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Enhancing Resilience through Integrated Spatial and Investment Planning



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Foreword



On behalf of UN-Habitat, it is our privilege to present this compendium of tools and strategies developed under the Naryn Urban Resilience Programme (NURP), marking a significant step in our shared commitment to fostering sustainable, inclusive, and resilient urban development in Naryn, Kyrgyzstan, through collaboration between the Swiss Secretariat for Economic Affairs, UN-Habitat, the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) and NURP partners, and local authorities.

Naryn, with its unique geographical position, cultural heritage, and natural resources, holds significant growth potential but faces challenges, including environmental vulnerabilities, infrastructure gaps, and socio-economic disparities. Recognising these realities, UN-Habitat used a people-centred and integrated approach to develop a strategic and evidence-based pathway for Naryn to address these challenges, build resilience, and unlock sustainable urban development opportunities.

The suite of actionable tools and strategies is designed to empower local authorities, stakeholders, and communities to take informed and prioritised decisions. In this way, they are tailored to be adaptive to Naryn's needs and local conditions as it embarks on its journey towards sustainable and resilient development.

Naryn Town Profile: This document provides an in-depth, people-centred assessment of Naryn's spatial, environmental, social, legislative, and economic dimensions, highlighting risks and opportunities for sustainable growth and an integrated evidence-base for decision-making and targeted interventions. It is

presented with a **Legal Analysis of Kyrgyz Building Codes** and **Analysis of Kyrgyz Legislation**.

Strategic Spatial Plan: Building on the Town Profile, the strategic spatial plan describes actions that could address the key challenges facing Naryn, such as natural hazards, monocentric development, and inefficient land use. It provides a set of spatial, financial, economic and legal recommendations to respond to the challenges, and aligns with global frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda, and local planning priorities, while ensuring that Naryn's growth is inclusive, sustainable, and resilient.

Design Concepts and Guidelines: Including selected demonstration sites and city-wide interventions, these guidelines offer a vision for Naryn's future urban development, integrating sustainable, nature-based solutions while preserving cultural and natural heritage. They ensure new developments enhance the town's identity and promote connectivity, compactness, resilience, inclusivity, and vibrancy and align with local ambitions, priorities and conditions.

Spatially-Informed Capital Investment Plan (CIP): The CIP offers a prioritised list of strategic projects based on a Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA), that would ensure holistic impact and efficient resource allocation. It bridges the gap between planning and implementation, guiding financial resources toward the most impactful interventions, and offering a tool for data-driven decision-making.

Investment Cards: These concise, action-oriented cards are designed to support Naryn as it engages with development partners. It uses the example of high-priority and high-impact projects, highlighting key information to facilitate partnerships, attract funding, ensure tangible community benefits, and support project implementation, .

Together, these outputs form an integrated framework to support the Government of Kyrgyzstan and the Municipality of Naryn to address its challenges systematically, resiliently and inclusively. By leveraging these tools, local authorities can:

- Enhance disaster preparedness, respond to climate change, and reduce vulnerabilities to natural and human-made hazards.
- Optimise land use and infrastructure investments to support sustainable, regenerative urban growth.
- Strengthen institutional capacity for urban planning and resilience-building.
- Foster economic diversification and improve living conditions, particularly for vulnerable groups.

UN-Habitat is proud to have contributed to this milestone in Naryn. We believe the outputs of the Naryn Urban Resilience Programme can serve as a model for other cities in Kyrgyzstan and beyond, showcasing the transformative potential of integrated urban planning and investment. We extend our gratitude to the Government of Kyrgyzstan, the Municipality of Naryn, and all partners for their unwavering commitment to this initiative, shaping a sustainable and resilient future for Naryn and its people.

Developing a suite of tools and strategies for Naryn

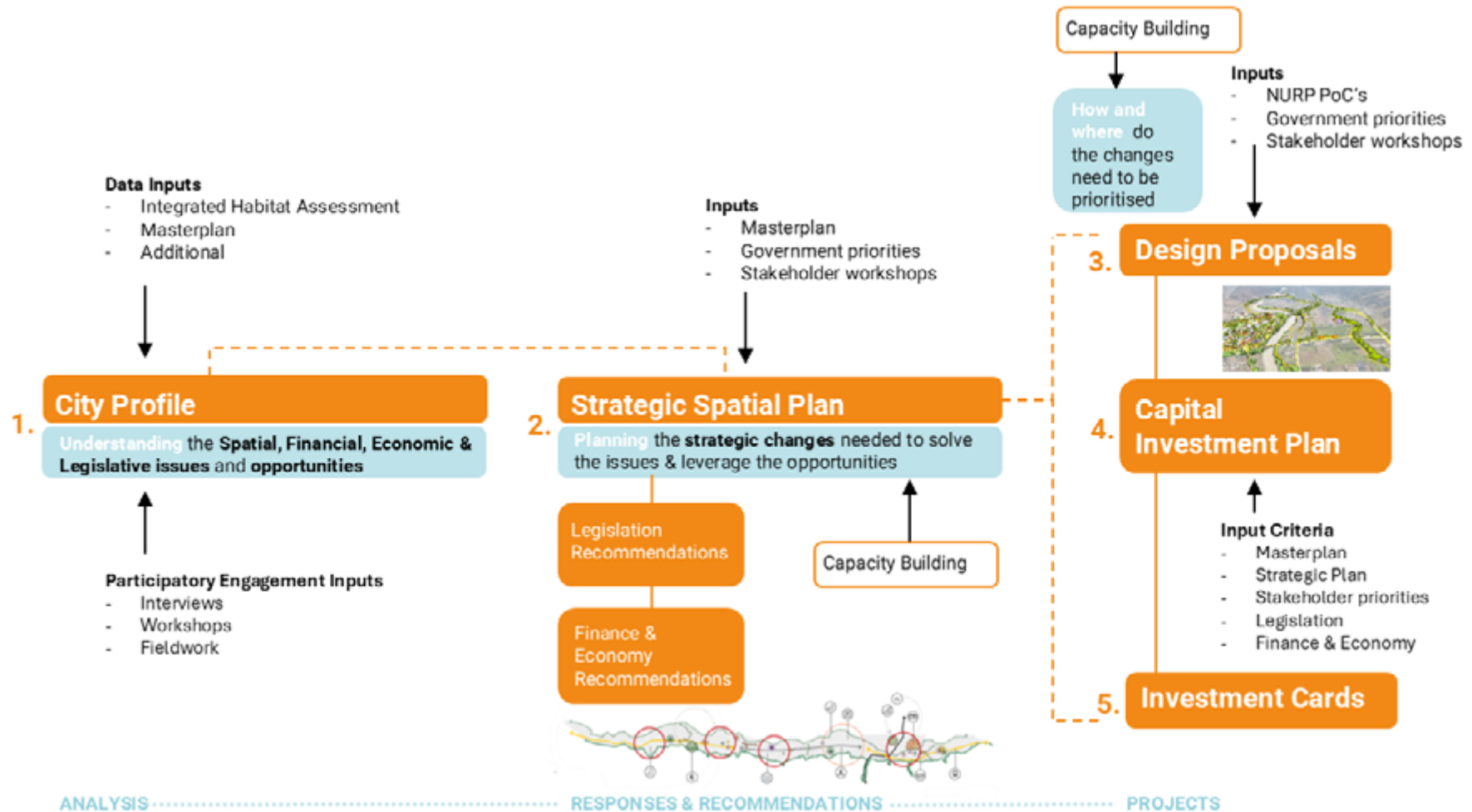


Figure 1. Project framework showing interrelation between phases, processes, and outcomes

How to use the compendium

1.

These reports are based on a detailed, integrated data analysis and provide a spatialised evidence base to support decision-making in Naryn. They describe the challenges facing the region while also highlighting opportunities unique to Naryn's context, emphasising the importance of addressing these issues in an integrated manner. The reports conclude by identifying priority areas to foster resilient and sustainable growth.



What are the spatial, financial, economic, and legislative challenges facing Naryn, and what opportunities can be harnessed to support the city's growth?

2.

This report draws on the evidence base to recommend strategic, cross-sector actions that address Naryn's challenges in an integrated way, unlocking the city's potential. It outlines targeted responses to these issues and illustrates their potential for holistic impact on the city as a whole.



What strategic actions can address the challenges and opportunities in Naryn in a manner that best responds to its current urban conditions and trends?

UN-Habitat’s approaches are rooted in participatory, inclusive, and engaging methods. This report complements the main reports by detailing the processes and tools used to promote inclusion, ownership, and stewardship of the strategies and plans. It also provides insights for future engagements.



Building capacity among stakeholders is a crucial complement to UN-Habitat’s technical support, ensuring the long-term sustainability of strategies and plans. This report outlines the approach to capacity building in Naryn and provides recommendations for ongoing learning and development in the City.

Enablers for long-term sustainable and inclusive impact

3.

The design reports offer a conceptual visualisation of how plans can be implemented in Naryn. Together with the base of the Town Profile and the Strategic Spatial Plan, these design concepts and guidelines guide the City and stakeholders, and offer support for decision-making on urban design that retains a holistic sustainable impact on Naryn’s trajectory. The concepts and guidelines reflect the local conditions, priorities and ambitions, while aligning to global frameworks and best practices.



4.

The capital investment plan serves as an initial step towards securing project financing. It provides the City with a decision-making tool for investments, using multiple criteria that prioritise holistic impact and efficient resource planning. The plan concludes with a list of priority projects. Accompanying investment cards offer a resource for the City to engage with partners as it implements its short-, medium- and long-term initiatives.



5.



How should Naryn prioritise its urban development, and where should investments be targeted to transform the city?



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