Every year UN-Habitat and partners organize a month of activities, events and discussions around urban sustainability. In October this year’s Urban October focuses on the climate crisis—also the focus of UN-Habitat’s current campaign AdaptationIsClimateAction. The month begins with World Habitat Day on 5 October with the theme: Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world. The hybrid Global Observance will take place in Nairobi, Cameroon; reinstall here to be part of the action and ask questions or watch on livestream.

Urban October draws to a close with World Cities Day on 31 October 2021 focused on Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience with the Global Observance located in Luanda, Angola. Look out for registration and livestreaming details here.

Everyone interested in sustainable urbanization from national and local governments to universities, NGOs and communities is encouraged to hold or participate in virtual or physical activities, events and discussions during the month. Post your 2021 Urban October event on UrbanOctober or for World Cities Day on urbanhabitat-wcd.org and keep checking UrbanOctober (Urban October).

UN-Habitat Committee of Permanent Representatives Reviews implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2023

The Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to UN-Habitat held its first open-ended high-level midterm review since the new Governance Structure for the period 2020–2023, the Quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum and on the Strategic Plan 2020–2023.

For more information see here.

Winners announced for UN-Habitat’s prestigious Scroll of Honour

We warmly congratulate the five winners of this year’s Scroll of Honour who will be presented with their awards during the Global Observance of World Habitat Day in Yaoundé. They are;

1. New Urban Communities Authority (NUCA), Egypt
2. Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO), Kenya
3. Baqêl City, China
4. Let’s do it World Urban Network, Estonia
5. Ciudad Emergente (CIE), Chile

For more information see here.

A year after the Beirut Port explosion

The devastating Beirut explosion on 4 August last year created significant immediate humanitarian needs and severe long-term consequences. One year later, Lebanon’s capital city continues to struggle to pick up the pieces. According to a recent UN-Habitat assessment of 175 buildings with in two kilometres of the explosion’s epicentre, 130 have either been completely or partially rehabilitated, 30 have been propped up with scaffolding and 25 have not been rehabilitated at all.

The country continues to suffer a severe financial and economic crisis along with a political stalemate. Some of the immediate needs seen directly after the explosion remain. Access to safe and affordable housing has become even more scarce.

UN-Habitat is refocusing its efforts on larger scale interventions on housing rehabilitation and urban recovery. One example with funding from Japan involves the restoration of 11 severely damaged multi-storey residential buildings in the heart of Beirut, including critical municipal infrastructure services in Burj Hammoud. This project will reach around 7,165 individuals directly and 13,000 indirectly. Together with the United Nations family, UN-Habitat continues to contribute to improving living conditions for thousands of people who were directly affected by the explosion and still face hardships.

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The Abu Dhabi declared actions: One year of implementation

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UN-Habitat’s report, The Abu Dhabi Declared Actions: One year of implementation, highlights 24 of these actions.
UN-Habitat launches open sustainable urban mobility classroom to support cities to plan for low carbon, inclusive mobility systems

In a world where transport is responsible of a quarter of energy-related CO₂ emissions, road-related accidents cause more than 1.35 million fatalities annually, and outdoor air pollution results in 3.2 million premature deaths each year worldwide, there is a pressing need for a shift to sustainable mobility. To find solutions to these challenges, UN-Habitat, together with COP26 in Glasgow, has launched AoSUM, a virtual online classroom that will mainstream girls’ participation as a part of their long-term strategies to build sustainable cities and societies.

Her City Toolbox

Her City Toolbox is the digital next step in the #HerCity Movement initiative. The Toolbox gathered global best practices in participatory urban planning and designed and created collaboration platforms for urban actors that focus on development from girls’ and young women’s needs and perspectives in urban development. In order to mainstream and share the result globally, the Toolbox was developed with experts and stakeholders in urban development.

Innovate4Cities 2021 Conference

Innovate4Cities is an annual expert workshop for urban mobility decision makers who come together to exchange best practices and create a platform for innovative urban mobility paradigms for their cities. Participants in the online classroom can apply for selection and participation to the AoSUM. For further information, please visit the classroom, or contact Stefanie Holzwarth of UN-Habitat’s Urban Mobility team on stefanie.holzwarth@un.org.
Child-friendly open public spaces in Sharjah, UAE

“Our role is to ensure that children are given opportunities to achieve their dreams and aspirations, and to have a say in changing not only the future, but their present reality as well,” Dr. Inessa Khalfan Al Ghazal from Sharjah Child Friendly Office.

The Emirate of Sharjah is committed to providing safe, vibrant, inclusive, and resilient open public spaces that are child-friendly. Sharjah Child Friendly Office (SCFO) and Sharjah Urban Planning Council (SUPC) commissioned the child-friendly Urban Planning Project with support from UN-Habitat and UNICEF. The objective of collaboration was to evaluate the state of public open spaces and the impacts on the usability and user experience and propose strategic recommendations. In order to improve safety and security, accessibility, and inclusivity in public spaces for children. At the neighbourhood level, a park was identified by the local government for upgrading. A participatory design and community engagement workshop using the Block-by-Block methodology was conducted to get children’s ideas on the design of the park. More than 100 children were involved in participatory workshops, including children with special needs. This was scaled up to the city level where a City-wide Public Space Assessment tool was utilized. Over 40 volunteers were trained on the use of the tool and supported in collecting data for 80 open public spaces. The assessment focused on understanding the quantity, distribution and quality of public spaces. These activities informed the development of the Sharjah Child Friendly Open Public Spaces Guidelines which are intended to act as a starting point for the design and development of child-friendly and family-friendly open public spaces in the Emirate.

Cities in Palestine are making effort towards safe and inclusive public spaces

Palestinian communities lack safe and inclusive public spaces. The lack of proper planning and investment in public space has negatively impacted quality of life, especially the most marginalized and vulnerable. In 2014, UN-Habitat surveyed hundreds of spaces in East Jerusalem, Area C and Gaza Strip and selected six spaces for upgrading together with the communities. UN-Habitat worked with the local authorities, local organizations and communities in the co-design, co-execution, and management of these spaces. Using innovative participatory approaches, such as the Block-by-Block methodology, the project allowed communities to lead local interventions in their own neighbourhoods and shared spaces. The public spaces that were upgraded are now accessible and enjoyed by 53,000 community members. In Ramallah, UN-Habitat and partner have launched a project to create a social gathering space in the neighbourhood. The social space allows for small-scale planting by women to resemble familiar arches that mirror the existing facade of an old house at the site.

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Localizing SDGs through urban planning and mobility projects in Lagos, Nigeria

Lagos is Nigeria’s largest city and main economic hub but rapid expansion has brought several challenges, such as inadequate infrastructure, traffic congestion, and a high proportion of the population living in slums. The UK Government-funded Global Future Cities Programme promotes sustainable development and increased prosperity in Lagos, among 18 other cities across 10 countries. UN-Habitat is a strategic and capacity building partner of the Programme. Two projects are being developed in Lagos, with technical assistance of delivery partner Adam Smith International. The first project provides guidelines for urban renewal and slum upgrading, benefiting communities living in slums through provision of adequate housing and infrastructure. The other intervention will foster and improve water transport within Lagos’ integrated urban transport system, promoting inclusive and sustainable mobility for all. As highlighted by Famuyiwa Ibrahim, the Head of Operations at Lagos State Waterways Authority, “we are better positioned than we were a year ago and the local communities currently expect more engagements and possible investments to improve accessibility and mobility.”

In both projects, UN-Habitat is applying the SDG Project Assessment Tool, an instrument that guides city authorities and delivery partners to develop more inclusive, sustainable and effective urban projects aligned to the Agenda 2030. For example, in Lagos the tool has encouraged mainstreaming social inclusion: since the beginning, several stakeholder engagement forums have been established to address the needs of affected communities and disadvantaged groups throughout different project stages.

Residents of an informal settlement in northern Ghana receive support to tackle COVID-19

Samaria Abdullah’s 70-year old mother of six believes that installing a water tank in her Shichegu neighbourhood has contributed immensely to improving the health of women in her community. “Before this water tank was built here, we used to walk long distance in search of water. The tree and the heavy load of water left the women tired and sometimes brought with it health complications.”

Residents of Ward K community in northern Ghana now have access to two hand-washing stations and two water tanks to help their COVID-19 response. The WASH in Disaster-Prone Communities (DPC) initiative was implemented in five zones in northern Ghana. About 230,000 people now have access to resilient and flood-proof water supply infrastructure following the three-year joint United Nations project led by UN-Habitat, to cover more than 85 per cent of the urban population.

In Kenya, the programme is supporting the Turkana County Government in the shift towards the integration of communities using long-term solutions. The programme has brought several challenges, such as inadequate infrastructure, road congestion, and a high proportion of the population living in slums. The programme extends over a period of ten years. UN-Habitat’s involvement has been ongoing since 2016 and includes the provision of capacity building, observation, and analysis. UN-Habitat is working with Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC) on circular resource recovery interventions under the Global Future Cities Programme (UN-Habitat) with the Office of the Resident Coordinator providing overall guidance and leadership for the project. Similar projects were undertaken in Accra Metropolitan Assembly, Ashaiman Municipal Assembly, Ahsbaka Municipal Committee, Mubende District and Makueni District through the UNDP-funded Urban Impact.

Planning sustainable and inclusive settlements for hosts and refugees in East Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa hosts more than a quarter of the world’s refugee population, with East African countries such as Kenya and Uganda hosting nearly 508,000 and 1.5 million refugees respectively. While both of these countries have experienced relatively stable political and economic environments, they remain some of the most resource-scarce countries in the world; with many refugees living in temporary camps for increasingly extended periods. UN-Habitat’s “Planning for Humanitarian Development Practice” programme has been using urban planning as a tool to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development responses. The programme aims to provide solutions to explore “Alternatives to Camps” and support the shift towards the integration of communities using long-term solutions. In Kenya, UN-Habitat worked with Turkana County Government and UNHCR in piloting an integrated settlement in Kakpeey, supporting refugees in Kakpeey and Dadaso Refugee Camp, and the development of an economics survey. Similar projects have been implemented according to the Kakpeey Advisory Development Plan. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, UN-Habitat has continued to carry out activities under this framework such as the organisation of a Regional workshop on economic development along the Turkana west corridor; an Assessment and survey for comfort planning. Semi-annual surveys for data analysis, the installation of thermography cameras, and publishing a journal with Refugees’ Forum for shelter design. A Settlement Profiling Tool was also published to guide field personnel in creating cross-sectoral profiles for displacement affected areas, on course: Kakpeey, Kakpeey and Dadaso in Kenya; Nkolombe in Uganda; Kebribiyah and Qofied in Ethiopia.
**Latin America and the Caribbean**

**BRAZIL**

UN-Habitat launches award-winning documentary produced by young people in informal settlements

“…”in your hand and an idea in your head...” The phrase by Brazilian filmmaker Gabriel Rocha summarises the essence of the documentary, “Visão das Grotas” (“A View from the Grotas”). The film was produced by new young residents of “grotas,” informal settlements located in narrow ravines in the capital of Brasilia, Brazil. The video portrays a local perspective of COVID-19’s impact on their communities. Producing the documentary was a central aspect of the local Emergency Project, funded by UN-Habitat’s Emergency Fund for COVID-19 Scale-up Activities and implemented in partnership with the Brasilia State Government. For two months, remote communication workshops empowered participants to capture testimonies on the pandemic, while presenting their perspectives for a better urban future after COVID-19. “A View from the Grotas” won two awards in the Brazilian Film Festival Mostra Sururu. Best Performance and the Popular Jury Prize. The achievement not only amplified the voices of the region’s residents, but also generated an empowerment of their own capacities.

The Emergency Project is part of a larger initiative led by UN-Habitat Brazil in partnership with the Alagoas Government to promote sustainable urban development. Since 2017, they have worked together to gather data and information on the most vulnerable territories in the state capital, contributing to the development of evidence-based public policies. Watch the film [here](#).

**COLOMBIA**

Colombia considers UN-Habitat programme to mitigate refugee crisis

Over the past seven years, more than five million Venezuelan families have fled their homeland. Many believed the migration would be a temporary but Colombia, Peru and Ecuador are stillhosting large numbers of migrants. City and national officials in these countries are looking at the impact on services such as housing, water, and transportation needs. Several local and national Latin American leaders are holding talks with UN-Habitat about using the Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity programme, which brings together the refugee agency UNHCR, the International Organization for Migration, and UN-Habitat supported by the European Union. The programme comes with the Urban Inclusion Markers, a UN-Habitat trademark toolkit used by many cities across Latin America. The Urban Inclusion Markers include more than 30 spatial and socio-economic indicators addressing five main dimensions key to achieving inclusive urban prosperity, housing and basic services, health and wellbeing, public space, safety and recreation, education, diversity and culture; and employment and economic opportunities. “The Markers can become a benchmark for accountability by local governments, in order to show the transparency and efficiency of the polices implemented,” said Roj Chi, UN-Habitat’s coordinator for the Andean Countries and Director of the Inclusive Cities Project.

**MEXICO**

Mexican city puts “Placemaking” at the heart of post-pandemic recovery

Officials in the northern Mexican city of San Nicasio de los Garza believe that a series of short-term, low-cost, and agile initiatives will create friendly and safe public spaces for people and cyclists, improving pedestrian infrastructure. The “Placemaking Plan 2020-2022” project is supported by UN-Habitat and the city of San Nicasio de los Garza (hence SNHG) and the technical assistance of the Placemaking Foundation. The project proposes new ways of managing, designing, and inhabiting the public space through their revitalization. The project will promote green and environmental culture, thus contributing towards urban sustainability and climate change improvement. The project phases, carried out with the participation of volunteers, neighbours, women, children, local police, and students, will be monitored to determine the feasibility of expanding them permanently to 16 more points in the city. The Vision 2020-2022 was recognized earlier this year as a global best practice project of the 2030 Agenda by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA).
## Financial Update

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### Highest earmarked Contributions Grants to UN-Habitat | January - August 2021 in USD millions

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### New Projects reviewed by the Program Review Committee (January - August 2021)

Several new projects (67) with a total value of USD 242,773,655 were approved (many of them not fully funded) covering all regions between January and August 2021 contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2023, the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimensions of the SDGs. A breakdown of the distribution of projects and their dollar value is outlined below. The new projects are planned for implementation in several years, some going beyond the period of the current Strategic Plan. The budgets are therefore distributed accordingly.

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Impact a table featuring a snapshot of highlights in support of the Strategic Plan from January to August 2021.

The Strategic Plan 2020-2023, which was approved by the United Nations Habitat Assembly in 2019, is in its second year of implementation. In order to achieve the goal of sustainable development, the Plan is supported by a number of regional, national and local initiatives. The Plan aims to 

Update on Results Framework and Reporting

The project’s progress report includes a snapshot of results achieved to date, as well as the impact of the Plan on communities and cities. The project’s progress report also includes a summary of the ways in which the Plan is being implemented, as well as the challenges and opportunities encountered. The project’s progress report will be used to identify areas for improvement and to support the development of future plans.

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### Outcomes and Partnerships

#### Result 1.1: Improved access to basic services, infrastructure and public space
- **Objective**: Increased and secure access to basic services, infrastructure and public space.
- **Focus areas**: Development and innovations for urban development, particularly in areas where eco-tourism has the potential to sustain such interventions.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Holcim Philippines, Swiss cooperation Tunisie Terre d’Asile, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Impact**: Increased security and access to basic services, infrastructure and public space, particularly in areas where eco-tourism has the potential to sustain such interventions.

#### Result 1.2: Improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets:
- **Objective**: Improved living standards and urban environment.
- **Focus areas**: Increased greening, protection of ecological assets.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Impact**: Improved living standards and urban environment.

#### Result 2.1: Effective crisis response and returnees through ventilation of shelter and socio-economic programmes for refugees, internally displaced families.
- **Objective**: Effective crisis response and returnees through ventilation of shelter and socio-economic programmes for refugees, internally displaced families.
- **Focus areas**: Protection of migrants, internal displacement and climate change.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, UNHCR, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Impact**: Effective crisis response and returnees through ventilation of shelter and socio-economic programmes for refugees, internally displaced families.

#### Result 2.2: Effective urban crisis prevention and response
- **Objective**: Improved living standards and urban environment.
- **Focus areas**: Effective crisis response and returnees through ventilation of shelter and socio-economic programmes for refugees, internally displaced families.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, UNHCR, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Impact**: Effective urban crisis prevention and response.

#### Result 3.1: Adaptation to climate change and urban development
- **Objective**: Adaptation to climate change and urban development.
- **Focus areas**: Adaptation and inclusive urban development.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Impact**: Adaptation to climate change and urban development.

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- **Objective**: Improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets.
- **Focus areas**: Improved living standards and urban environment.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Impact**: Improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets.

#### Result 4.1: Effective crisis response and returnees through ventilation of shelter and socio-economic programmes for refugees, internally displaced families.
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- **Focus areas**: Protection of migrants, internal displacement and climate change.
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- **Objective**: Improved living standards and urban environment.
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- **Impact**: Improved living standards and urban environment.

#### Result 4.3: Adaptation to climate change and urban development
- **Objective**: Adaptation to climate change and urban development.
- **Focus areas**: Adaptation and inclusive urban development.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Impact**: Adaptation to climate change and urban development.

### Impact Evaluation

#### Result 1.3
- **Facility**: Improved access to basic services, infrastructure and public space.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Holcim Philippines, Swiss cooperation Tunisie Terre d’Asile, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Evaluation**: Increased security and access to basic services, infrastructure and public space, particularly in areas where eco-tourism has the potential to sustain such interventions.

#### Result 2.3
- **Facility**: Improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Evaluation**: Improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets.

#### Result 3.3
- **Facility**: Adaptation to climate change and urban development.
- **Partners**: Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Ministry of Environment and Social Housing Finance Corporation, SHFC.
- **Evaluation**: Adaptation to climate change and urban development.

### Additional Information

- **Incorporating the Inclusive Cities, programme to mitigate refugee crisis and economic surveys for data analysis in Kenya’s Turkana County, as well as conducting socio-economic surveys for data analysis in Ethiopia’s Qoloji and Nakivale areas, so far covering 150,000 individuals in displacement affected areas.**
- **Publishing a programme in the East Africa Development Practice.**
- **MC2CM comprises a network of 22 participating cities.**
- **In April 2021, the Emergency Project awarded $200 million to help ensure peace and security.**
- **The documentary won two awards in the Brazilian Film Festival.**

### Conclusion

In summary, the project has achieved significant outcomes in improving access to basic services, infrastructure and public space, as well as adapting to climate change and protecting ecological assets. The project has also contributed to effective crisis response and returnees through ventilation of shelter and socio-economic programmes for refugees, internally displaced families. Furthermore, the project has improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets, enhancing the urban environment and promoting sustainable development.
Events

Upcoming

- **26 - 27 OCT** The 13th Asia Pacific City Summit
  Fukuoka, Japan
- **30 - 31 OCT** G20 Leaders’ Summit 2021
  Rome, Lazio, Italy
- **31 OCT** World Cities Day
- **31 OCT - 03 NOV** UNFCCC Conference of Parties (CoP 26)
  Glasgow, Scotland
- **15 - 16 NOV** The Second Session of the Executive Board Meeting 2021
  Virtual
- **29 NOV - 03 DEC** VII World Water Congress Daegu
  Republic of Korea

Resources

Recent publications

- Progress on Wastewater Treatment – 2021 Update
- The role of land in achieving adequate and affordable housing
- Climate Proofing Toolkit: For Basic Urban Infrastructure with a Focus on Water and Sanitation
- Environmental and Social Safeguards System Version 3 (ESSS 3.0)

More publications

- Guidelines for Developing and Implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) in Kosovo’s Cities – First Edition
- Innovation and digital technology to re-imagine Participatory Budgeting as a tool for building social resilience
- The How to Guide for Integrating Impact Evaluation into Programming
- Data Gathering for Somaliland Cities | Training manual
- Mapping Somali Cities | Training Manual

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