has been supporting the Philippine government in localizing the National Plan of Action on Marine Litter. Since 2020, HOCCI has been working with the cities of Cagayan de Oro, Calapan, Davao, Legazpi, Manila, and Ormoc to help reduce marine plastic litter. The project has been contributing to improving urban environment by helping cities enhance data collection and waste management systems. It has also supported the global reporting methodology on SDG 11.6.1 by using the Waste Wise Cities Tool for city waste baselining.

To aid in policymaking and action planning at the national and local levels, the project developed papers on Extended Producer Responsibility, Waste Management Infrastructure Gap Assessment, and Community Behavior Change, as well tools for awareness-raising like the Marine Litter Learning Kit. Among the biggest contribution of the project are the local actions demonstrated by the pilot cities.

With capacity-building and funding support from HOCCI, the six cities developed the first City Plan of Action on Marine Litter in the Philippines. The cities have been implementing pilot projects such as zero-waste refilling stores, washable cloth diapers as alternatives to plastic products, and optimizing waste collection and transport through smart technology.

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**Ciudad Juarez in the US-Mexico border, advances towards sustainable urban development**

Ciudad Juarez is an important city located in northern Mexico along the US-Mexico border, with a population of over 1.3 million people. It is a significant center for manufacturing, providing jobs and economic stability for the region. However, it is also a city that sees a large influx of migrants heading to the US and has high crime rates, particularly related to drug trafficking and organized crime.

Since April 2022, UN-Habitat has been supporting the Government of Ciudad Juarez in developing a social, economic, and urban development strategy. This project involves the creation of a City Vision 2040, which will guide urban policies that align with the New Urban Agenda and promote actions that can be implemented in the short, medium, and long term. The goal is to develop a comprehensive plan for the city’s growth and development, with a focus on addressing social and economic needs while ensuring sustainable and equitable urban development.

As from September 2022 to date, 10 participatory activities have been carried out and have contributed to the consolidation of the Visión Ciudad Juárez 2040, the integration of a Strategic Projects Portfolio, the Public Spaces Strategy and the Tactical Urbanism Interventions that will be implemented during May with the active involvement of the community.

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