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Report of the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat

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Nepal:

A UN-Habitat Country Programme since 2007



The office at a glance: 23 staff + \$6.75 million portfolio

Key challenges: unplanned urban sprawl; migration leading to rapid urbanization; technical capacity gaps at local level; increased climate-related vulnerability; landlessness; housing and basic services gaps.

Key areas of work:



Urban planning and climate resilience



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)



Inclusive development through localization



Land reform and management



Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban - rural continuum



Enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions



Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment



Effective urban crisis prevention and response

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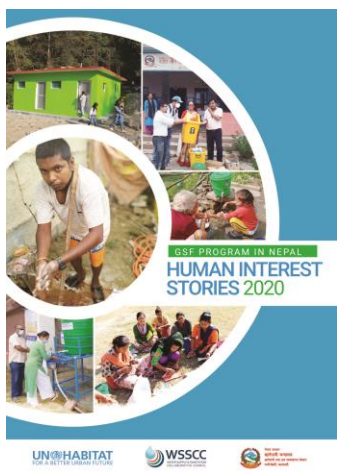
Low-carbon planning for sustainable urban development



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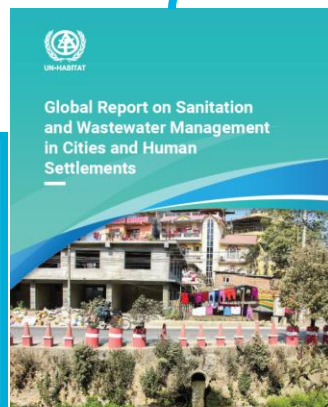


Inclusive WASH normative guidance and infrastructure



National Sanitation Campaign & ODF Status obtention

Reaching 6 million people



Supporting global methodologies & championing national Inclusive Sanitation Alliance and movement



WASH facilities installation in vulnerable areas



Policy and design normative guidance for inclusive sanitation

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Urban data for localization, planning and investment



नेपालमा ग्रामीण तथा शहरी क्षेत्रको श्रेणीगत वर्गीकरण
Degree of Urbanization (DEGURBA) in Nepal

UN-HABITAT DEGURBA methodology

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

नेपाल सरकार
प्रशासनिक तथा सार्वजनिक कार्यलय
राष्ट्रिय तथा राष्ट्रिय कार्यालय
बागमती, काठमाडौं

Globally harmonized national urban data



LOCALIZING THE SDGs

Action-Oriented Voluntary Local Reviews.

A METHODOLOGY FOR THE PARTNERS OF UN-HABITAT

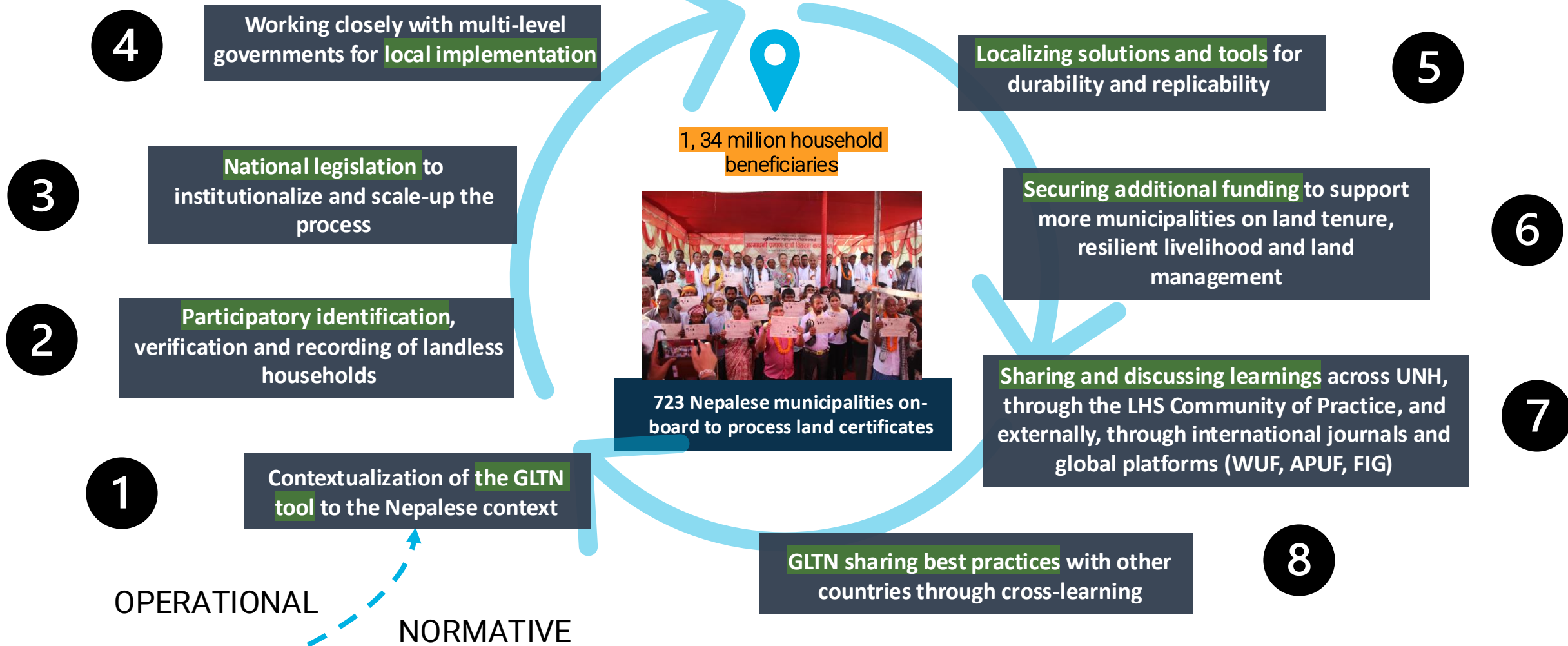
Voluntary Local Review
Chandragiri Municipality
Kathmandu, Nepal

Building on the VLR, prepared VLR template drawing concrete steps towards achieving 2030 targets

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Achieving land tenure security and sustainable management: upscaling example



Jordan:

A UN-Habitat Country Programme since 2005



The office at a glance: 14 staff ; \$12 million portfolio

Key challenges: the Syrian refugee crisis; migration; rapid, concentrated urbanisation; inadequate distribution and access to basic services and public facilities; unaffordable housing market; water and food insecurities.

Key areas of work:



Urban planning frameworks for sustainable urban development



Community-led public space development



Localizing the SDGs & implementing the NUA



Building climate resilience



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Urban planning frameworks for sustainable urban development



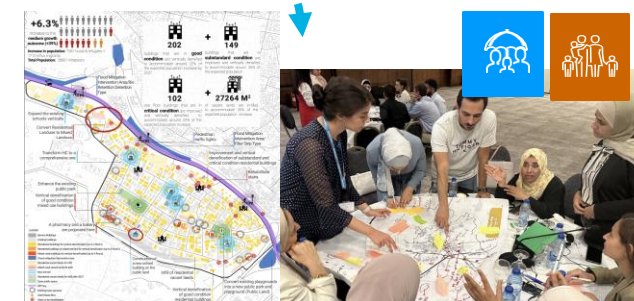
Creating a national Policy for urban development



Rehabilitation solutions in vulnerable refugee-hosting areas



Spatial profiling, plans, and normative guidelines for migration planning



City-level urban regulations and neighbourhood action plans



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Community-led public space development



Participatory public space building and rehabilitating



Providing WASH facilities, & improving safety and resilience in refugee camps



Supporting socio-economic empowerment of vulnerable women

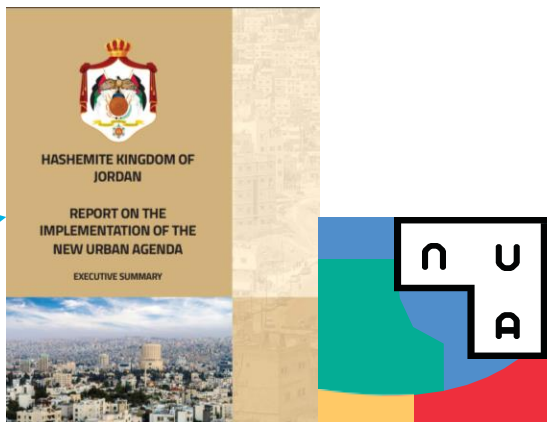


Community urban gardens for food and water security

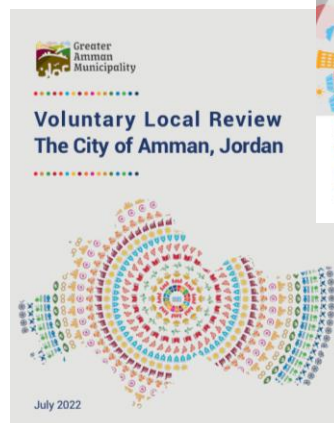
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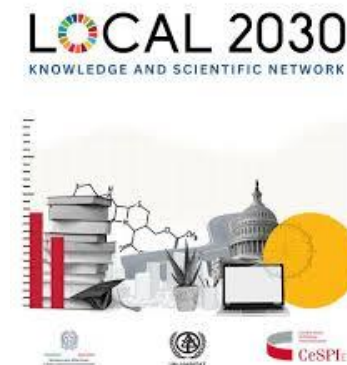
Localizing the SDGs and implementing the New Urban Agenda



Progress report on the implementation of the NUA



VLR, VNR, and practical guidelines for other VLRs in the Arab Region

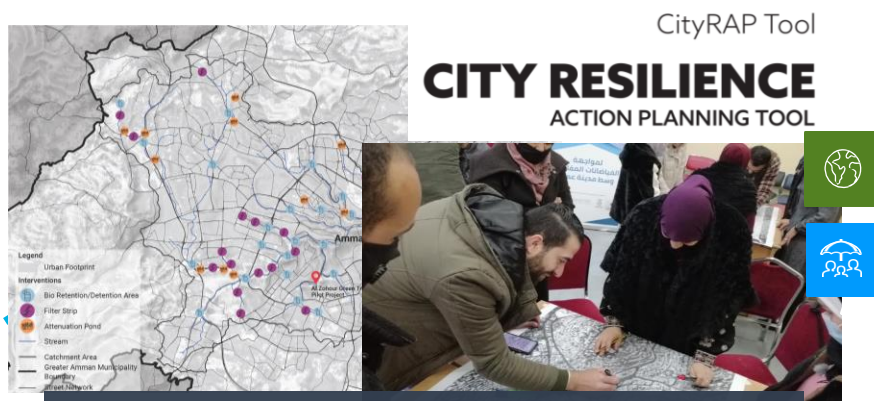


Collaborations with cities & academia to collect data on the 6 SDG transitions

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Building climate resilience



Climate risk assessment and targeted interventions



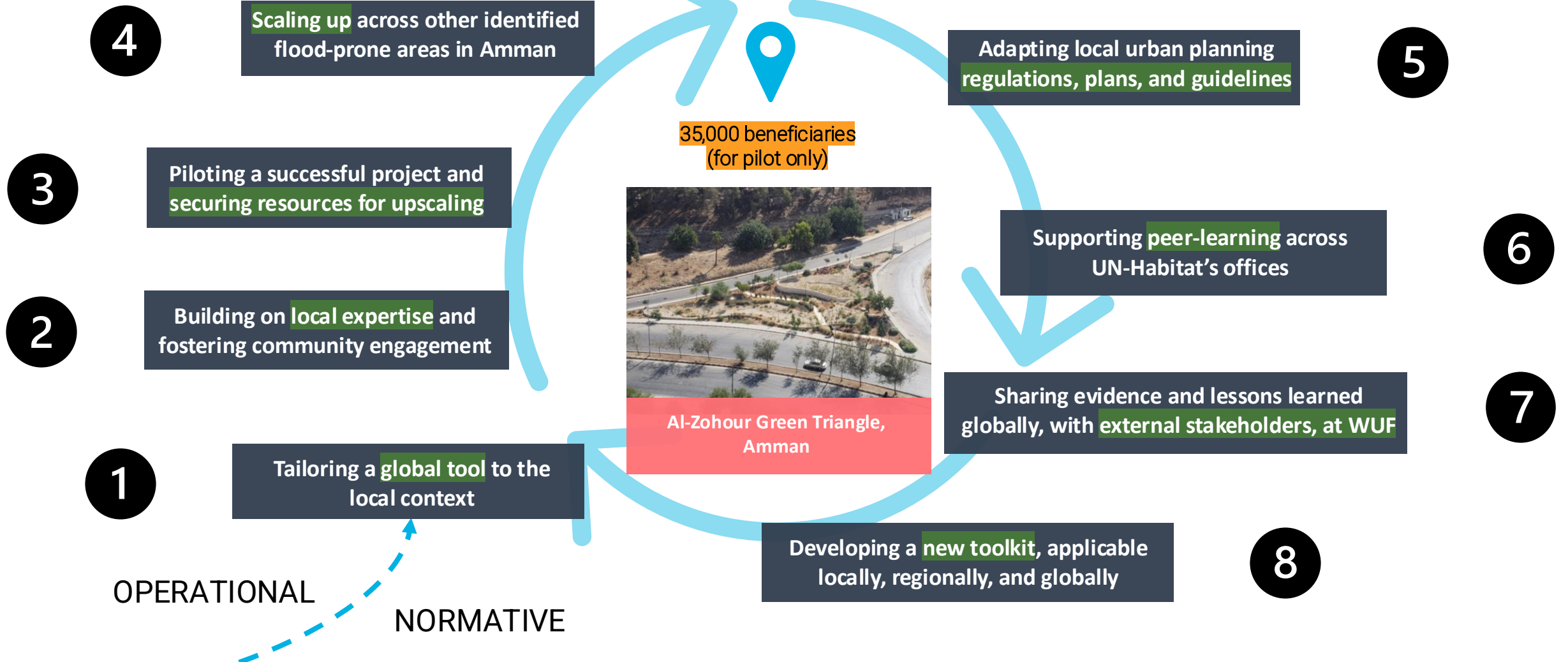
Integrating green growth, climate adaptation & sustainable development



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Durability, scalability, replicability: Al-Zohour Green Triangle Pilot, Amman





UN-Habitat's compass

UN-Habitat's Global Institutional Plan
on Solutions to Internal Displacement

June 2023



An IDP site made of self-built traditional buul within the urban fabric of Kismayo, Somalia
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DATA, KNOWLEDGE
AND ADVOCACY



NORMATIVE WORK



OPERATIONS

3 pillars of the Institutional Plan

- Aligned with SG's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement
- Leverage UN-Habitat's territorial and urban planning and HLP capabilities across the HPD Nexus

IV. Institutional Plan on Solutions to Internal Displacement: Status of implementation

1. Strengthen global partnerships



2. Develop an Urban Displacement Lab capacity

- Back-office support, surge support, and application of approaches & tools developed and tested

3. Mobilise additional resources

- Additional country support through Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF)

4. Access to IDSF catalytic funds

- Colombia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mozambique and Somalia

5. Enhanced data capacity

- Strengthen Data and Analytics Unit, with a focus on displacement data, development of indicators
- Collaboration with IOM, UNHCR, World Bank

6. Establish a network of displacement focal points

- Across sub-regions and HQ sections

7. Set up a community of practice

- Five sessions completed: solutions, profiling and data, financing, HLP, and territorial assessment and investment strategies
- Live learning and scaling of practices

8. Build internal capacities

- Through UN-Habitat's digital learning platform
- Access to Nexus Academy

9. Develop normative works to scale up solutions

- Programmatic framework to urban solutions
- Guide to Mainstream Migration into Urban Policy
- Including Migration and Displacement in Urban Planning and Public Space Development
- Housing, land and property rights for local integration and durable solutions in customary contexts

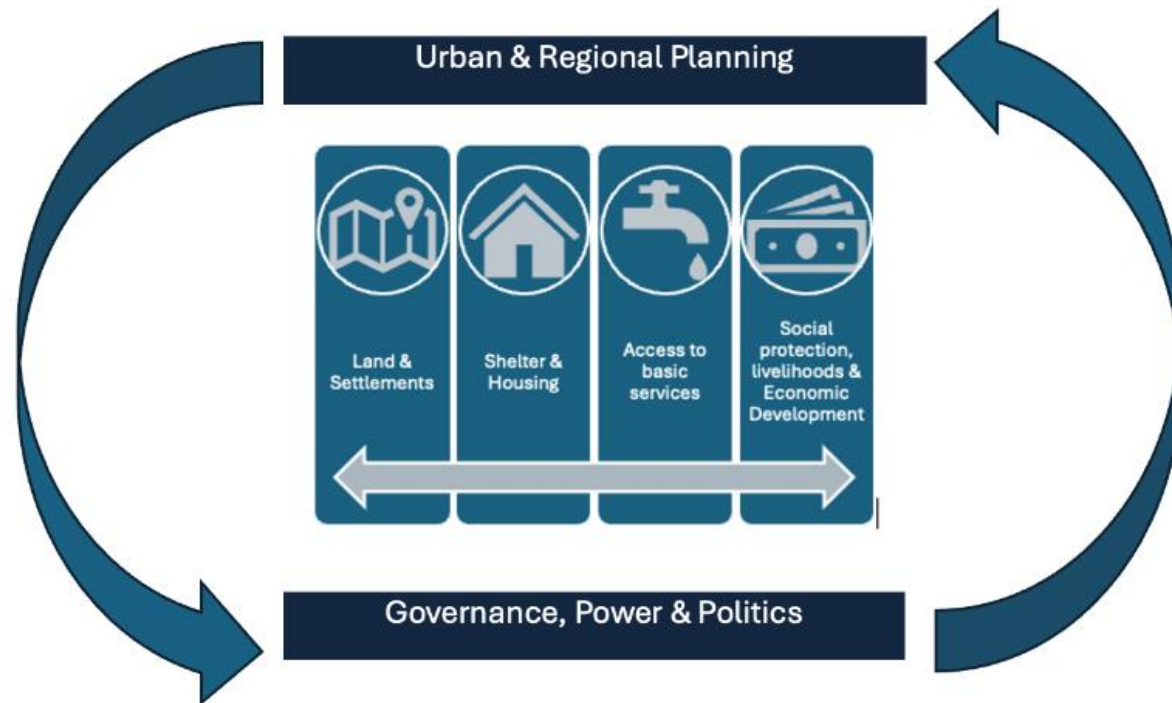
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NORMATIVE WORK

Towards inclusive solutions to urban internal displacement: **GLOBAL FRAMEWORK for Governments, UN agencies, Resident-Coordination and partners**

UNHCR, IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, WB, JIPS, etc

Sustainable, scalable, and transformative solutions



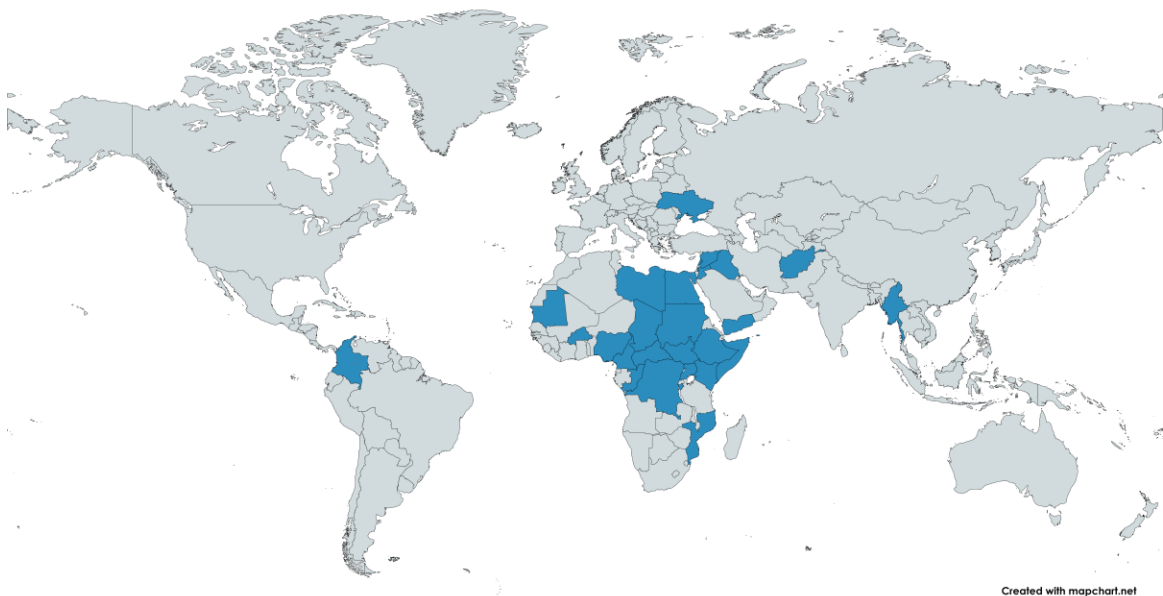
Key Mindset Shifts

- From “durable solutions in cities” to “**inclusive urban displacement solutions**”
- From emergency crisis to **development challenge... and opportunity**
- From IDPs as “humanitarian caseload” to **IDPs as urban citizens < displacement affected communities**

Core Operational Principles

- Capitalize on pre-existing urban systems
- Agency of displacement affected communities’
- Fully embrace the central importance of location
- Prioritize ‘No Regrets’ urban investments
- Commitment to government ownership

IV. Initiatives on urban crises prevention and response and activities at the country levels



Sudan refugee crises response – UNHCR partnership

- Urban profiling and integrated human settlement approaches in **CAR, Chad, Mauritania, Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda**

Activities in key countries

- **Burkina Faso:** Durable housing solutions for IDPs and improved social cohesion
- **Iraq:** Development of national housing policy, land rights protection, and climate adaptation initiatives
- **Lebanon:** re-orienting current portfolio to acute crisis response
- **Myanmar:** Climate resilience building, water and food security, and support for local climate action.
- **Syria:** Resilient recovery, earthquake and conflict damage assessment, and city recovery planning.
- **Sahel Region:** Spatial Development Strategy to reduce vulnerabilities and promote peace.
- **Ukraine:** Urban recovery planning, housing policy reform, and digital solutions for urban recovery.
- **Yemen:** City profiling for conflict recovery, WASH interventions, and housing rehabilitation.



IV. Status of the development of efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip

Introduction

- **Purpose:** Update builds on the preliminary report from the first session of 2024, responding to Decision 2024/2 Executive Board.

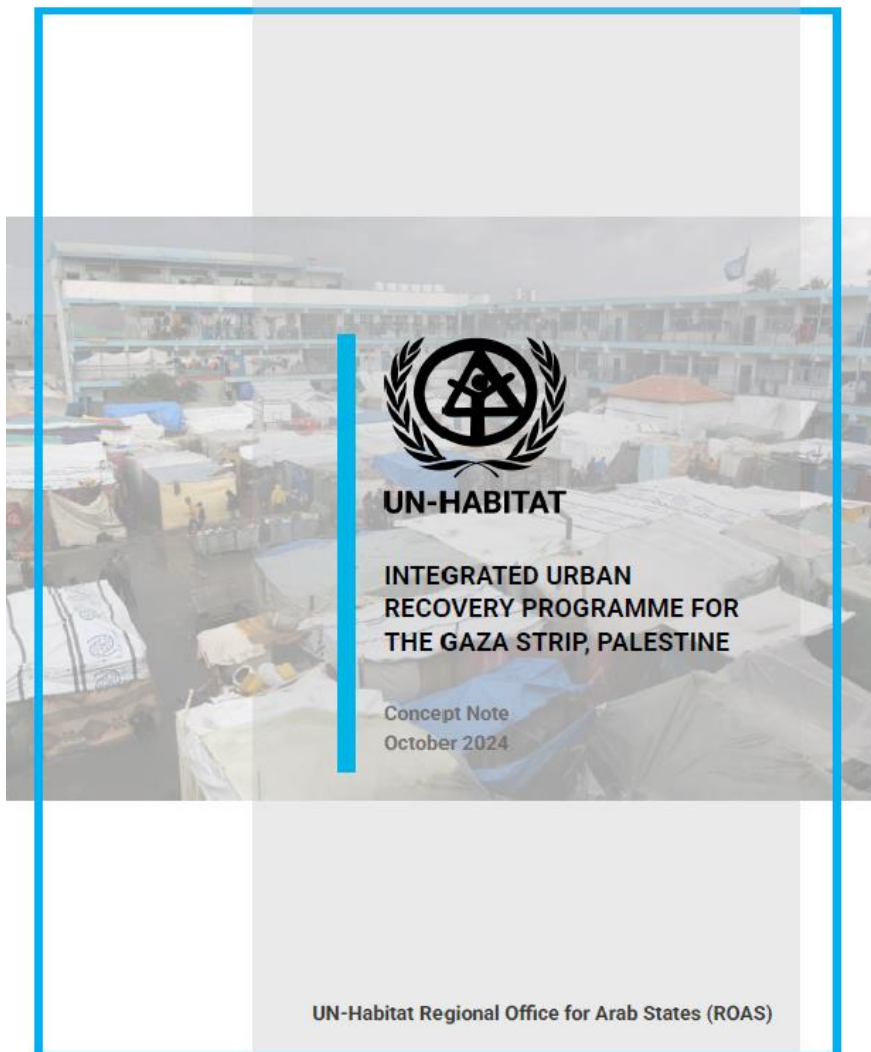
Limitations and Current Challenges

- **Restricted access:** Ongoing conflict has made ground assessments impossible; data validation is pending.
- **Humanitarian focus:** Recovery and reconstruction efforts depend on future ceasefire conditions.
- **Debris management:** new debris quantification completed with UNEP
- **2nd Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA)** by World Bank, UN, and EU is underway

Impact on Human Settlements (July – Sept 2024)

- **Debris accumulation:** increase **107%** since Jan 2024.
 - **Rafah:** 1447% increase
 - **Khan Younis:** 166% increase
 - **Deir Al-Balah:** 115% increase
 - **Gaza Governorate:** Highest, 72% increase
- **Damage overview:** affecting **66%** of all structures
- **Displacement crisis:** 90% of Gaza's population (1.9 million) displaced by September 2024
- **Shelter challenges:** Progress on transitional shelter solutions stalled

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UN-Habitat's initiatives

- **Debris Management Framework:** coherent sustainable debris management approach, engaging all key actors
- **Gaza Debris Management Working Group:** co-chaired by UNDP and UNEP, UN-Habitat addressing HLP issues
- **Technical intervention:** Methodology and initial mapping of possible sites for transitional shelter solutions finalised

Next Steps

- **Resource Mobilisation:** emergency shelter support, urban profiling and recovery planning interventions
- **Collaboration:** with **UNEP, UNDP, Shelter Cluster** (led by **NRC**), Gaza Site Management Working Group (led by **UNRWA** and **ACTED**) on debris management and transitional shelters
- Continue to move towards **neighborhood-based** assessments and approaches



IV. Status of the development of efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in Ukraine

Introduction

- In response to request Government of Ukraine in line with Executive Board Decision 2024/2 para 7

Assessing the impact of the war on the human settlements in Ukraine

- **Pre-war urbanization trends** to inform urban and territorial recovery
- From centralized to **decentralized** territorial management system
- 3rd Rapid Damage and Needs Assessments (World Bank, EU, UN – December 2023): **large scale damage and displacement**

UN-Habitat's contribution to urban recovery

3 projects

- **Policy advisory support** at national level
- **Ukraine Urban Lab**: support to 8 smaller hromadas
- **Knowledge and capacity development**
- **Development of digital solutions and capacities**

Way forward

- Finalize **urban recovery framework** and implement recommendations
- Deepen and scale **urban recovery planning support**
- Stronger focus on **knowledge sharing and longer term capacity building**



IV. Today and Way forward

Continued focus on forced displacement

Strengthened partnerships (ex. UNHCR/World Bank)

- **Global Refugee Forum: first Multistakeholder Pledge for Climate Resilient Sustainable Human Settlements** for Refugees and Host Communities, led by Ethiopia and **HLP Pledge**
- Planned deep-dive and regional programme to advance the human settlements approach in **CAR, Chad, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Mauritania**

Focus on impact of displacement flows on territories and on development corridors

- **Regional corridor planning** in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa (UNDP, Migration Response Plan - IOM, etc.)

Contribute to support mechanisms on solutions to internal displacement

Contributing to more effective humanitarian response

- Helping to implement **settlements-based approach** through Shelter Cluster and Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster (BHA/BPRM, ECHO)
- Focus on role of local government in **localization**

Focus on creating deployable capacity

- Potential deployment through UNHCR, UNDP
- Use OCHA standby partnerships
- Joined Geneva Technical Hub 2.0
- Activate Emergency Response Fund

12th World Urban Forum

- 60+ events on urban crisis (incl. displacement)
- Spotlight events on displacement and Gaza
- Launch of framework urban solutions

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