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Urban Crisis Prevention and Response

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Institutional approach and normative works

Inter-Agency Standing Committee Member

- **Humanitarian reset:** contributing to the reset by the Emergency Relief Coordinator
- **Objective of Reset:** realign the system with resources, focusing on acute live saving through localized integrated responses.
- **UN-Habitats value add** recalibrate its role via **settlement-based approaches** and **rapid urban profiling** to support area-based coordination.

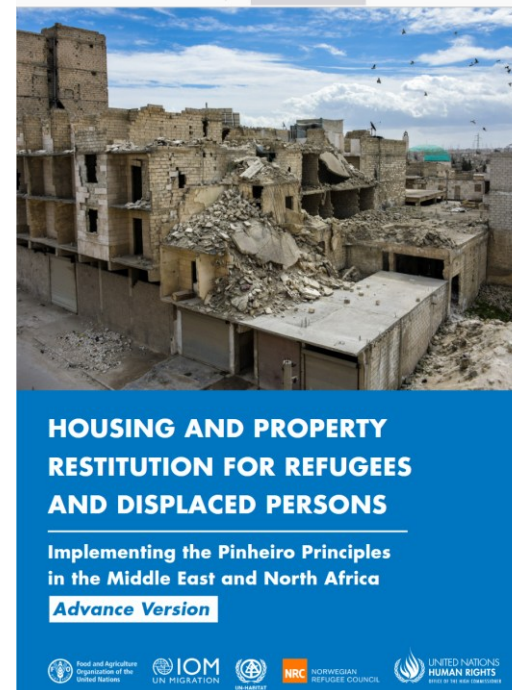
Cluster Revision

- HLP, Shelter and CCCM cluster are merged
- UN-Habitat is actively shaping the new structure, proposing to add value on knowledge, and solutions.

Normative product

Mark of 20 years Pinheiro Principles

- UN-Habitat, with OHCHR, FAO, IOM and NRC, launched the *Housing and Property Restitution Handbook for Refugees and Displaced Persons in MENA*

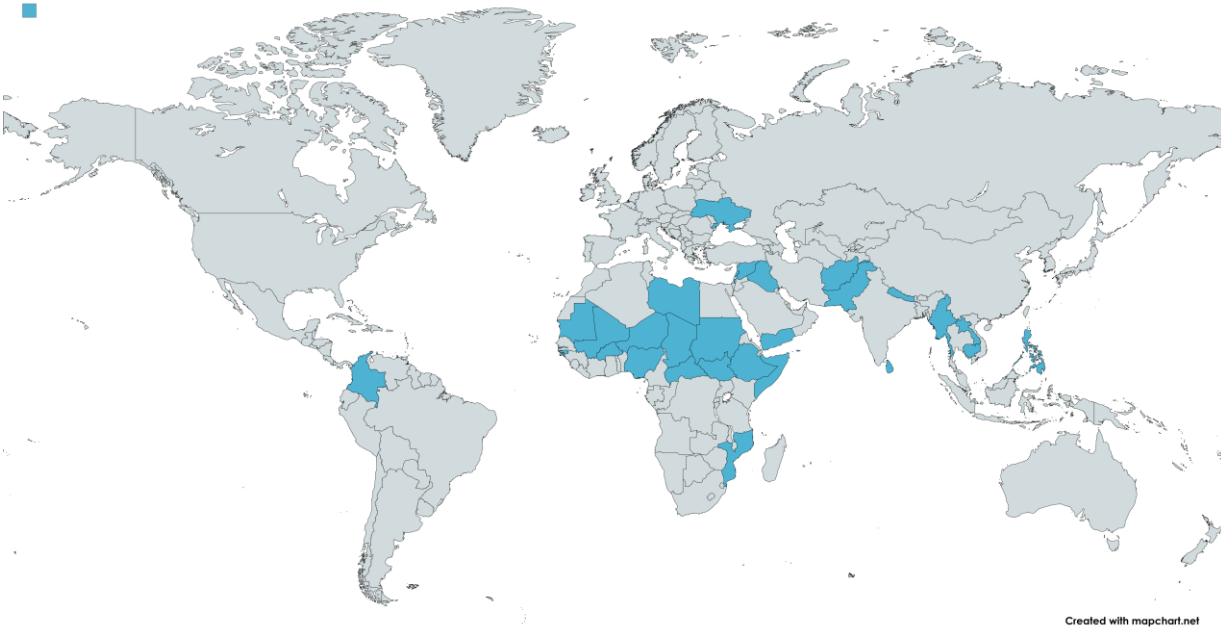


Global: Positioning on Urban Displacement

Driving system-wide recognition of urban displacement realities

- **High-Level Panel, UN-Habitat Assembly:** Launch of the World Bank–UNHCR–UN-Habitat collaboration on transforming refugee camps and IDP sites into sustainable human settlements
- **IGAD Stocktaking in Addis Ababa:** With UNHCR, convened six member states to review progress on the Human Settlements Pledge and set regional priorities on urban displacement.
- **Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week:** Led a high-level session on applying the settlement approach in humanitarian contexts.
- **Solutions Hub:** Positioned UN-Habitat on housing and settlement approaches in the Global Solutions Working Group.
- **Thematic Report on Urban (Re)integration of IDPs (Special Rapporteur on Human Rights of IDPs):** UN-Habitat provided technical expertise and mobilized knowledge from IIED, JIPS, and UCLG

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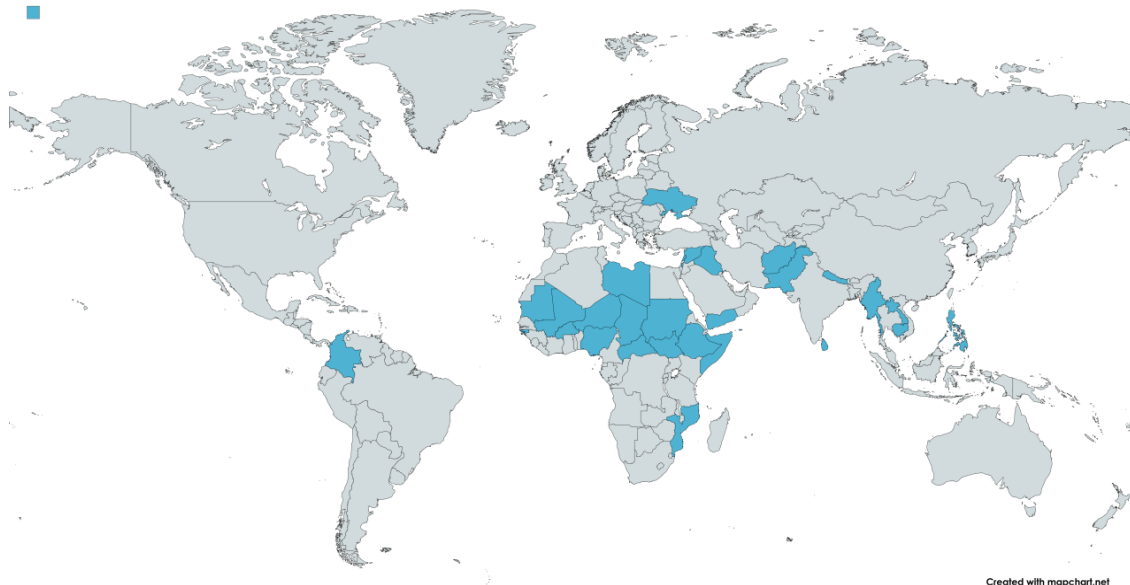
Natural disaster = **20%**, 5 countries (**Lao PDR, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka**)

Conflict= **40%**, 10 countries (**Burkina Faso, Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen**)

Complex emergencies **40%**, 10 countries (**Afghanistan, Chad, Ethiopia, Iraq, Lebanon, Mozambique, Myanmar, State of Palestine, Somalia, Syria**)

Forced displacement = **76%**

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Between January – July 2025, UN-Habitat engaged in active urban crisis responses in **25 countries**.

Activities in key countries

Sustainable Human Settlements Approach (Ethiopia, Chad, South Sudan, Mauritania): Spatial and settlement planning for displaced and host communities, improving land use and governance, advancing durable solutions, and strengthening capacities of local authorities.

Afghanistan: Supported community-driven projects on shelter, HLP, services, and climate-resilient infrastructure in high-return areas.

Iraq: Supporting land legislative reform and e-cadastre, with legal assistance on land and property claims for IDPs and returnee.

Mozambique: Land and settlement management in displacement.

Syria: Supporting urban recovery through damage assessments, city profiling, recovery planning, HLP, and housing rehabilitation.

Ukraine: Working on urban recovery, including support to the National Housing Strategy and Urban Development Code.

Myanmar: Earthquake response – damage assessments, emergency WASH, and shelter.

Nepal: Early recovery in five earthquake-affected municipalities through community infrastructure.

Philippines: Resilient housing & livelihoods for Sama Bajau displaced by Typhoon Ra

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



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