



*Climate action in cities and communities.*

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## PROTECT

### Protect cities and their ecosystems from the impacts of climate change.

- Decarbonize urban energy and transports
- Achieve low carbon infrastructures and buildings
- Support cities and communities to adapt to a changing climate
- Preserve ecosystems that make cities thrive

- We help countries and cities develop low carbon plans for integrated urban mobility, energy and waste management services in India, Kenya, Vietnam and Brazil.
- We develop concrete pilot projects for upscaling, such as electric rickshaws in Kochi (India), or pedestrian zones in Belo Horizonte (Brazil) and Nairobi (Kenya).
- We have supported over 50 cities globally to develop climate action plans, the starting point to invest in adaptation actions.
- We are engaged in the promotion of alternative durable building materials. We work through networks of professionals and develop practical guidance and tools.



## THRIVE

### Reap the benefits of ambitious climate action in cities and communities.

- Generate livelihoods from the new green economy in cities and communities
- Build climate resilience of the most vulnerable communities
- Plan and design integrated, connected and vibrant cities
- Ensure the health of urban communities in safer and cleaner cities

- We instill pro-poor climate action in local communities through the global Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme and in key projects in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Fiji, Jamaica, and the Solomon Islands.
- We promote people centered and driven solutions working closely with youth leaders who can help communities focus on the most marginalized young women, indigenous people and those living in the Global South.
- We have developed City Resilience Action Plans to facilitate resilience planning at the city level in Sub-Saharan Africa. For instance it helped support displaced communities after Cyclone Idai which severely impacted Mozambique in 2019. Those experiences are currently replicated in Caribbean Small Island Developing States.
- Our new flagship initiative Building the Climate Resilience of the Urban Poor aims to support 150 million vulnerable slum-dwellers to adapt to climate change through climate smart resilient spatial planning, infrastructure improvement and enhancing livelihoods. The initiative engages 14 partner organizations to work in 140 hotspots cities in 50 developing countries.



## RESTORE

**Restore ecosystems in cities to foster sustainable healthy urban areas where communities can thrive.**

- Bring back clean air
- Tackle urban waste
- Promote nature-based solutions using blue and green networks
- Build back better after climate disasters



- *More than 100 cities are engaged in our Waste Wise City campaign committed to assess their quantity and type of waste, improving waste collection, ensuring environmental safety, and implementing waste-to-energy schemes.*
- *We support countries after climate disasters such as in Mozambique after the 2019 hurricane to plan and rebuild infrastructures in targeted urban areas. Almost 1,100 classrooms were rehabilitated or re-built using a mix of conventional and local building materials by this project.*
- *We support city planning and design such as in Belmopan, Belize using green and blue network approaches.*
- *We support cities monitoring air pollution linking to the decarbonization of transports. We have helped African cities assess the effectiveness of pedestrianization and cycling on air quality.*

## MANAGE & FUND

**Support countries, cities and communities to plan and implement integrated and inclusive climate action.**

- Guide climate proof urban planning and design
- Promote constructive partnership between all levels and sectors towards ambitious climate action
- Mobilize climate funding to implement catalytic projects
- Build capacity of all stakeholders to confront climate change challenges



- *We help mobilize funds to support building resilience and adapting the most vulnerable communities. In partnership with the Adaptation Fund we have mobilized US\$ 45 Million for countries in Asia-Pacific and Africa (Lao, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Mongolia, South-eastern Africa), with additional projects close to finalization for a total of about US\$ 82 Million.*
- *Through the Urban-LEDS project, in partnership with ICLEI, we help countries make their fair contribution towards limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees, while preparing towns and cities for the impacts of 2,3 or even 4 degrees. We are supporting more than 60 cities in Bangladesh, Colombia, Lao PDR, Rwanda Brazil, India, Indonesia and South Africa.*
- *Through Planners for Climate Action (P4CA), Climate Action Studios can support planning departments to define adaptation needs, approaches and catalytic projects. The first Studio took place in Zanzibar, a small island at threat of the heavy impacts of climate change.*

**Climate action has become the game changer in virtually every country, city and community.**

There is no country that is not experiencing the drastic effects of climate change.  
There is no city or community that will ignore climate change any longer.  
Without climate action, they won't thrive.  
Without climate action, the development goals won't be achieved.



**We bring together all levels of climate action towards achieving common goals.**



**Promoting constructive partnership between all levels and sectors towards ambitious climate action is essential to effective plans, policies, strategies and implementation.**

**We help cities and communities develop low carbon and resilient services, buildings and infrastructures.**



**We promote climate-proof planning approaches, urban policies and implementation.**



**We address vulnerability and build climate resilience of the urban poor by embedding multiple climate change risks in urban strategies, policies and actions on the ground.**



**Join us to support cities and communities in our four domains of change:**



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



Enhanced shared prosperity for cities and regions



Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment



Effective urban crises prevention and response

**UN-Habitat promotes transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action to leave no one and no place behind.**