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Agenda item 5:

Update on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026

Executive Board of UN-Habitat: First session for the year 2025
25 to 27 March 2025



ROADMAP

Nairobi

ADWG on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters

I Executive Board

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II Executive Board



PROGRAMME PLAN PREPARATION

PROGRAMME PLAN AND BUDGET FINALIZED

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

CPC

ECOSOC

ACABQ

MAIN COMMITTEES

FIFTH COMMITTEE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York

- 25-27th March 2025 **Update on the draft work programme 2026 for the I Executive Board**
- **5th March 2025** **Submission of draft Budget (Part B) to PPBD**
- May 2025 **Review and discussion of draft work programme 2026 by the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) [Formal +Informal]**
- **May-June 2025** **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ): Regular Budget**
- **July-August 2025** **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ): Extra-budgetary**
- Sep-Oct 2025 **Review and discussion of Work Programme and Budget by the AHWG PBA**
- **25-26th November 2026. (TBC)** **Consideration and approval of the Annual Work Programme and Budget II Executive Board**

Overall orientation

1. Mandates and background
2. Strategy and external factors for 2026
3. Programme performance in 2024
4. Legislative mandates
5. Deliverables (cross-cutting)
6. Evaluation activities

Across subprogrammes

1. Objective
2. Strategy
3. Programme performance in 2024
4. Results for 2026
5. Deliverables

Key Elements of the Programme Strategy



Guided by the **UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029**, to be considered by the UN Habitat Assembly



Focus on pathways to **transformative change**, showcasing examples of cities impacted by innovative and policies, especially those facing the **global housing challenge**



Support cities in integrating **urban and territorial planning, management, investment and finance** that help overcome **inequalities** and build **resilience**



Fast-track integration between its **normative** and **operational** work, scaling up and accelerating **impact**

Mainstream social inclusion on women and girls, older persons, persons with disabilities, children and young people.



Deepen collaboration with UNDCO to strengthen impact on Sustainable Urbanization



External Factors

The programme plan for 2026 is based on the following **assumptions**:

(a) Adequate unearmarked extrabudgetary **resources** are available

(b) Countries **commitment** to the New Urban Agenda and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs)

(c) National and local governments continue to request for **policy advice and technical assistance** from UN-Habitat to develop and implement their urban policies, plans and strategies

(d) Urban **indicators, data and information** are used to formulate policies, with adequate mechanisms available for impact monitoring and performance assessments

(e) Social, political and macroeconomic conditions will not affect implementation of programmes and projects

Subprogrammes



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

Results per Subprogramme



Subprogramme 1



Subprogramme 2



Subprogramme 3



Subprogramme 4

**Highlight Story
2024**

Enhanced water, sanitation and hygiene services for in Lao PDR

Multilevel urban policies for sustainable urban development

Policymakers, experts and other stakeholders identify knowledge gaps and action priorities for climate action in cities

Sustainable integration of displacement-affected communities for improved access to housing, land, and property

Result 1
Carried forward from 2024 Programme Plan

Inclusive cities and communities through urban regeneration

Voluntary Local Reviews to enhance the shared prosperity of cities and regions globally through SDG localization

Conservation, management and sustainable use approaches, such as nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches to improve livelihoods and resilience of urban poor communities

Enhanced sustainable solutions to migration

Result 2
Carried forward from 2025 Programme Plan

Cities and countries commit to provide adequate housing for all and address homelessness and housing exclusion

Digital Transformation for Sustainable Urban Development

nationally determined contributions increasingly contain urban content

Sustainable integration of displaced communities

Result 3
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Increased secure tenure rights to land

Upgraded own source revenue to improve performance of local governments

urban climate action plans to build the resilience of the most vulnerable

Integrated and participatory urban planning and inclusive development

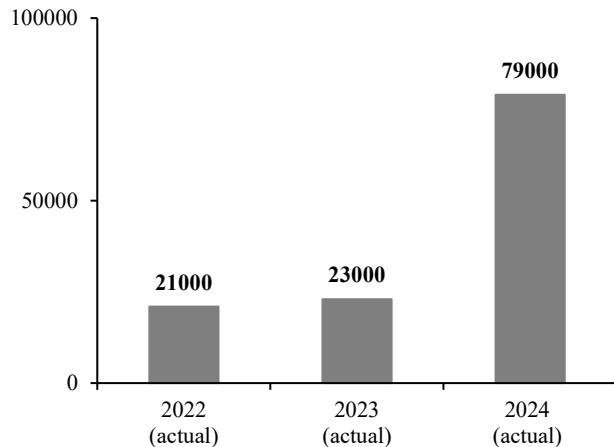


SP1: Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum

Highlight result 2024:
Enhanced water, sanitation and hygiene services for in Lao PDR



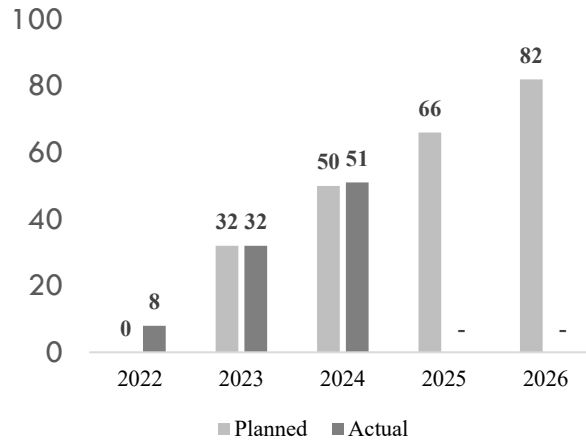
Performance Measure: number of people with access to enhanced water, sanitation and hygiene services in Lao PDR (annual)



Result 1: Inclusive cities and communities through urban regeneration



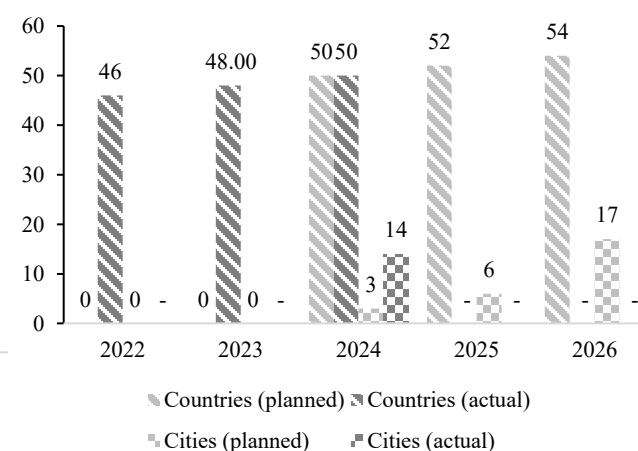
Performance Measure: number of partner cities that have implemented urban and territorial regeneration initiatives (cumulative)



Result 2: Cities and countries commit to provide adequate housing for all and address homelessness and housing exclusion



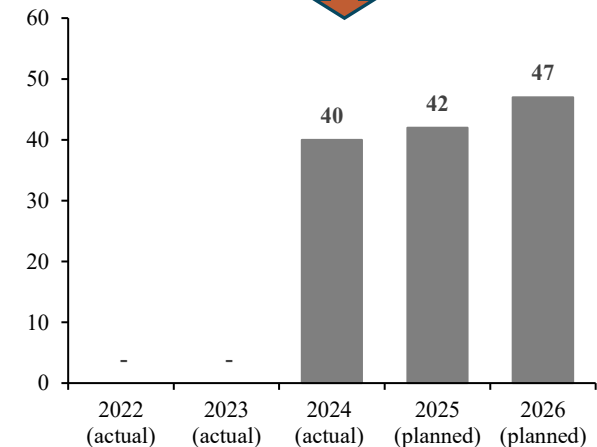
Performance Measure: number of partner cities and countries that have adopted strategies towards ending homelessness and ensuring sustainable access to adequate housing for all (cumulative)



Result 3: Increased secure tenure rights to land



Performance Measure: number of partner cities implementing innovative strategies, tools or approaches to increase secure tenure rights to land (cumulative)



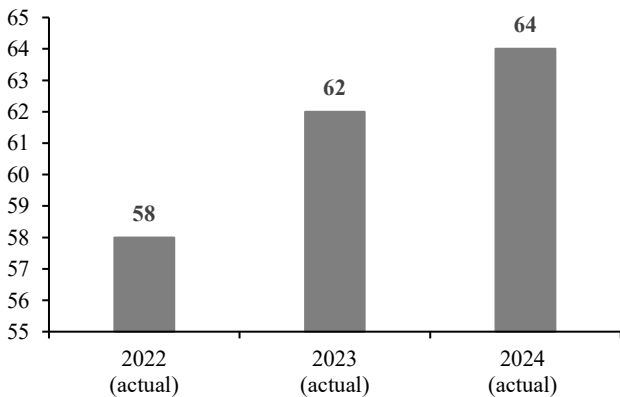


SP2: Enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions

Highlight result 2024:
Multilevel urban policies for sustainable urban development



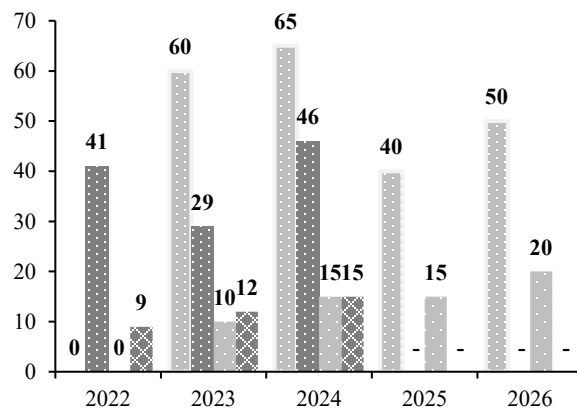
Performance Measure: number of countries that developed national urban policies with support of UN-Habitat (cumulative)



Result 1: Voluntary local reviews to enhance the shared prosperity of cities and regions globally through Sustainable Development Goal localization



Performance Measure: number of voluntary local reviews prepared by local and regional governments (annual)



Result 2: Digital Transformation for Sustainable Urban Development



Performance Measure: Qualitative (adoption 2022 / development 2023 / strategies 2024)

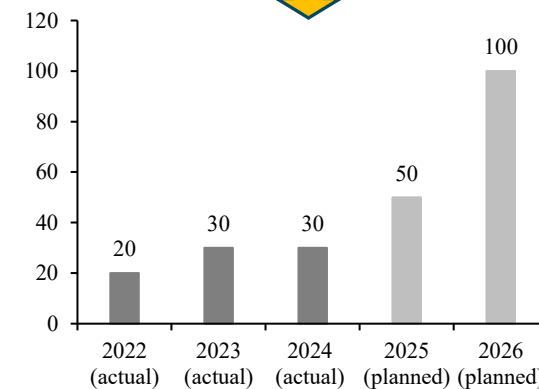


2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
Thirty cities adopted people-centred smart city strategies	United Nations Habitat Assembly adopted resolution 2/1	Twenty cities pilot strategies, plans and projects to inform the development of the international guidelines on people-centred smart cities	The international guidelines on people-centred smart cities are endorsed by the UN-Habitat Assembly	10 cities pilot the international guidelines on people-centred smart cities

Result 3: Upgraded own source revenue to improve performance of local governments



Performance Measure: number of local governments that have developed strategies and reform initiatives to enhance own-source revenue (annual)



SP3: Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment

Highlight result 2024: Policymakers, experts and other stakeholders identify knowledge gaps and action priorities for climate action in cities



Performance Measure:
Qualitative

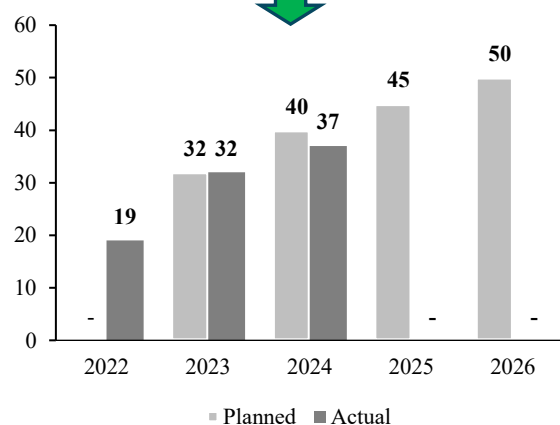


2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)
-	-	Policymakers, experts and other stakeholders exchanged views and identified 160 knowledge gaps and 259 action priorities for climate action in cities

Result 1: Conservation, management and sustainable use approaches, such as nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches to improve livelihoods and resilience of urban poor communities



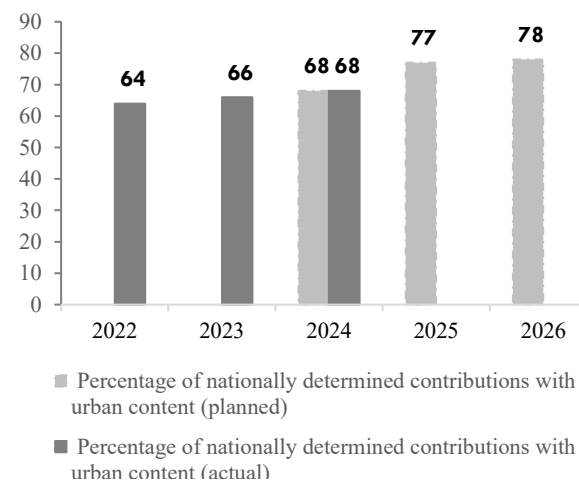
Performance Measure: number of towns and cities implementing conservation, management and sustainable use approaches, such as nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches (cumulative)



Result 2: Nationally Determined Contributions increasingly contain urban content



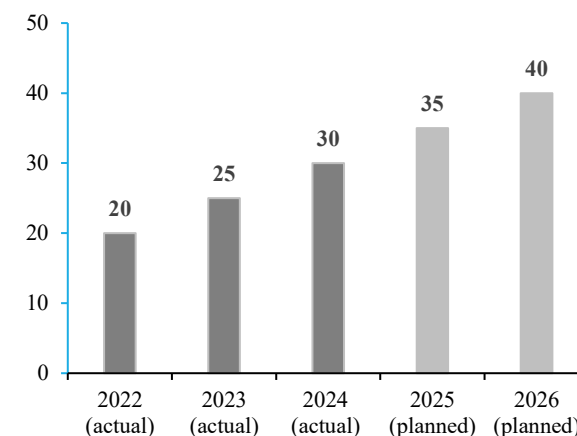
Performance Measure: percentage of nationally determined contributions with urban content (cumulative)



Result 3: Urban climate action plans to build the climate resilience of the most vulnerable



Performance Measure: number of integrated urban climate action plans focusing on the most vulnerable.





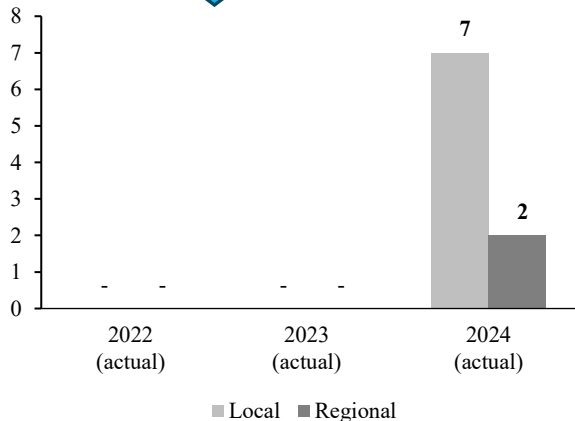
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SP4: Effective urban crisis prevention and response

Highlight result 2024:
Sustainable integration of displacement-affected communities for improved access to housing, land, and property



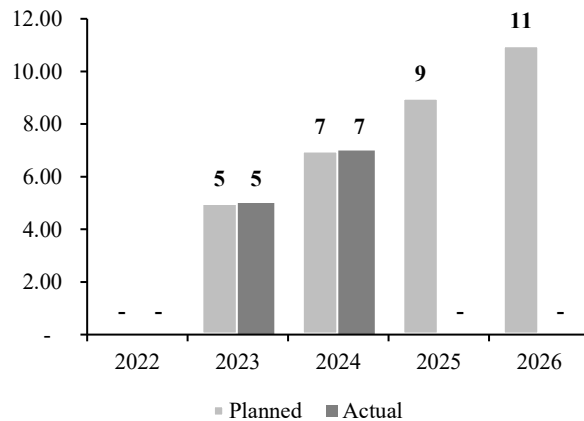
Performance Measure: number of regional and local administrations supported access to HLP rights in Ethiopia (cumulative)



Result 1: Enhanced sustainable solutions to migration



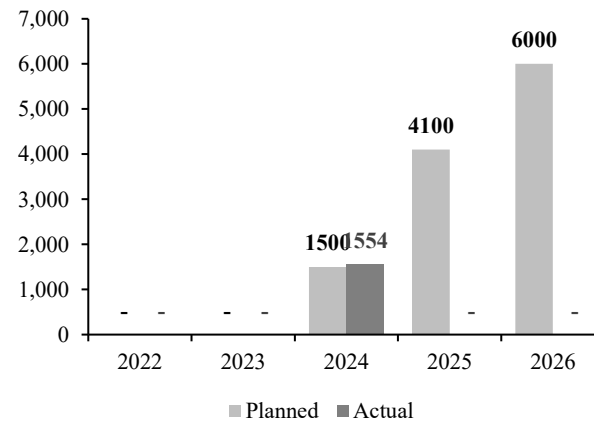
Performance Measure: number of countries adopting a context-specific response to urban migration and displacement (cumulative)



Result 2: Sustainable integration of displaced communities in urban areas in Somalia



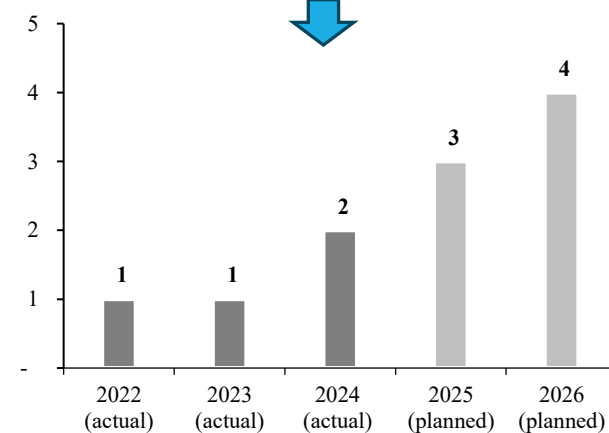
Performance Measure: number of land title deeds and tenure security documents issued in Somalia in support of integrating displaced communities (cumulative)



Result 3: Integrated and participatory urban planning and inclusive development



Performance Measure: number of settlements with displaced populations adopting integrated, participatory urban planning and inclusive development approaches (cumulative)



Thank you!

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