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Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including updates on the country programmes in Lao PDR and Kenya, on Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA) and on urban crisis prevention and response initiatives

AdHoc Working Group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative Matters
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Updates on the Lao PDR Country Programme





Urban Context

- 40% urban population (2025)
- one of the fastest urbanizing rate
- emerging urban centers



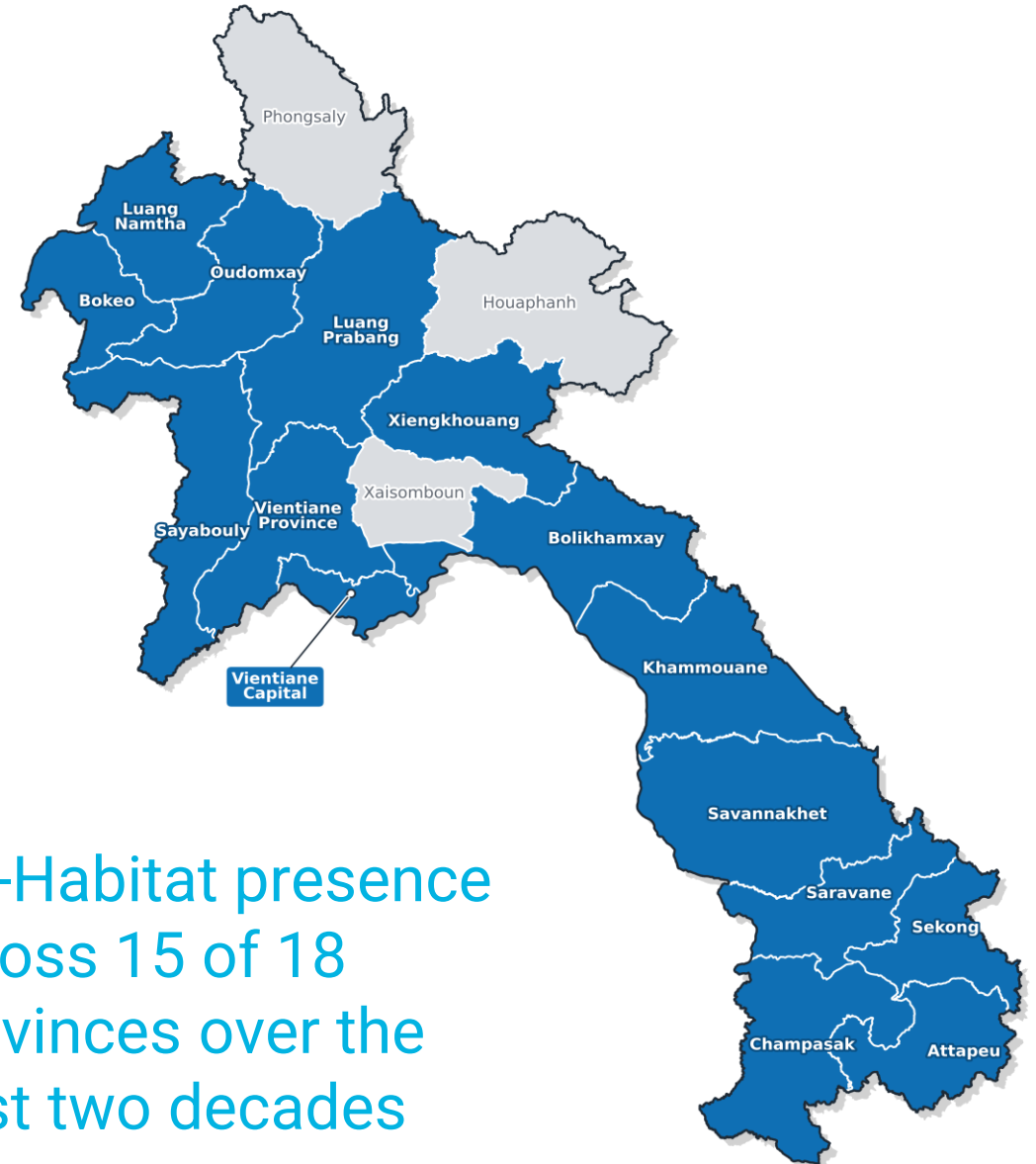
Key Challenges

- Climate hazards
- Infrastructure pressure
- Capacity gaps



Strategic Alignment

- NSEDP
- 2030 Agenda
- UNSDCF
- SP
- NUA



UN-Habitat presence
across 15 of 18
provinces over the
past two decades

Four Mutually Reinforcing Strategic Pillars:



PEOPLE'S WELLBEING

- Housing & Public Space Interventions
- Climate-resilient WASH
- Safe Public Infrastructure



GOVERNANCE AND RULE OF LAW

- Evidence-Based Urban Governance
- Urban Data Systems & SDG Monitoring
- Institutional Capacity & Knowledge Tools



INCLUSIVE PROSPERITY

- Participatory Urban Planning
- Public Spaces & Accessibility
- SDG 11 Localization & Spatial Strategies

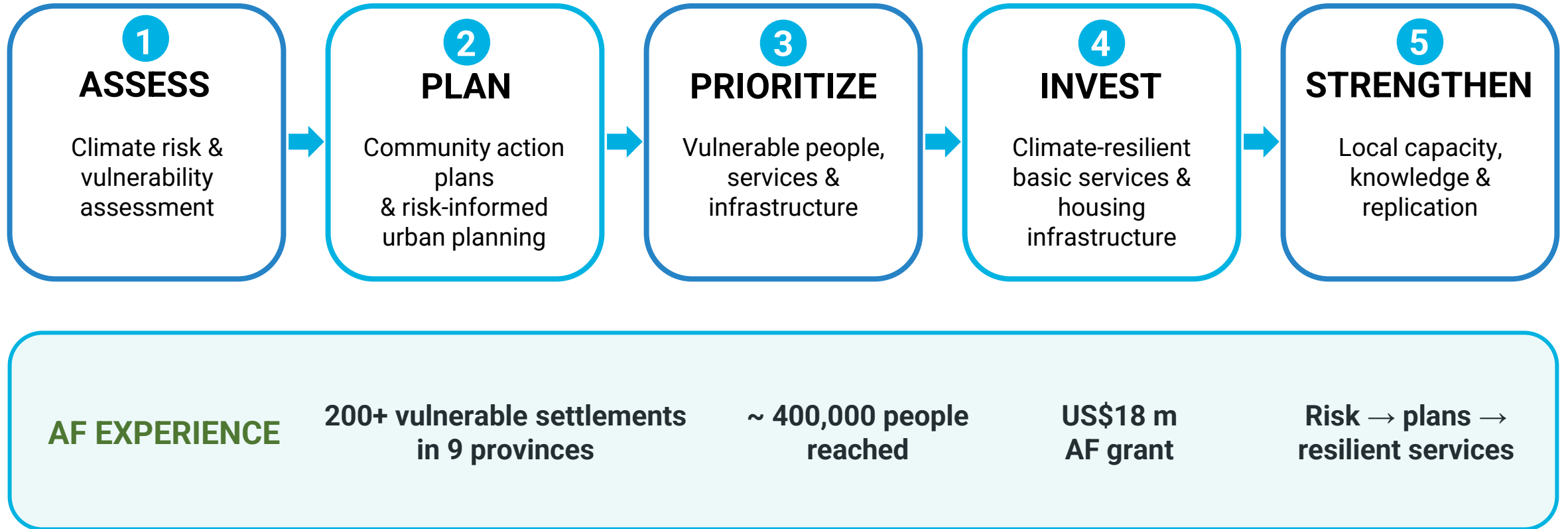


ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND RESILIENCE

- Climate Risk & Vulnerability Assessment + Disaster Risk Reduction
- Ecosystem-based Adaptation + Climate-Resilient Food Systems
- Climate Finance + Resilience-focused Sub-national Planning

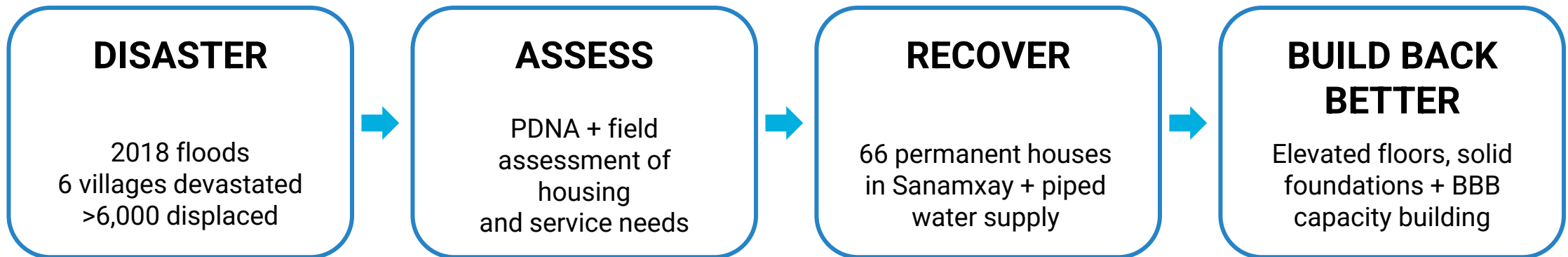


Three Adaptation Fund-supported projects in Lao PDR: an integrated resilience cycle



Source: UN-Habitat / Adaptation Fund project documentation (three Lao PDR projects).

Government of Japan-funded post-2018 flood recovery in Sanamxay, Attapeu – linked to the wider resilience pathway



Three complementary pathways – one integrated country-programme logic



Sources: UN-Habitat project documentation; Japan-funded recovery (2019–2021); World Bank-supported HSI / multi-hazard health-facility assessment.

HOUSEHOLDS & SETTLEMENTS • BASIC SERVICES • CRITICAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

A common resilience logic: assess risk → plan and prioritize → invest → strengthen systems and capacities



One UN-Habitat in Action

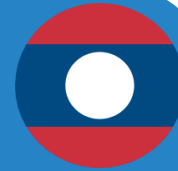
From Global Knowledge to Local Action — and Back



01

GLOBAL NORMATIVE EXPERTISE

Global frameworks,
methodologies and standards



02

LAO PDR OPERATIONS

Locally adapted solutions, demonstration
projects and capacity development



03

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

National policy dialogue, regional
learning and global cooperation

Normative and Operational Activities Mutually Reinforce Sustainable Urban Development

01

Normative & Operational Integration



- **Triple-entry approach:**
Policy, technical assistance & pilots
- **Core output:**
Inclusive & resilient urban services
- **Scope:**
Across the rural-urban continuum

02

Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships



- **Ownership:**
National ownership & cross-sectoral coordination
- **Partners:**
Governments, UN, academia & Civil Society Organizations
- **Mobilization:**
Expertise, finance & innovation

03

Data & Community Participation



- **Foundation:**
Robust, disaggregated data
- **Evidence:**
Pilot initiatives for policy
- **Sustainability**
Institutionalizing community participation

04

Future Outlook & Global Knowledge



- **National agenda:**
10th NSEDP (2026–2030)
- **Global goals:**
New Urban Agenda & SDGs
- **Legacy:**
20+ years of country presence



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