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Invest in the future of cities

As UN-Habitat marks its 50th anniversary in 2027, contributions from Member States can help advance a future where everyone, everywhere has access to adequate housing and the benefits of sustainable urbanization.



UN-Habitat is the United Nations entity working for sustainable urbanization. With programmes in over 90 countries, we support policymakers and communities to create socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns. We promote transformative change through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action.

One mandate. **Four ways to contribute.**

Member States can support UN-Habitat in four complementary ways – from flexible core funding to targeted policy support, country-level projects and specialized personnel.



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WHAT YOU GIVE



Annual contributions by responding to the Executive Director's annual appeal for contributions to the Foundation Non-Earmarked Fund.



Multi-year commitments and predictable funding.

WHAT IT ALLOWS

Flexibility and predictability to coordinate UN-Habitat's operations, ensure continuity and stability and respond where needs are greatest, aligned with the Strategic Plan 2026–2029.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT WORK

Turning shared priorities into coordinated action

UN-Habitat's leadership sets organizational priorities, reviews progress and brings teams together to address implementation challenges. Core funding helps translate the direction agreed by Member States into coordinated action across headquarters, regional and country offices.

Supporting Member States' engagement and oversight

Behind each governing body meeting is a continuous process of preparing documents, supporting consultations, responding to delegations' requests and following up on decisions. Core funding helps maintain these services, enabling informed deliberations, sustained dialogue and effective oversight by Member States.

Enabling reliable and accountable delivery

From recruiting personnel and managing finances to maintaining digital systems and overseeing risk and compliance, core funding helps sustain the services on which programmes depend. These functions support responsible resource management and equip teams to deliver effectively.

With appreciation to our core funding partners since 2020: Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe.

02

Global Policy & Knowledge

Help shape the policies, standards and knowledge that guide sustainable urbanization.

WHAT YOU GIVE



Thematic (soft-earmarked) support to normative priorities and workstreams.



Targeted (earmarked) contributions aligned with the Strategic Plan 2026–2029.



Dedicated support to the Open-ended Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All.



Contributions to the UN-Habitat Assembly Trust Fund.

WHAT IT ALLOWS

Policies, standards, methodologies, knowledge and intergovernmental processes that help countries respond to urban challenges and advance sustainable development.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT WORK

Supporting the Strategic Plan 2026–2029

Flexible funding within agreed priorities helps UN-Habitat implement its strategic plan and respond to evolving needs, with a focus on housing and informal settlements. Reporting on results gives partners a clear account of what their contributions support.

With appreciation to China.

Advancing adequate housing for all

Support to the implementation of United Nations Habitat Assembly resolution 2/7, including the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All and the Housing Knowledge Platform, enables Member States to develop global housing recommendations for the United Nations Habitat Assembly in 2029, while providing evidence and tools to inform housing policies.

With appreciation to Germany, France, Azerbaijan and Canada.

Enabling inclusive global policy dialogues and decision-making

Contributions to the United Nations Habitat Assembly Trust Fund support inclusive and meaningful participation in UN-Habitat's intergovernmental processes, particularly by Least Developed Countries. Bringing diverse national perspectives into deliberations is essential to effective decisions and strengthens Member States' shared ownership of UN-Habitat's work.

With appreciation to Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Kenya, Kuwait, the League of Arab States, Malaysia, Nigeria and Poland.

Bringing urban priorities to a global audience

By hosting global observances of UN International Days, particularly World Habitat Day, World Cities Day and World Cleanup Day, countries and cities bring urban priorities into public and policy debate, share solutions and inspire collective action.

With appreciation to host cities and countries of the global observances, 2020–2026:

- *World Habitat Day: Surabaya, Indonesia; Yaoundé, Cameroon; Balıkesir, Türkiye; Baku, Azerbaijan; Querétaro, Mexico; Nairobi, Kenya; Muscat, Oman.*
- *World Cities Day: Nakuru, Kenya; Luxor, Egypt; Shanghai, China; Üsküdar (Istanbul), Türkiye; Bogotá, Colombia.*
- *World Cleanup Day: Shaoxing, Zhejiang, China.*

Discover practical solutions, tools and approaches developed to help cities and communities address urban challenges and advance sustainable urbanization in UN-Habitat's **Catalogue of Solutions.**

03

Solutions on the Ground

Turn global commitments into tangible results.

WHAT YOU GIVE



Support country programmes or thematic portfolios through soft-earmarked funding.



Fund specific projects through earmarked contributions.



Partner with national and local governments through domestic cooperation initiatives.

WHAT IT ALLOWS

Practical solutions in housing, informal settlements, land governance, urban planning, climate resilience, municipal finance and crisis recovery.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT WORK

The project **"Harmonizing Afghan Refugees and Host Communities in Urban Slums in Pakistan for Peaceful Coexistence and Social, Gender-positive Inclusiveness"** promotes peaceful coexistence and social and gender inclusion among Afghan refugees and host communities in urban informal settlements.

Supported by to the Netherlands (approximately USD 21 million)

The project **"Improved Resilience to Transboundary Sand and Dust Storms in Kuwait and Iraq"** restores ecosystems in southern Iraq and strengthens capacities to reduce the causes and impacts of transboundary sand and dust storms.

Supported by Kuwait (approximately USD 13 million)

The project **"Improvement of Living Environment for Vulnerable People in Urban Areas in Afghanistan Rehabilitating"** rehabilitates essential infrastructure and strengthens livelihoods in Kabul and Herat to improve access to basic services and build disaster resilience.

Supported by Japan (approximately USD 7.8 million)

The project **"Preparation of Ten Regional Development Spatial Plans in Ethiopia"** supports the regions to guide land use, infrastructure and investment towards more balanced and sustainable urban and rural development.

Supported by Ethiopia (approximately USD 7.4 million, with financing originating from the World Bank)

With appreciation to all funding partners whose contributions mak UN-Habitat's work on the ground possible. Learn more about our funding partners at unhabitat.org.

04

People & Expertise

Strengthen UN-Habitat through talent and specialized expertise

WHAT YOU GIVE

Sponsor Junior Professional Officer (JPO) positions at UN-Habitat through the UN Junior Professional Officer Programme.

Sponsor United Nations Volunteer (UNV) positions at UN-Habitat through the UNV programme.

Second gratis personnel and technical experts to support specialized areas of work.

WHAT IT ALLOWS

Specialized expertise and additional capacity across UN-Habitat's policy, normative and operational work, and a pipeline of talent for UN-Habitat and the wider UN system. The skills and experience gained can also benefit the participants' countries of origin.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT WORK

Supporting strategic leadership and coordination

A JPO serving as Special Assistant to UN-Habitat's Chief of Staff supports implementation of UN-Habitat's strategic plan through advisory assistance and coordination across the organization. The role helps connect leadership priorities with the day-to-day work of teams.

Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals locally

A JPO sponsored through a funding country's programme for developing partner countries serves as technical lead of UN-Habitat's SDG Cities Flagship Initiative. The role brings together UN-Habitat's urban development services under a shared framework guided by the SDGs, helping cities translate global goals into measurable and inclusive results on the ground.

Translating regional priorities into programmes

A JPO in the Regional Office for Arab States supports crisis recovery, project development and resource mobilization across country offices. Through proposal preparation, partner engagement and programme coordination, the role helps translate regional priorities into practical programmes and supports teams working towards implementation.

With appreciation to our JPO funding partners since 2020: China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea.



Together, we can build a better urban future for all.

Every contribution strengthens UN-Habitat's ability to advance adequate housing and sustainable urbanization and support implementation of the Strategic Plan 2026–2029.

Join us in shaping a more sustainable urban future. To explore the contribution option that best fits your priorities: unhabitat-donorrelations@un.org

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