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Crises are occurring more frequently and are increasingly interrelated. The world is not on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). More and more wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few, deepening inequality between and within countries, and contributing to the breakdown of the social contract, instability and conflict. The global economic crisis and COVID-19 have exacerbated inequality and stalled sustainable economic development. Climate change, loss of biological diversity and the degradation of ecosystems are harming the most vulnerable people, who are the least responsible for the causes. Conflict, food insecurity, the climate crisis and other emergencies forced more than 100 million people to leave their homes in 2022.

Cities and urban areas are all the more relevant to addressing current threats. Crises are increasingly affecting urban populations. Inequality, climate change, conflict and other factors interact and concentrate in and around cities. With the current global economic situation, cities are struggling to recover from the aftermath of the pandemic. Urban poverty and homelessness are impacting residents of cities throughout the globe, beyond the parameters of the developing world. Climate change is having devastating environmental, social and health impacts on urban populations. Crises are increasingly protracted, forcing migrants to remain displaced for longer, often in cities without the capacity to provide decent living conditions.

Inclusive and effective multilateralism, alongside local action, are essential to combat the complex crises facing the world. Local and subnational governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and multilevel governance have a critical role to play in making cities greener, safer, more inclusive, more resilient and more sustainable for the future.

In 2022, UN-Habitat consolidated the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2020-2023 and advocated for recognition of the critical role of cities and local communities in sustainable development and multilateral processes. Our work has provided thought-leadership and sparked urban innovations that can be upscaled to make cities and communities sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and safe. This expertise and knowledge will form the basis of the action-oriented discussions on global urban policy directions during the upcoming second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly in Nairobi.

Together, we can put the realization of the SDGs back on track, moving towards a better urban future.

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif

Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
**II. Accelerating the New Urban Agenda**

UN-Habitat plays a crucial role in scaling up the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to accelerate the realization of the SDGs. Key reports and intergovernmental processes in 2022 took stock and emphasized the need to accelerate further the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

**Assessing and affirming progress on the New Urban Agenda**

The **Secretary-General’s report on the progress of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda** was prepared through a consultative process with more than 60 NGOs and other United Nations (UN) agencies. The report highlighted how the pandemic exposed systemic inequalities and challenges, created new vulnerabilities, and pushed hundreds of millions of people back into poverty. Findings suggested that the pandemic underscored the relevance of the New Urban Agenda as a robust framework for resilient urbanization that offers a pathway to greener, healthier and more just societies.

The report informed discussions at the **High-Level Meeting to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda** in New York. At the meeting, 83 Member States, joined by UN regional groups, and other UN agencies, local authorities, grassroots organizations, and professional associations, committed to accelerate the New Urban Agenda by advancing actions on adequate housing; climate action and environmental sustainability; urban crisis; multilevel governance and SDG localization; and sustainable financing. To maintain the momentum, Member States established the Group of Friends of UN-Habitat, Sustainable Urbanization and the New Urban Agenda.

**“Long-term and predictable financing mechanisms for the implementation and monitoring of the New Urban Agenda, including the capacity of subnational governments to raise revenue from their own sources, should be created.”**

Antonio Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

UN-Habitat continued to encourage partners to report on shared milestones and commitments through the **Urban Agenda Platform**, a multi-stakeholder portal that inspires change by sharing actions, best practices and strategic resources to support learning, knowledge exchange and capacity development. The platform is the repository for national progress reports on implementing the New Urban Agenda, which have so far been submitted by 40 countries.
The eleventh session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) was held in Katowice, Poland, in June 2022 under the theme, ‘Transformation of cities for a better urban future’. The overall programme and dialogue spaces were informed by the key findings of the World Cities Report 2022: Envisage the Future of Cities, which was launched during the forum.

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Moving forward

Under the theme, ‘A sustainable urban future through inclusive and effective multilateralism: achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in times of global crises’, the United Nations Habitat Assembly, the main legislative body for global urban policy, will congregate in June 2023 to provide global policy guidance to ensure cities and communities are in a better position to respond to urban crises and challenges and localize global agendas.

The High-Level Political Forum and the SDG Summit in 2023, the Summit of the Future in 2024 and the World Social Summit in 2025 will be further important milestones in the roadmap towards a better urban future.

Urban sustainability implies the design of interconnected cities that promote coexistence, respect for biodiversity and equality, improve the economy, and adopt sustainable mobility as the path to prosperity.”

H.E. Martha Delgado
President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
III. Making the urban future better

Impact in NUMBERS

Urban awareness

- 402 events increased global awareness on urban issues during Urban October, reaching nearly 5 million people. There were more than 375,700 downloads of more than 90 UN-Habitat publications.
- 350 media representatives registered during WUF11; there was a 400 per cent growth in UN-Habitat’s social media coverage via Twitter, and UN Web TV had 46,000 views.

- 29 local and regional governments developed voluntary local reviews
- 11 cities carried out actions to enhance their resilience
- 530,000 people in poor and vulnerable communities gained better access to basic services
- 30 cities improved urban mobility systems
- 21 water and sanitation operators improved services for more than 61 million end users
- 33 partner cities implemented urban redevelopment and regeneration initiatives

Urban multilateralism

- 3 multilateral meetings elevated urban matters as integral elements of regional and multilateral political processes supported by UN-Habitat:
  - The first meeting of G7 ministers of sustainable urban development in Germany resulted in commitments to increase cooperation on urban matters within the G7 and a stronger recognition of cities as dialogue partners.
  - 53 countries endorsed the Declaration on Sustainable Urbanization during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Rwanda, which highlighted the need for integrated strategies and resource mobilization, local economic development, job creation, and knowledge transfers.
  - The first Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change at the 27th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (COP27) brought urban issues to the centre of debates between 47 Member States, subnational governments, and non-state actors.
Urban development

In 5 countries, UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks now feature context-specific urban result plans addressing urban migration and displacement. The achievement of the SDGs was accelerated through localization, institutionalizing sustainable practices at subnational levels, increasing the trust of communities through participatory approaches.

Urban funding

6 implementing partners joined the City Investment Facility (CIF), an innovative, multi-stakeholder initiative centred around unlocking private investment in urban infrastructure projects in low- and middle-income markets. Together with the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), CIF secured a EUR 150 million loan facility to boost local financing for sustainable urban development.

Urban monitoring

25 partners worked with UN-Habitat to develop the Global Urban Monitoring Framework, which was endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission as part of the harmonized global UN system-wide strategy for monitoring the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda.

86 countries produced global SDG performance data using new categories of global city, urban and rural definitions developed by UN Habitat and more than 20 partners.
Cities and communities were faced with multiple crises in 2022:

1.6 billion
people globally were living in inadequate housing, of whom 1 billion were living in slums in highly deprived conditions. By improving access to adequate housing, basic services, and mobility for all urban residents, poverty and inequality can be reduced, thus contributing to communities living in harmony, peace, and prosperity.

75 million
more people were living in extreme poverty in 2022 in comparison to pre-pandemic projections. Urban poverty and inequality are affecting urban residents around the world. The fragmentation of cities along social, economic, and spatial lines bears risks for stability, peace and sustainable development. Local action and multilevel governance can increase people's voice in policymaking to promote trust, legitimacy and stability.

3.3 to 3.6 billion
people were living in contexts highly vulnerable to climate change. Seventy per cent of cities are already dealing with the environmental, social and health implications of climate change for urban populations, women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities, and the most vulnerable.

100 million
people were forced to leave their homes in 2022 because of conflict, food insecurity, the climate crisis and other emergencies. With crises becoming increasingly protracted, migrants are remaining displaced for longer periods, which increases the pressure on cities to facilitate their social and economic inclusion, as well as sustainable access to services.

The challenges facing the world’s cities are complex and interrelated. UN-Habitat approaches these issues through an integrated way of working.

Central to the relevance and impact of UN-Habitat’s work is an iterative relationship between normative and operational work at national and subnational levels. UN-Habitat provides effective solutions that deliver impact across the thematic areas of the Strategic Plan.

UN-Habitat’s impact in the four thematic areas, explored in more depth in the following sections, offers examples of effective and integrated solutions.
To address these challenges, UN-Habitat has prioritized four policy areas:

1. Achieving universal access to adequate housing
2. Localization, multilevel governance and local finance
3. Urban climate action and environmental sustainability
4. Building resilience to crises

These priority policy areas are anchored in the thematic areas of UN-Habitat’s Strategic Plan 2020-2023:

1. Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum
   - Increased and equal access to basic services, sustainable mobility and public space
   - Increased and secure access to land and adequate and affordable housing
   - Effective settlement growth and regeneration

2. Enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions
   - Improved spatial connectivity and productivity
   - Increased and equitably distributed locally generated revenues
   - Expanded deployment of frontier technologies and innovations

3. Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment
   - Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved air quality
   - Improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets
   - Effective adaptation of communities and infrastructure to climate change

4. Effective urban crisis prevention and response
   - Enhanced social integration and inclusive communities
   - Improved living standards and inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons
   - Enhanced resilience of the built environment and infrastructure
Reducing inequality

To reduce inequality between and within communities, and tackle poverty, UN-Habitat promotes:

- increased and equal access to basic services, sustainable mobility, and accessible and safe public spaces;
- increased and secure access to land, adequate and affordable housing; and
- effective human settlement growth and regeneration.

Each year about 2.1 billion tons of waste are produced globally, of which more than one third is mismanaged. The report Leaving no one behind: How a global instrument to end plastic pollution can enable a just transition for the people informally collecting and recovering waste explored measures to enable a just transition for informal waste workers at local, national and global levels.

During the launch of the Global Action Plan Framework – Accelerating for Transforming Informal Settlements and Slums by 2030 (GAP), South Africa and UN-Habitat proposed putting housing and informal settlements at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The international meeting started a political engagement process towards a joint Global Action Plan Framework for Transforming Informal Settlements and Slums globally.
Training in construction has enabled women displaced by conflict in northern Mozambique to build themselves durable homes. Nine hundred families settled in Marocani after fleeing their homes following attacks by non-state armed insurgents. This pilot initiative promoted a participatory and gender-sensitive approach to mitigate the impact of conflict by empowering girls and women to learn skills. It was already adopted in other contexts as a best practice for internally displaced persons.

To address the increase in homelessness around the world, the UN General Assembly adopted the first resolution to address homelessness. Building on the resolution, UN-Habitat and its network of partners, continued advocating for global efforts to address homelessness. The resolution tasked UN-Habitat and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) with preparing a report to provide recommendations for possible indicators on social protection and access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing. Work on the report, which maps achievements and challenges in addressing homelessness, started in 2022. The report will provide states and other stakeholders with up-to-date information and targeted policy recommendations.

In Lima, Peru, women who were unemployed during the pandemic were trained to develop safe and accessible public spaces. Retaining walls, parks and urban gardens were built through a collaborative process and using digital tools, benefiting more than 8,000 people, mainly women and girls.

Improving access to adequate housing globally and locally

The Safer Access to Houses initiative in Al-Hadaeq, Syria has improved access to residential areas. The rehabilitation programme enabled the community to assess the damage in their homes, undertake basic repairs and begin to rebuild their lives. By applying an area-based approach, UN-Habitat ensured that wider basic service restoration needs were met. Interventions included clearing the streets, providing solar streetlights, restoring the sewage network, removing accumulated debris, and backfilling tunnels, which helped to safeguard the structural integrity of many homes.

Women create inclusive and resilient public spaces

Equal access to essential services

In five provinces in Afghanistan, more than 516,000 people have gained equitable access to essential services, land and settlements. Through participatory land-use mapping and action planning, Afghan communities prioritized the construction and rehabilitation of most-needed infrastructure.

Often young people are homeless through no fault of theirs. Poverty, abusive family situation, conflicts, inequality, unsustainable urbanization, globalization and migration are some of the factors that create the conditions forcing young people to the margins and prevent them from having their basic human needs met.*

Ayisha Safe, Child Advocacy, Ghana – Youth Forum
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Rebuilding heritage settlements


Solid waste management enhances circularity

The Go Blue Economy programme mitigated waste discharge into the Indian Ocean in six coastal cities in Kenya. In Taita Taveta, a Municipal Solid Waste Audit showed that 31 per cent of plastic waste leaked into water bodies. A solid waste management strategy was developed to reduce the discharge of waste and boost sustainable consumption and production.

Localizing the SDGs

The Local2030 Coalition Secretariat opened in Bilbao, Spain, in 2022. The Local2030 Coalition is the UN system-wide platform and network for supporting and accelerating the localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Current global crises demonstrate that action based on proximity is key to addressing emergencies and supporting long-term recovery and development. SDG localization refers to the process of transforming the SDGs into reality at the local level, in coherence with the national development frameworks and in line with communities’ priorities.

Mainstreaming human rights in digital governance

The Digital Rights Governance project explored how cities apply human-rights in their digital transition. Dublin, Ireland, developed learning modules on privacy, safety, security and protection to explore with local stakeholders the digital human rights implications of utilized digital technologies.
Acting for climate and nature

To strengthen climate action and improve urban environments, UN-Habitat promotes:

- measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality;
- solutions for improving resource efficiency and protecting ecological assets; and
- tools to adapt communities and infrastructure to climate change.

**Our Impact**

- **47 national governments** committed to multilevel and cross-sectoral climate action under the COP27 Presidency Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) initiative

- **31 cities** implemented infrastructure projects to build climate resilience and improve livelihoods, ranging from flood protection, resilient water and sanitation systems, safe access roads and evacuation centres

- **68 cities** improved municipal solid waste management through the Waste Wise Cities programme with UN-Habitat’s support

- **40 cities** applied the Waste Wise Cities Tool, collecting essential data to identify policy interventions and investment gaps to improve solid waste management

- **20 cities** developed nature-based solutions to build climate-change resilience, restore and protect biodiversity, and contribute to sustainable livelihoods and food security

The relationship between urban areas, green and blue space, and biodiversity was recognized by the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the outcome document of COP15. The Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2021-2030) recognized the contribution of subnational governments to the convention.

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Community consultations, awareness-raising, and capacity-building in three cities in Jordan increased the resilience of local governments and vulnerable communities to flash-floods. Water harvesting systems and rain gardens in the Al-Zohour Green Triangle strengthened resilience to flash floods and addressed water needs, benefitting nearly 35,000 people.

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Multilevel climate action

COP27 saw two ground-breaking steps for multilateral climate action: the first Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change and the launch of the COP27 Presidency’s Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) initiative.

Multilateral environmental agreements such as the Paris Agreement have increasingly referenced the importance of urban, multilevel, and cooperative climate action beyond national-level engagement.

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Building resilience to crises

To support effective urban crisis prevention and response, UN-Habitat promotes:

- design and programmatic solutions specific to country and regional contexts;
- a more coherent system-wide response to migrants’ needs, from humanitarian assistance to sustainable development solutions; and
- peaceful integration with host communities.

The Urban Recovery Framework enhanced the response to urban crises based on urban profiling, a tool for analysing displacement patterns. The tool allows integrating sectoral assessments of damages and pre-existing vulnerabilities into a spatial analysis of a city and identifying immediate, medium- and long-term urban recovery interventions.

The Extraordinary Dialogue on Urban Crisis Response and Recovery at WUF11 reflected on the growth of urban crises and the role of mayors and city leaders in accelerating recovery and transformation towards a better urban future. The event was one of the 40 events featured under the WUF11 Urban Crises Track.

Inclusive Cities: Communities of Solidarity

To increase the resilience of refugees, migrants and host communities, six countries in Latin America and the Caribbean applied inclusive and evidence-based urban planning approaches. Cities established 89 community centres and developed human mobility profiles, territorial intervention plans and urban inclusion markers to support and track the integration of migrants.
To bridge the data gap, government representatives were trained in mapping public services and infrastructure, such as primary education and healthcare facilities and railway stations. After a week in Dakar in March 2022, more than 50,000 data points from nearly 500 localities were collected. The data showed correlations between conflicts in the region and the presence or absence of certain types of infrastructure, such as schools, roads and agricultural facilities.

Consultations are now being held to develop strategies for designing, implementing and funding future projects in the eight countries, based on the collected data. The data will make an important contribution towards improving the lives of residents throughout the Sahel and strengthening cities as safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable human settlements.

“This initiative created a huge opportunity for state government officials to appreciate the need for spatial planning in development and the mitigation of humanitarian crisis...”

Grace Bitrus, Assistant Director at the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, Nigeria
On the MAP

116
Total number of projects approved in 2022

USD 128.3 million
Total value of projects implemented in 2022

USD 135.7 million
Total earmarked funds acquired in 2022

USD 202.97 million
Total value of projects approved in 2022

Budget distribution by thematic area:

Building resilience to crises: 27.4%
Reducing inequality: 31.3%
Promoting prosperity: 27.3%
Acting for climate and nature: 14.0%

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Cabo Verde  Fiji
Cambodia  Germany
Cameroon  Ghana
Chile  Guinea
China  Guinea-Bissau
Colombia  India
Comoros  Iran
Côte d’Ivoire  Iraq
Japan
Jordan  Korea
Kosovo*  Kuwait
Lao People’s Democratic Republic  Lebanon
Libya  Madagascar
Malawi  Mexico
Mongolia  Morocco
Mozambique  Myanmar
Nepal  Pakistan
Philippines  Panamá
Peru  Portugal
Rwanda  Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia  Senegal
Solomon Islands  Somalia
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Numerous global events during 2022 brought together key stakeholders around the world to explore approaches and propose solutions to address urban crises, accelerate implementation of the New Urban Agenda and create a better urban future for all.

More than 17,000 participants from 158 countries attended the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11), the world’s premier conference on sustainable urbanization. At more than 450 events, attendees were able to engage with the theme, ‘Transforming our cities for a better urban future’, by discussing ways to improve the liveability of cities for future generations. More than 42 Member States, 25 national ministers, 22 vice ministers, 60 mayors and governors, and 100 stakeholder groups participated, sharing the challenges and solutions for urban transformation.

WUF11 established a new benchmark for inclusivity and accessibility, with full interpretation in 10 languages, 36 per cent of attendance online, 52 per cent of speakers being female, and full accessibility for persons with physical disabilities.
World Urban Campaign

Under the theme, ‘The city we need now’, the World Urban Campaign promoted cities and communities as accelerators of the New Urban Agenda, engaging a broad set of urban stakeholders, such as universities, research and professional organizations, civil society and grass roots networks.

In 2022, partners organized 28 Urban Thinkers Campuses, engaging about 4,200 participants to deliver a set of key recommendations and advocate for priority solutions to implement the New Urban Agenda. Fifty-seven new partners joined the campaign, resulting in a platform of 260 organizations and networks worldwide to share key messages and organize projects and advocacy activities.

Urban October

Urban October 2022 engaged the international community in creating a better urban future and joining the conversation around the challenges and opportunities in our cities and towns. The month of events started with World Habitat Day in Balikesir, Türkiye, and ended with World Cities Day in Shanghai, China. Reaching almost 5 million people, discussions at more than 400 events led to three recommendations:

- Act local to go global
  highlighting the importance of inclusive and integrated localization for the achievement of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda

- Involve and listen to everyone
  stressing the need to include a wide range of stakeholders in planning and decision-making

- Ensure adequate financing
  prioritizing the need to allocate adequate resources to urban development and planning through innovative funding arrangements
UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour award

The award acknowledges outstanding contributions in the field of human settlements, the provision of adequate housing, advocacy for people living in poverty or displaced communities, and actions improving the quality of urban life, in line with SDG 11. Out of 244 nominations, five winners and a special citation were awarded in 2022.

"[The award is] a new international recognition for this pioneering initiative [the 15-minute city] to create happy neighbours and find new solutions in the face of climate change and economic and social challenges for cities."

Professor Carlos Moreno,
15-Minute City Initiative

Stanley Anigbogu from Nigeria for creating innovative energy solutions for vulnerable communities and families, small business owners and refugees.

Dipti Mahapatro from Bhubaneswar, India for turning a failing public-private transport service into an inclusive, accessible, clean, and safe rapid transit system and providing opportunities for women.

Programa Parceria, Recife, Brazil for enhancing resilience in favelas with a community-based approach that improves infrastructure and prevents evictions.

URBAN Intergroup of the European Parliament for setting an inspiring example enabling European legislation, policies, and financing for sustainable urban development.

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) received a special citation for promoting networks and alliances and generating technical guidance on localizing the SDGs to local governments worldwide.
Record-breaking core contribution

UN-Habitat received a total of USD 156.7 million in voluntary contributions in 2022, of which USD 7.3 million went towards the core fund. This represents a surplus for the first time in 12 years. The General Assembly also prioritised the programme with an increase in the regular budget.

Leveraging seed funds to mobilize funding

Soft earmarked seed funds were leveraged, particularly from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), catalysing three Adaptation Fund projects worth USD 32 million for the RISE-UP programme and USD 4 million from Foundation Botnar for youth initiatives.

Diversification of UN-Habitat’s donor base

UN-Habitat’s donor base saw increased diversification, with 11 out of the top 20 donors to the earmarked funds not being Member States. Resource mobilization and strategic partnerships with local authorities yielded promising results in 2022. UN-Habitat received earmarked funding of USD 7.7 million from 15 local authorities.

Voluntary contributions from Member States for the non-earmarked fund in 2022 (in USD)

- Azerbaijan: $3,000,000
- Germany: $1,028,807
- Malaysia: $1,000,000
- United States of America: $700,000
- Angola: $400,000
- China: $350,000
- France: $213,220
- South Africa: $160,000
- Kenya: $100,000
- Republic of Korea: $70,033
- Spain: $52,975
- Philippines: $50,000
- Tanzania: $50,000
- Guinea: $41,030
- Singapore: $30,000
- Japan: $28,312
- Portugal: $25,000
- Botswana: $20,000
- Barbados: $14,814
- Israel: $6,750
- Czechia: $6,022
- Dominican Republic: $5,975
- Pakistan: $5,876
- Somalia: $2,500
UN-Habitat top donors in 2022

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*The acquisitions listed above represent those that signed new or expanded contribution agreements with UN-Habitat in 2022 and does not represent the full list of UN-Habitat’s development partners.*