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Urban Crisis Prevention and Response

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Institutional approach and normative works

Inter-Agency Standing Committee Member

- **Rethink shelter response** moving towards **settlements-based approaches**
- Helping the humanitarian system adapt to increasing **urban nature of crises** and the **role of local governments in localization**
- **Solutions from the start, working across the humanitarian, development and peace nexus**

Co-Chair Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility under the Global Protection Cluster

- Action is to invest more in the HLP role to support humanitarian response building **solutions from the start**

Normative products

- Policy Directions: Housing, Land and Property Solutions to Resolve and Prevent Displacement
- Durable Housing, Land and Property Solutions for Customary Displacement Contexts



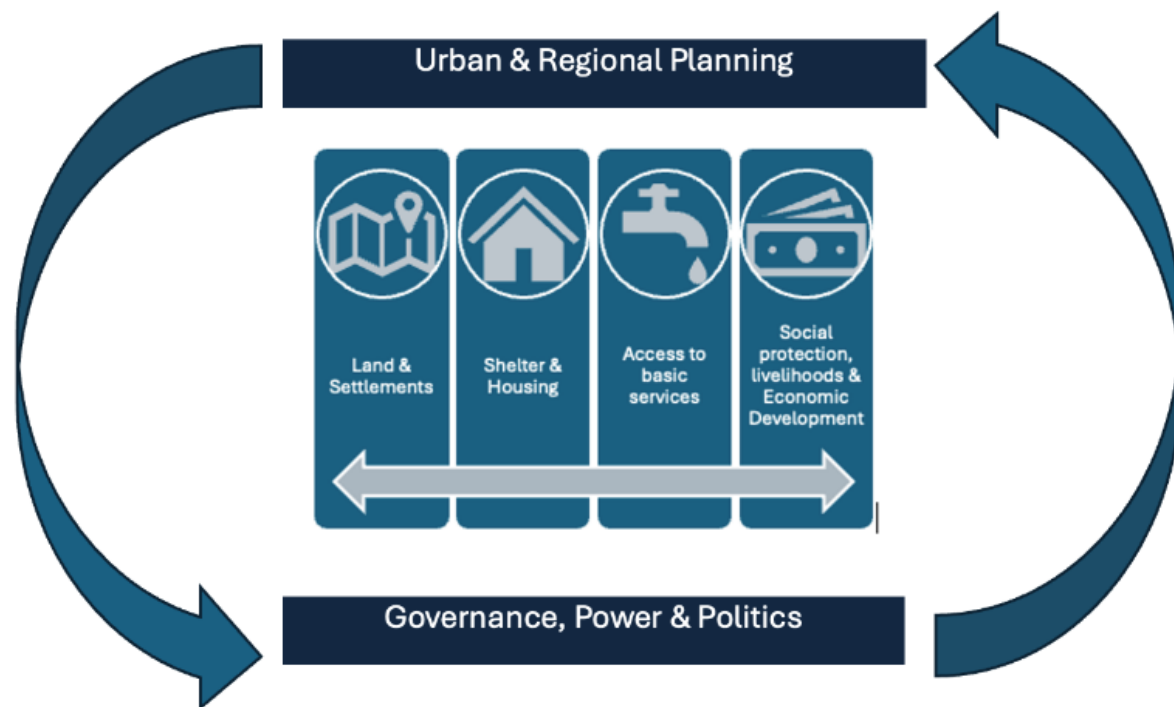
Normative work: Framework on Solutions to Urban Internal Displacement



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

UNHCR, IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, WB, JIPS, etc
Sustainable, scalable, and transformative solutions



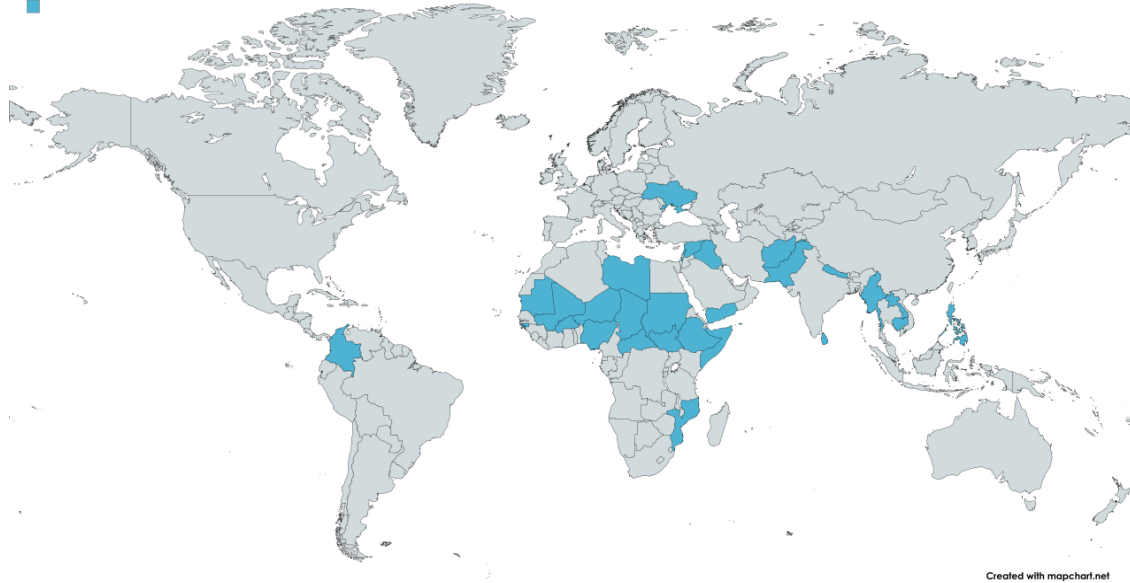
Key Mindset Shifts

- 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

Crises response activities in 29 countries during the reporting period



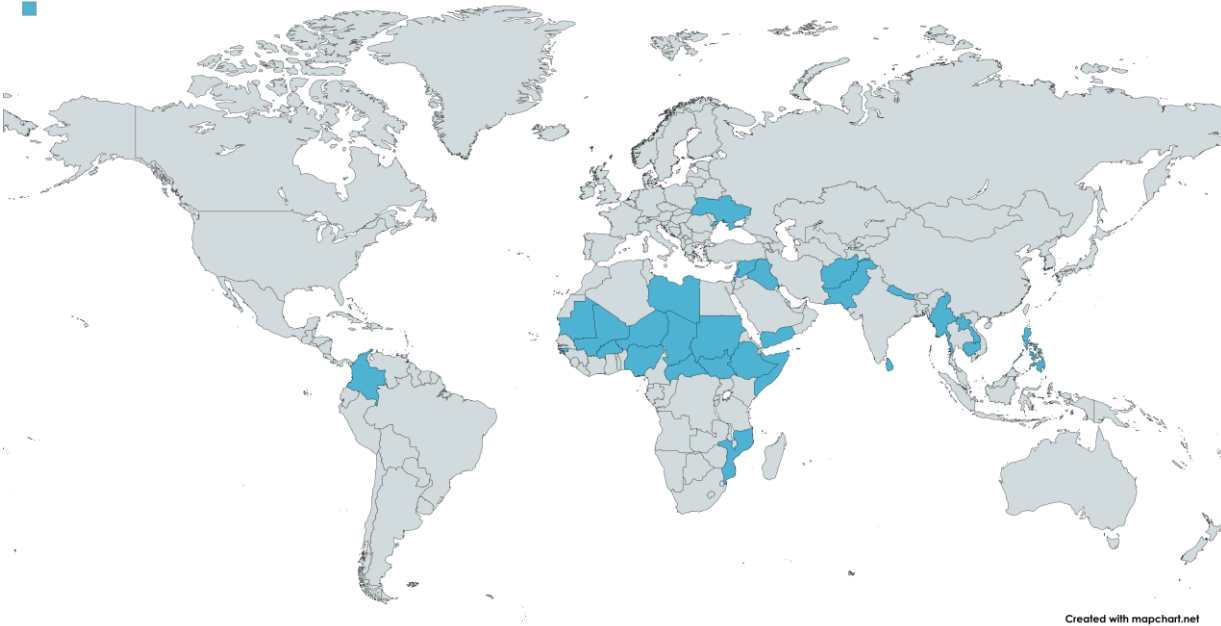
Between July – December 2024, UN-Habitat engaged in active urban crisis responses in **29 countries**.

Activities in key countries

- Under IDSF (**Colombia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mozambique, Somalia**): Policy and planning for displacement, enhancing human settlements resilience, building capacities of local actors.

- **Afghanistan:** Shelter, infrastructure, and disaster risk reduction in return areas
- **Burkina Faso:** Supporting displaced and host communities with a focus on women and girls
- **Lebanon:** Led damage assessments and mobilized funds for housing reconstruction
- **Libya:** Flood recovery, housing rehabilitation, return support
- **Mali & Niger:** Strengthening community resilience through the Sahel project
- **Mauritania:** Proposed regional spatial planning for refugee-host integration
- **Nigeria:** Durable solutions for displaced populations in the north
- **Philippines:** Disaster prevention and long-term spatial planning
- **Syria:** Supporting IDPs and refugee returns and urban recovery
- **Ukraine:** Assisting post-war recovery and resilience planning in municipalities

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Natural disaster = **10%**, 3 countries
(Cambodia, Lao, Pakistan)

Conflict = **31%**, 9 countries (Burkina Faso,
Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Nigeria,
Palestine, Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen)

Complex emergencies = **34%**, 10
countries (Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq,
Lebanon, Libya, Mozambique, Myanmar,
Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria)

Forced displacement = **72%**

Updates of the development of efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip: no comprehensive report yet

Updated debris quantification assessment (Dec 2024) by UN-Habitat and UNEP

- The debris generated by the conflict in the Gaza Strip escalated from 22.9 million tonnes on 7 January 2024 to **50.8 million tonnes** by 1 December 2024, marking a **121% rise over 11 months**.

Damage overview

- Approximately **66%** of all structures in Gaza have been affected by the conflict, leading to widespread destruction and significant challenges in debris management

Shelter challenges

- Progress on transitional shelter solutions has stalled, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis, as the displaced population struggles with inadequate housing and living conditions

Current situation



Thank you!

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