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UN-Habitat COVID-19 Response

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1 | Internal Emergency Protocols and Procedures

Crisis Management Group active since 13 March, chaired by Executive Director and co-chaired by Deputy Executive Director.

- Business Continuity
- Duty of Care and Security of Staff
- COVID-19 Programmatic Response

Emergency Director appointed working with Core Response Team, 4 workstreams

- Inter-agency and cross-regional coordination
- Direct response through programmes and partner networks for country-led responses
- Active learning in real time through local government and partner networks
- Data and improved urban monitoring for informed coordination, decision making, humanitarian funding

Focus on Results

- **COVID-19 Policy and Programmatic Framework** to guide corporate-level engagement
- **COVID-19 Results Framework** to measure, aggregate impact and institutional outcomes of all projects aligned with SDGs and SP2020-23



2 | System-wide Coordination and Outreach

HEALTH RESPONSE

- Coordination with WHO, collaboration public health guidance in urban settings (WASH, NCD)

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- Active participation in IASC mechanisms raising visibility of urban COVID threats and response priorities
- Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) country-level contributions, shaping global narrative on the impact of the pandemic in urban areas
- IASC Guidance on COVID in informal settlements and slums (with WHO, IFRC, UNICEF)
- CERF allocation provided for Lebanon work, informal tented settlements

SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESPONSE

- UN-Habitat contributed **A UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19** as co-lead on Pillar 5 “Social Cohesion and Community Resilience”
- Primary pen-holder for **Secretary-General’s Policy Brief on the impact of COVID-19 on cities** (with DESA, UNDP, UNEP, local govt)
- **Report on COVID-19 and African Cities:** Developed jointly by UN-Habitat, UCLG-Africa, UNECA, UNCDF

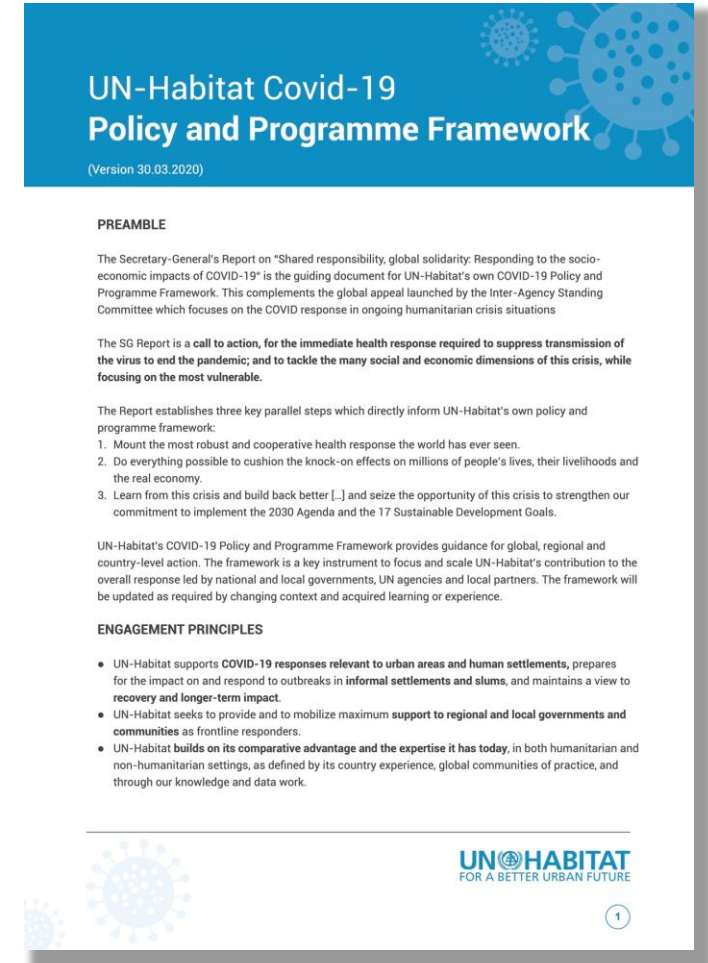


3 | UN-Habitat COVID-19 Policy and Programme Framework

- Provides guidance for global, regional and country-level action based on proven expertise and mandate
- Key instrument to focus and scale UN-Habitat's contribution to the overall response led by national and local governments, UN agencies and local partners.
- Updated as required by changing context and acquired learning or experience.

FOCUS AREAS

- 1. Support local governments and community driven solutions**
- 2. Profiling of urban contexts: data, mapping and knowledge**
- 3. Mitigate economic impact and initiate recovery**
- 4. Promoting active learning on policy measures and practices**



4 | Internal Emergency Fund for Immediate Response



- ✓ **Transforming the Programme and Policy Framework into action**
- ✓ **Quick impact projects to respond quickly to escalating needs for prevention and preparedness**
- ✓ **Focus on rapid and measurable results**
- ✓ **56 projects received internally, 13 funded**
- ✓ **Fast-track project review process established to align with framework, regional priorities**



4 | Internal Emergency Fund for Immediate Response

| Africa | Title of the project | Funding (USD) |
|-------------|--|---------------|
| Kenya | Hand Washing Stations in Mathare and Kibera | 100,000 |
| Kenya | Support to the Implementation of UN-Habitat's Action Plan in Kenya | 100,000 |
| Ghana | Emergency WASH in Ga Mashie as a Rapid Response to the spread of COVID-19 | 100,000 |
| Mozambique | UN-Habitat Building Back Better and Resilience Building Umbrella Programme | 50,000 |
| Guinea | Multi-stakeholder solidarity response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Conakry | 99,348 |
| Myanmar | Enhancing Community Resilience Against COVID-19 | 77,900 |
| Philippines | Responding to COVID-19 as We Rebuild Marawi Shelter and Livelihood | 100,000 |
| Fiji | COVID-19 Community awareness and preparedness in informal settlements in Fiji (CAPIS FIJI) | 65,647 |

| Africa | Title of the project | Funding (USD) |
|---------|---|---------------|
| Iraq | Rapid Response to COVID-19 in Iraq through Mobile Handwashing Trailers | 99,855 |
| Syria | Mitigation Measures in Syrian Cities for COVID-19 (MMiSC) | 210,000 |
| Lebanon | Equipping vulnerable urban populations including refugees and migrants with WaSH facilities to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 | 100,000 |
| Mexico | Support local governments in Mexico to prepare and implement a post recovery plan during and after the COVID-19 pandemics | 90,000 |
| Brazil | COVID-19: Monitoring and Evidence-Based Rapid Response in Informal Settlements of Maceió (Brazil) & Employing Knowledge Exchange with Rio De Janeiro and Other Lusophone African Cities | 100,000 |
| Bolivia | Food security to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in vulnerable neighbourhood of La Paz metropolitan area | 68,000 |
| | TOTAL | 1,360,750 |





FIJI



MYANMAR

Hand washing at a station supported by the project



KENYA



LEBANON



GHANA



PHILLIPINES

5 | Programming Workstreams and Actions

Active Real-Time Learning and Support to Front Line Responders

Live-learning online seminars with UCLG and Metropolis

- 12 thematic sessions, with global and municipal leaders around the world (200-300 each); second series starting now

Urban Thinkers Campus COVID-19 Webinar series

- 10 sessions (1150 participants) held in collaboration with partners

Participatory Slum Upgrading Project webinar series

- Series of webinars resulting in Guidelines for COVID response for Local Authorities
- Second series underway, focus on implementation

Numerous thematic webinars held by UN-Habitat with partners looking at e.g. informal settlements, WASH, rural-urban linkages, community resilience, private sector

All guidelines and policy statement from learning series consolidated in central repository, informing COVID-19 response work



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Guidance and Key Messages

- **Cities** and Covid-19
- **Informal Settlements** and Covid-19
- **Housing** and Covid-19
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in informal Settlements** and Covid-19
- **Urban Transport** and COVID-19
- **Gender** and COVID-19
- Technical guidance on **Spatial Planning** and COVID-19
- Technical brief on **WASH in urban slums and low-income areas** with UNICEF
- **Cash Transfer Guide** internal framework on cash transfer programming



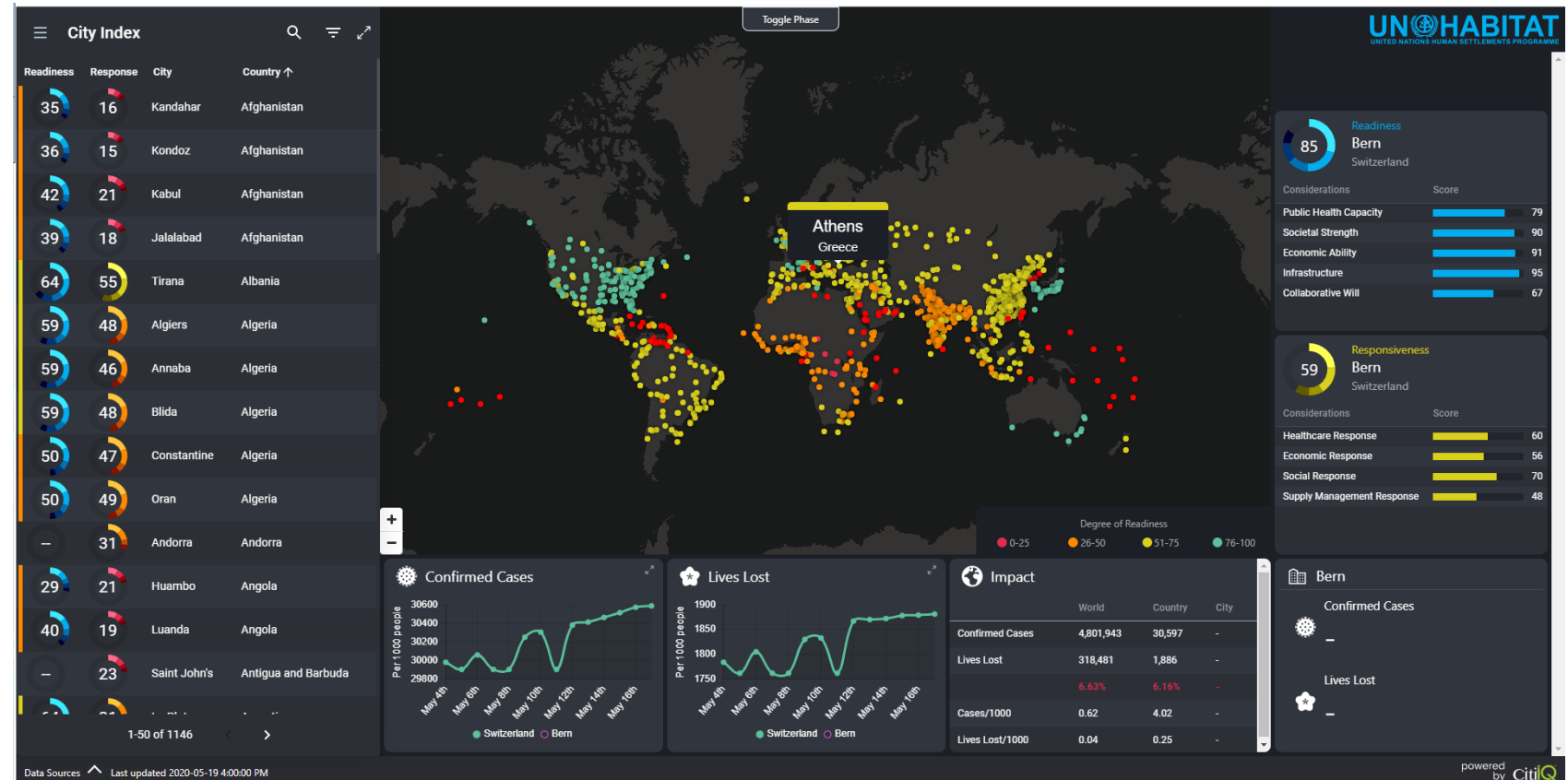
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Urban Data and Monitoring

COVID-19 city level readiness and response tracker in collaboration with CitilQ: Tracking platform, 900+ cities

<https://unhabitat.citiiq.com/>

Corporate data offer to support holistic provision of urban data in response to the COVID-19 crisis to be piloted in 7 countries.



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Communication and Advocacy



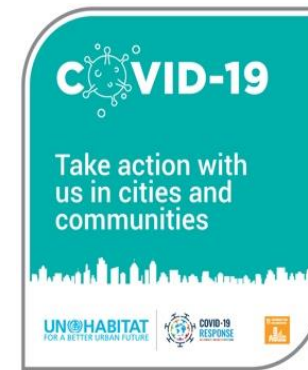
Multiple OpEds by Executive Director in international media

Website: more than 72,000 website views in June

Visibility to results achieved on the ground through stories and social media platforms

UN-Habitat Campaign launched mobilizing partners to #TakeAction4Cities

- Joining partner organizations: 78
- Joining individuals: 1 520



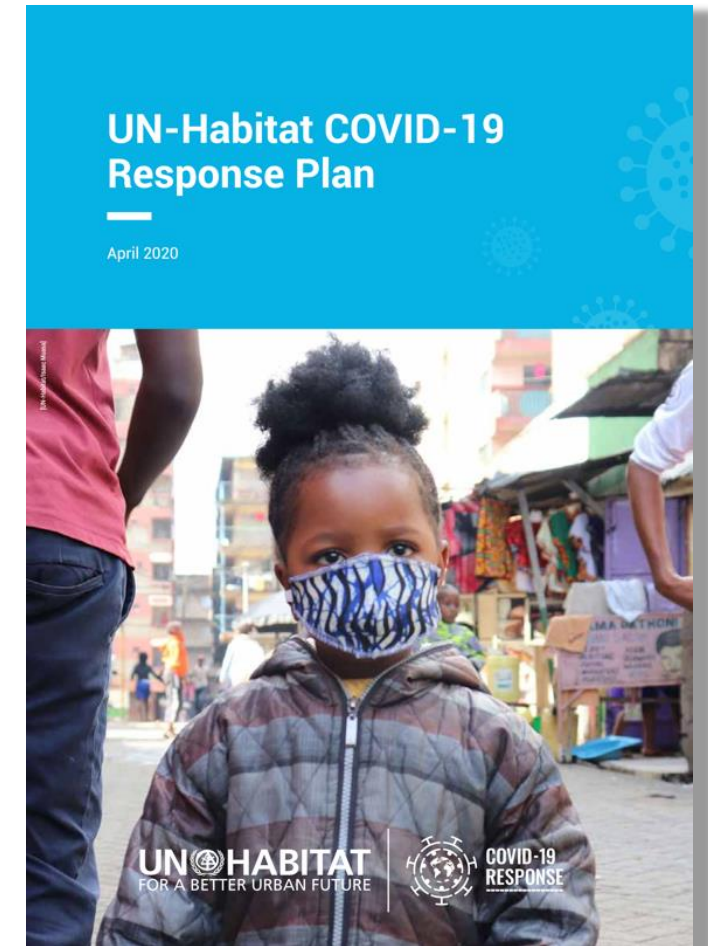
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Support local governments and community driven solutions in **informal settlements**

Provide **urban data, mapping & knowledge** for informed decision making

USD 72 Million
in
64 Countries

Mitigate economic **impact** & initiate **recovery**



6 | UN-Habitat COVID-19 Response Plan

COUNTRY AND GLOBAL SUPPORT

Africa

US\$ 33.3 M, 20 countries

Arab States

US\$ 17.5 M, 11 countries

Asia Pacific

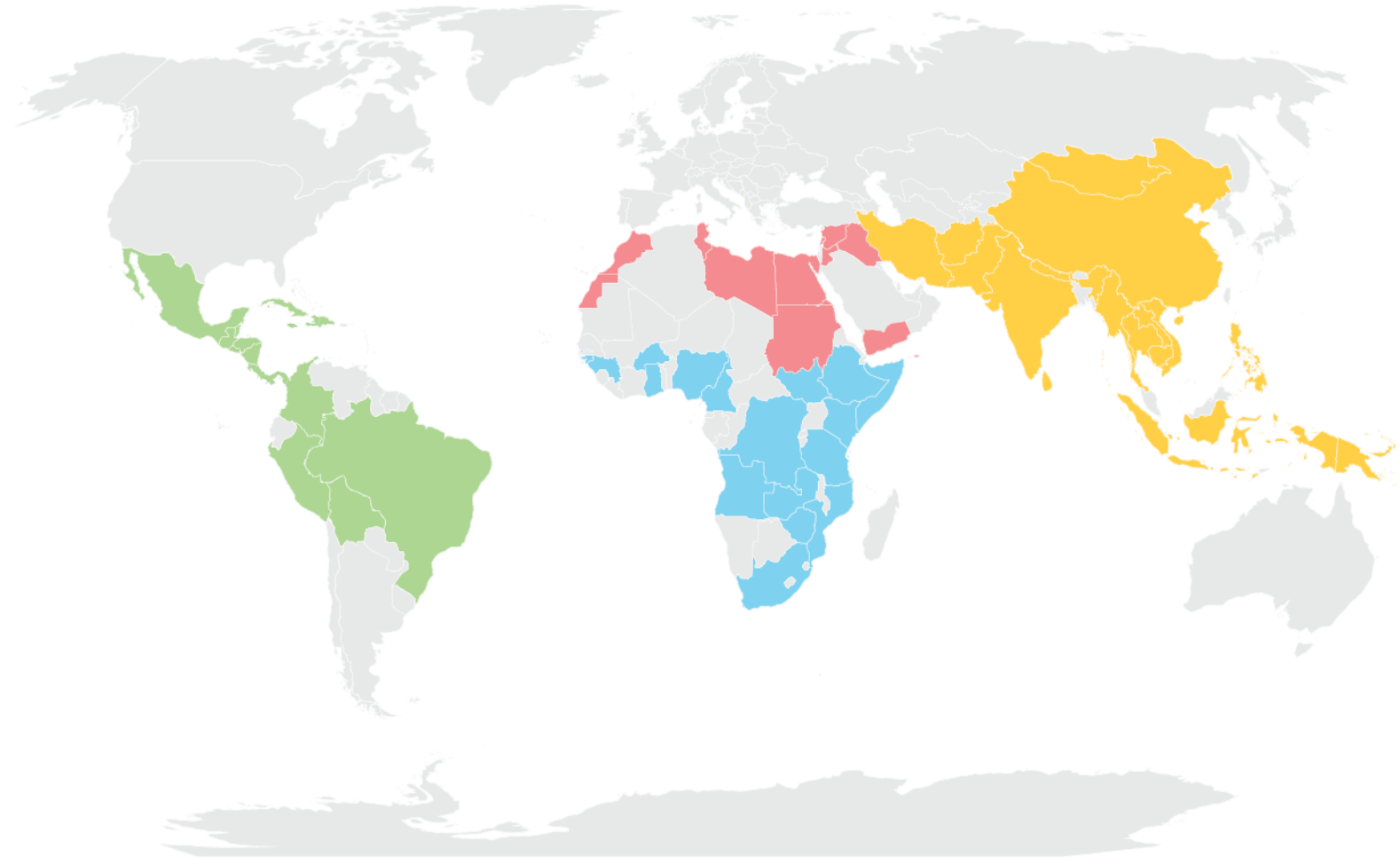
US\$ 10.4 M, 17 countries

Latin America

US\$ 8.3 M, 16 countries

Global Response

US\$ 2.4 M



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Status of Funding for COVID-19 Response:

New funding received and pledges from donors is \$13.01 million in following programme countries:
Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe (MTPF), Laos PDR (MTPF), Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia (MTPF)

Reprogrammed funding for COVID-19 Response is \$ 4.3 Million in programme countries:
Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iran, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica

Pledged funds for work in programme countries:
Regional Sub-Saharan Africa, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Somalia, Laos PDR, Egypt, Iraq, Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and Mexico

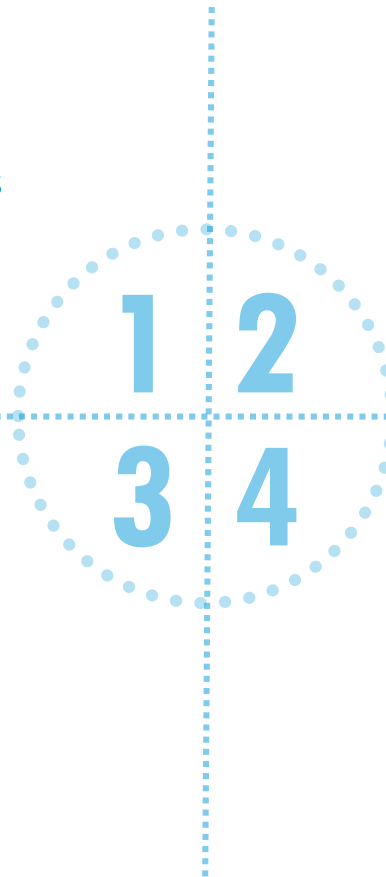


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« The future State of Cities in a World with the Pandemics »

Rethinking the state,
re-organizing local governance mechanisms
Urbanization and the governance
of COVID-19 pandemic

Addressing the systemic poverty
and inequality in cities



Rethinking urban morphology,
bringing in new evidence on
density and compactness

Rethinking the current urban economy
business model:
Urban Economy, Growth, Investment
and Labour Markets



| UN-Habitat COVID-19 Response

Next Steps:

- 1. Stock taking and lessons learned of emergency response**
- 2. Emergency policies and procedures, aligned with new structure and UN system reform**
- 3. Review and streamlining administrative processes to support emergency response**
- 4. Potential for appeal in 2021 with broader scope for overall needs including COVID-19**
- 5. Finalization and launch of “The Future State of Cities in a World with Pandemics”**



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