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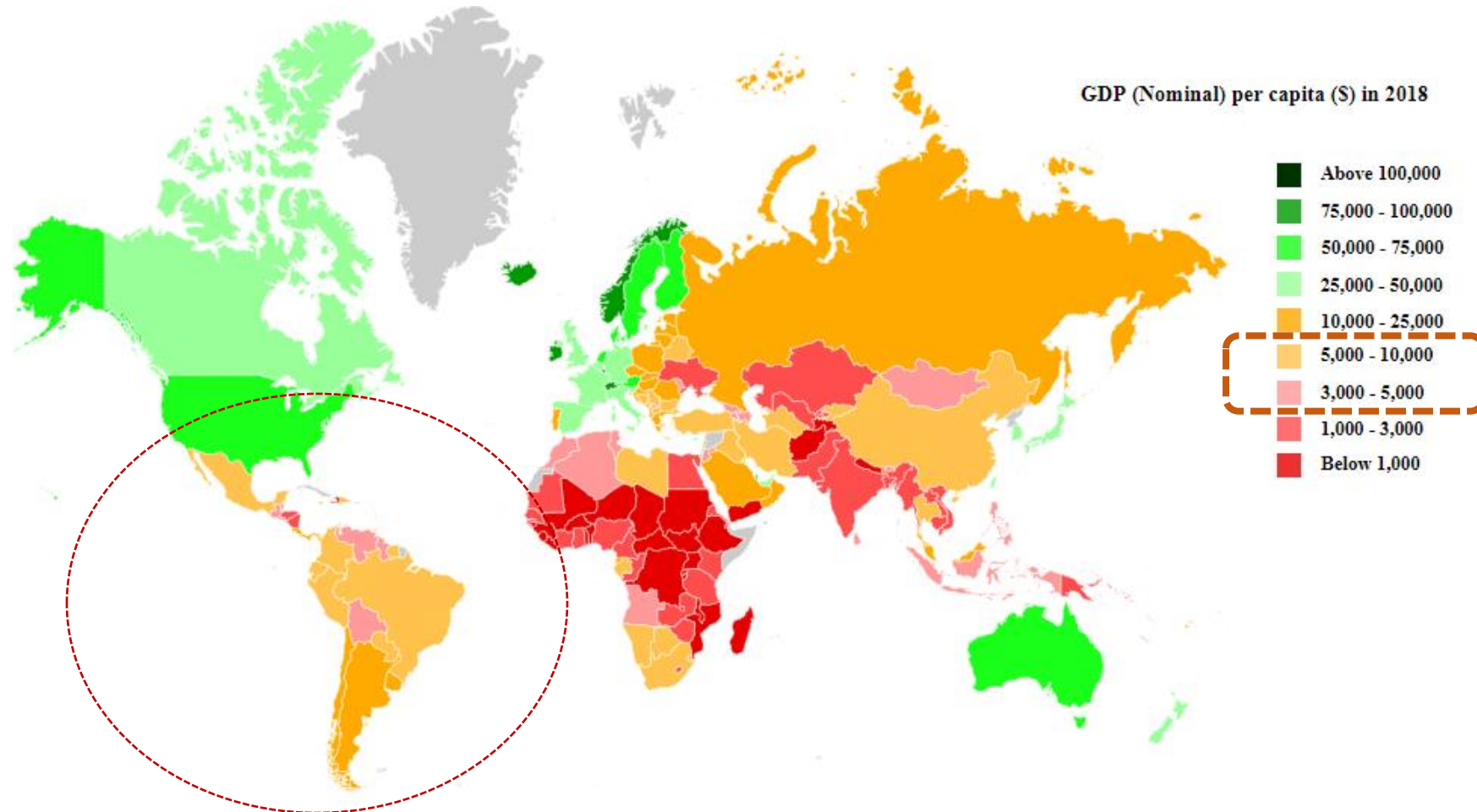
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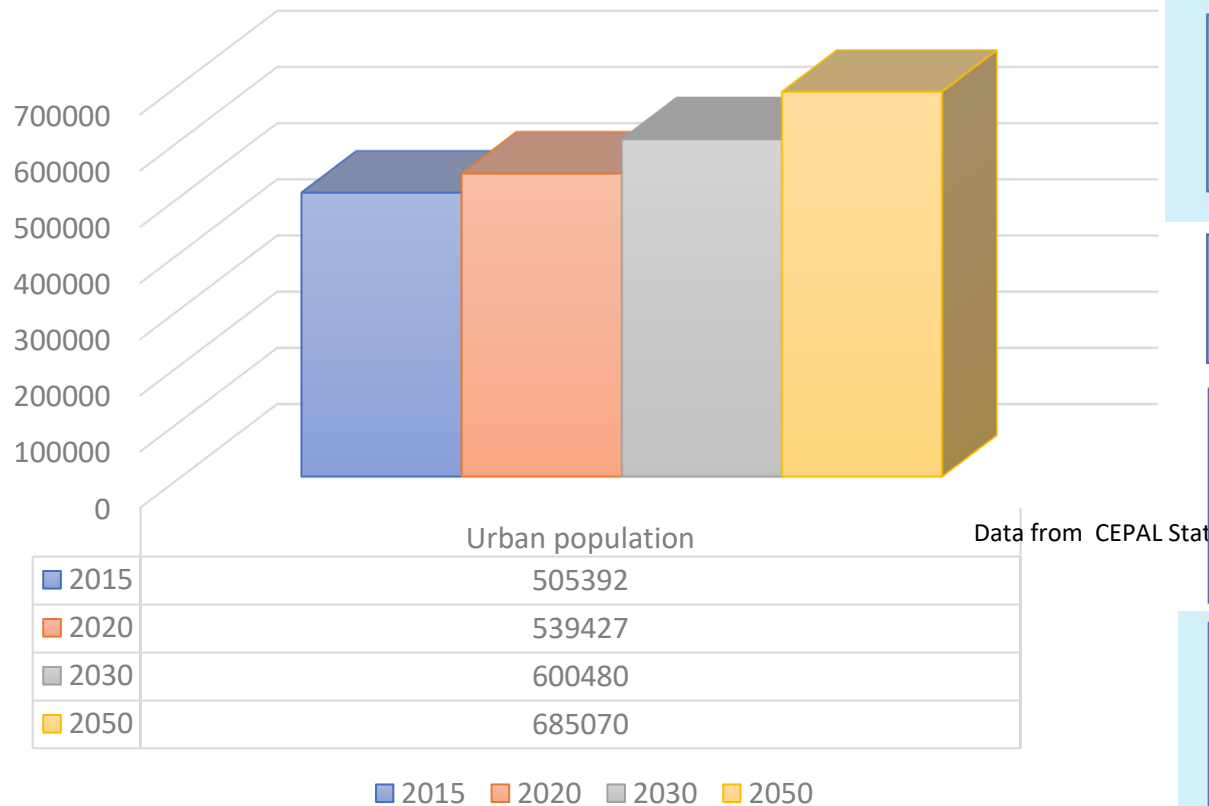(ROLAC)

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LAC is mainly a MIC (Middle-Income Countries) "doing-cooperation" environment

GDP (Nominal) per capita ($) in 2018

- Above 100,000
- 75,000 - 100,000
- 50,000 - 75,000
- 25,000 - 50,000
- 10,000 - 25,000
- 5,000 - 10,000
- 3,000 - 5,000
- 1,000 - 3,000
- Below 1,000

Source:https://www.reddit.com/r/MapPorn/comments/cxmthg/map_of_gdp_per_capita_by_country

Projected urban population in Latin-America and the Caribbean, 2019 to 2050

Urban population in Latin America an the Caribbean

	Urban population
2015	505392
2020	539427
2030	600480
2050	685070

Legend: 2015, 2020, 2030, 2050

Data from CEPAL Stat

People living in cities make up **81.2%** of the total LAC population in 2020

539 M people live in cities in LAC in 2020

48.5 % urban population employed in low-productivity sectors (informal sector) in 2019

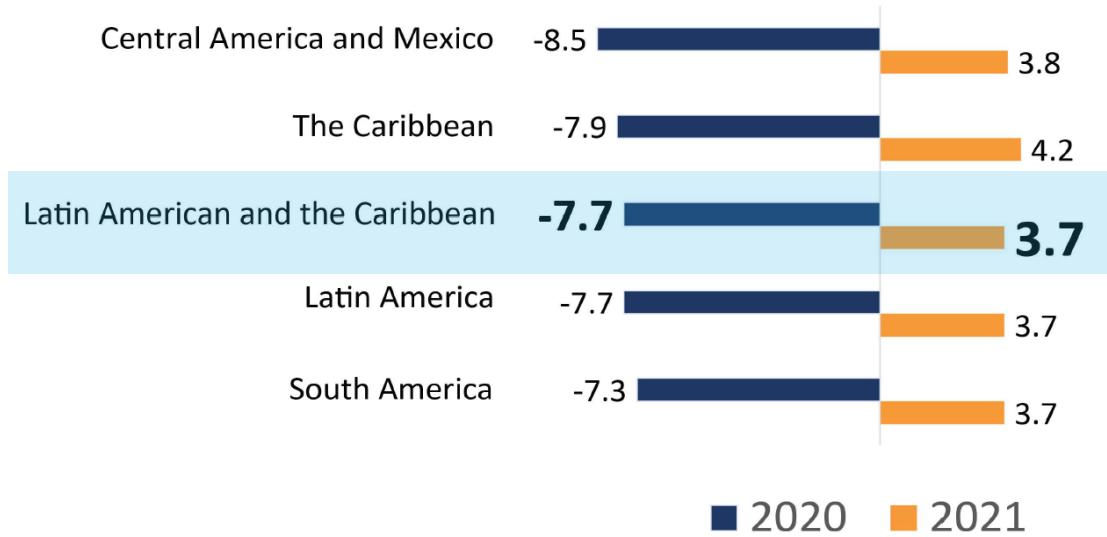**21%** .Urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing in 2014

6 cities +5 million inhabitants
out of which
2 cites +10 million inhabitants

City	Current Population (M)
São Paulo	12,3
Buenos Aires	9,9
Ciudad de México	9,2
Rio de Janeiro	6,3
Lima	9,6
Bogotá	7,1
Santiago	6,0

Huge socio-economic impact of Covid-19 in LAC

THE 7.7% FALL IN REGIONAL GDP IN 2020 IS THE STEEPEST IN 120 YEARS
IN 2021 GDP GROWTH RATE WILL REBOUND TO 3.7%

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: PROJECTED GDP GROWTH RATES, 2020 AND 2021 [a]
(Percentages)

Region	2020	2021
Central America and Mexico	-8.5	3.8
The Caribbean	-7.9	4.2
Latin American and the Caribbean	-7.7	3.7
Latin America	-7.7	3.7
South America	-7.3	3.7

■ 2020 ■ 2021

Uncertainty

- Longer-than-expected crisis
- Vaccine production and distribution
- Capacity to maintain monetary and fiscal stimulus policies
- Global geopolitical tensions (trade and technology)
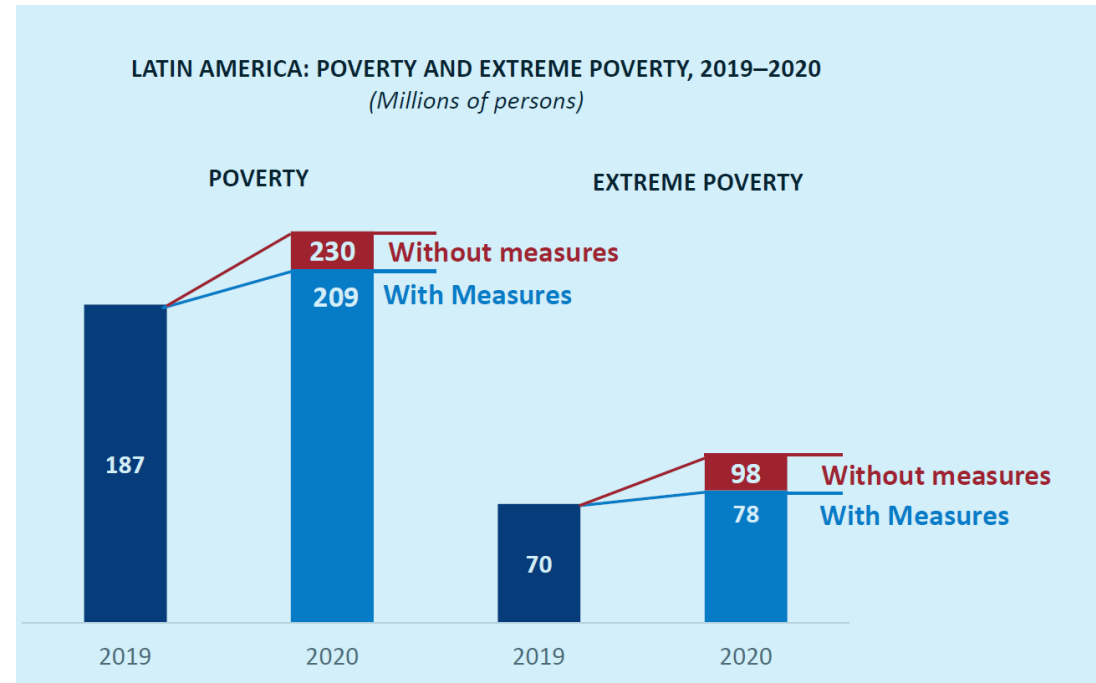- Social unrest and rising inequality

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), on the basis of official figures. [a] Central America includes Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Unprecedented increase in poverty levels

MEASURES IMPLEMENTED DURING THE PANDEMIC COVERED HALF OF THE REGION'S POPULATION AND SLOWED THE INCREASE IN POVERTY

263 emergency social protection measures in 2020
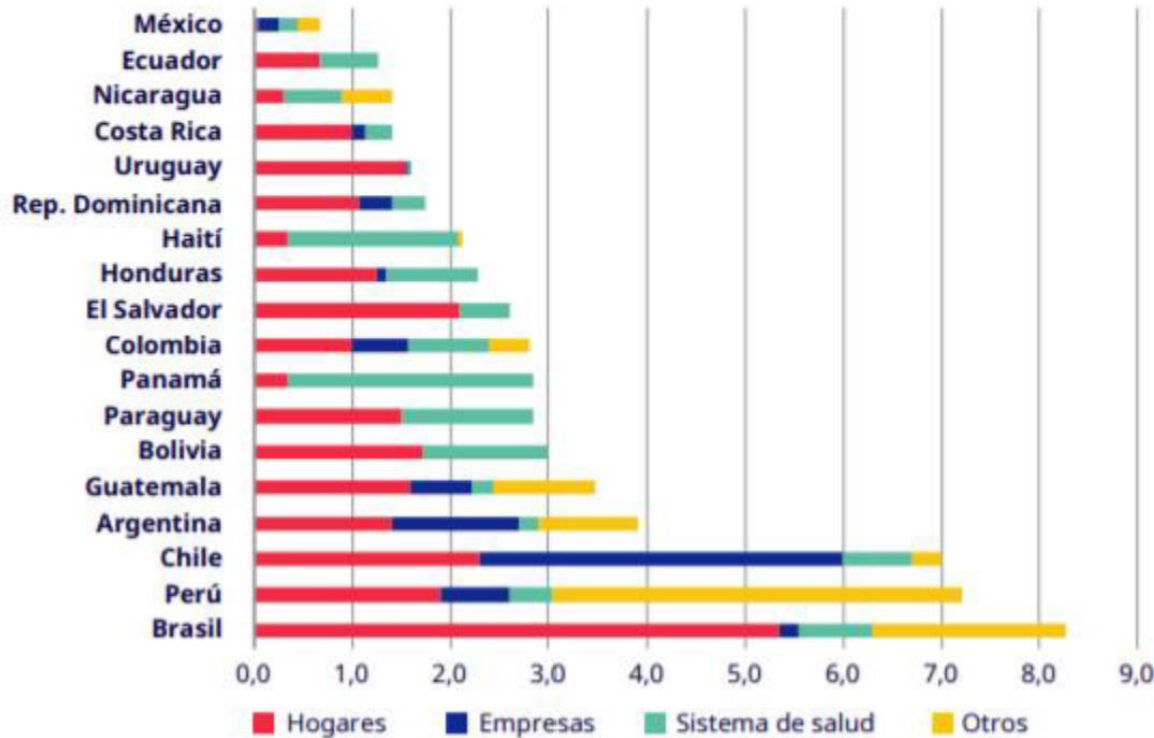
Cash and in-kind transfers:

- Estimated **population coverage: 49.4%;** approximately 84 million households, or 326 million persons

- Innovation: 33 cash transfers covering **informal workers**

- Total amount announced: **US$ billion**

- Amounts represent **1.25% of regional GDP** (twice the annual spending on conditional cash transfer programmes and social pensions).

LATIN AMERICA: POVERTY AND EXTREME POVERTY, 2019–2020
(Millions of persons)

POVERTY   EXTREME POVERTY

230 Without measures
209 With Measures
187

98 Without measures
78 With Measures
70

2019   2020   2019   2020

Source: ECLAC

UNITED NATIONS
ECLAC

The big question is if LAC can do *"what ever it takes"* or *"whatever is possible and in a smart* manner"*

Additional spending (as percentage of GDP) to mitigate impact of pandemic

México
Ecuador
Nicaragua
Costa Rica
Uruguay
Rep. Dominicana
Haití
Honduras
El Salvador
Colombia
Panamá
Paraguay
Bolivia
Guatemala
Argentina
Chile
Perú
Brasil

0,0 1,0 2,0 3,0 4,0 5,0 6,0 7,0 8,0 9,0

■ Hogares   ■ Empresas   ■ Sistema de salud   ■ Otros

Fuente: Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI).

FISCAL MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

While higher spending has been critical in supporting households and businesses, it's unclear how long countries will be able to maintain high levels of support.

*In this context smart is: Integrated, Localized, Inclusive, Just, Green, Healthy

Recovery in a context of lack of trust

Who benefits from government decisions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Majority of citizens
- A limited group of privileged

Dominican Republic
Peru
Ecuador
Colombia
Panama
Costa Rica
Nicaragua
Honduras
El Salvador
Guatemala

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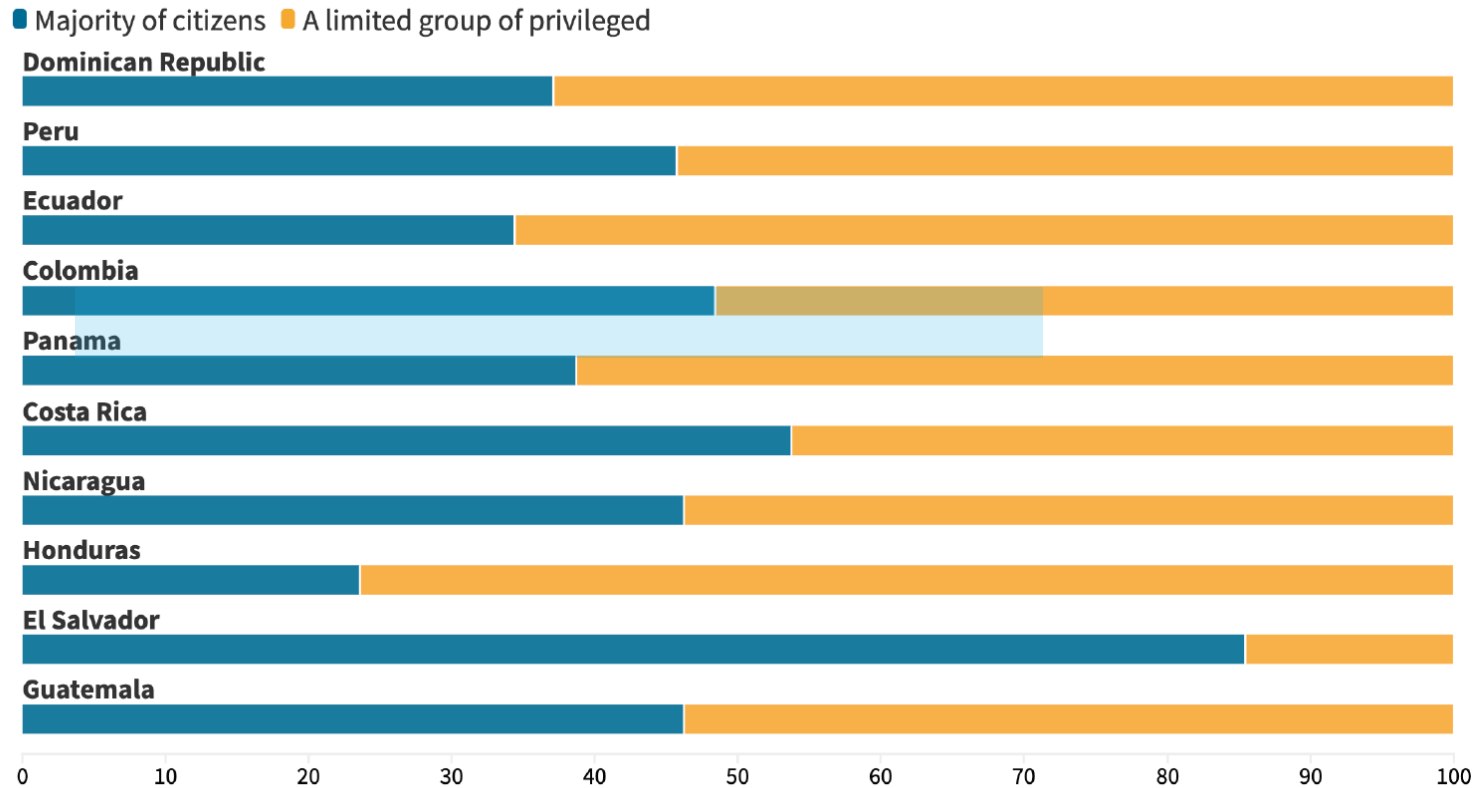
Source: UNDP LAC. Estudio de Opinión Pública: Percepciones ciudadanas sobre manejo crisis Covid 19 y necesidades. Resultados preliminares, Septiembre 2020
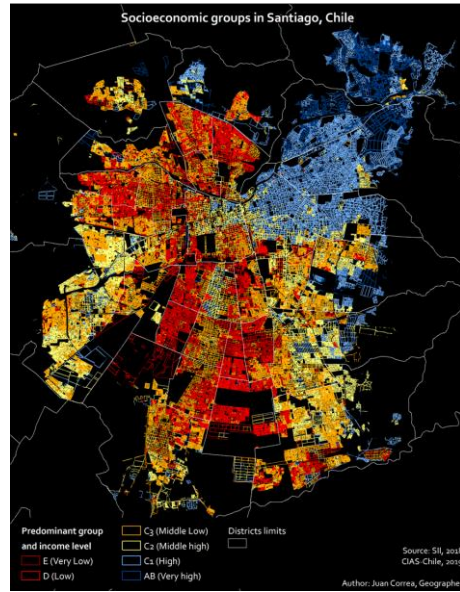
WEAKEN TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS

In most countries, more than 50% of people believe that government decisions regarding COVID-19 benefit a limited group of privileged.

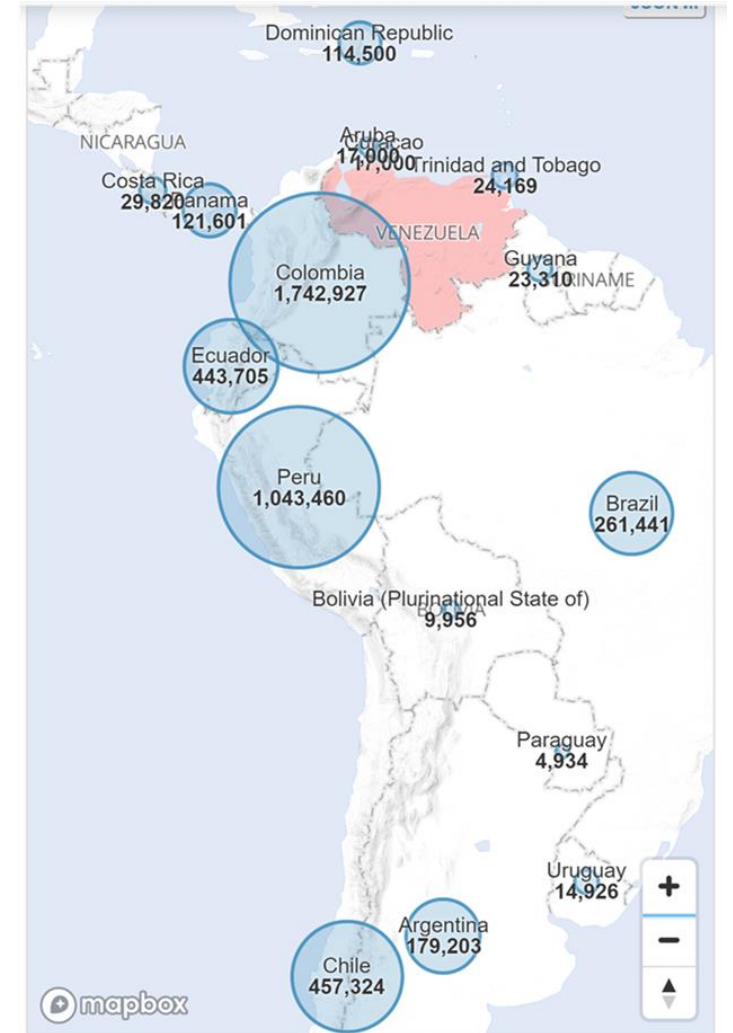# The social discontent is still there in cities and migration dynamics remains active

1.

The previous wave of social unrest has shown the need to deeply work on socio-economic inclusion, and on generation of opportunities for the urban youth in segregated cities

Socioeconomic groups in Santiago, Chile

Predominant group and income level
E (Very Low)
D (Low)
C3 (Middle Low)
C2 (Middle high)
C1 (High)
AB (Very high)
Districts limits

Source: SII, 2018
CIAS-Chile, 2019
Author: Juan Correa, Geographer

2.

Migration dynamics continues in LAC. In some cities and towns migration is almost forced by lack of opportunities and security (North Central America). Other cities are struggling to integrate high rates of migrants (from Venezuela).

Dominican Republic 114,500
Aruba 17,000
Curacao
Trinidad and Tobago 24,169
NICARAGUA
Costa Rica 29,820
Panama 121,601
VENEZUELA
Guyana 23,310
SURINAME
Colombia 1,742,927
Ecuador 443,705
Peru 1,043,460
Brazil 261,441
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) 9,956
Paraguay 4,934
Uruguay 14,926
Argentina 179,203
Chile 457,324

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Paving the way for the local/urban/territorial perspective for the recovery

A TRANSFORMATIVE RECOVERY

SEVEN SECTORS THAT DRIVE TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, CREATE JOBS, LOWER THE EXTERNAL CONSTRAINT AND REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

FIVE MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM POLICIES

- The energy transition based on renewable energies
- Sustainable mobility and urban space
- The digital revolution for sustainability
- The health-care manufacturing industry
- The bioeconomy: sustainable development based on biological resources and natural ecosystems
- Circular economy
- Sustainable tourism

- FISCAL
- SOCIAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- INTEGRATION

Our response to Covid-19 in 2020 in LAC

Support local governments in Mexico to prepare and implement a post recovery plan during and after the Covid-19 pandemics

Country: Mexico
Donor: UN-Habitat Covid19 Response Fund ($90,000)
Partners: UN: World Health Organization/Panamerican Health Organization, International Labor Organization, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, UN-Women. Government of Mexico: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development of México (SEDATU), National Institute for Federalism and Municipal Development (INAFED), Ministry of Health (SALUD). Municipal Governments: pilot San Nicolás de los Garza.
Duration: 6 months

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 4.1 : Social integration & inclusive communities

- A practical guide to support local governments to identify the main challenges at local level related to Covid 19 and define a set of strategic processes and projects for accelerated recovery from, during and post-pandemic crisis

- Spatial data analysis (cities vulnerability analysis) and constitution of database

- Online course addressing municipal technicians (developed with TEC Monterrey University) through two modalities: a three-hour online course to widely disseminate the content among the general population and a 24-hour online seminar to accompany and advise municipalities in the preparation of their plan.

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Paso a paso hacia la resiliencia municipal

DESARROLLO TERRITORIAL   SALUD

Tecnológico de Monterrey
Escuela de Arquitectura, Arte y Diseño

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CURSO ONLINE

DESARROLLO TERRITORIAL   SALUD

Food security to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in vulnerable neighborhood of La Paz metropolitan area, Bolivia

Country: Bolivia
Donor: UN-Habitat Covid19 Response Fund ($68,000)
Partners: : *Fundación Alternativas* and six Municipal Autonomous Governments in La Paz metropolitan area: La Paz, El Alto, Viacha, Laja, Achocalla, Mecapaca y Palca
Duration: 6 months

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 3.2: Ressource efficiency & protection of ecological assets
DoC 3.3: Adaptation of communities & infrastructure to climate change
DoC 4.1 : Social integration & inclusive communities

- One guideline for primary and secondary data collection in order to develop food supply six contingency plans for six municipalities.

- Two Policy Briefs related to metropolitan approach to food security.

- Eighteen municipal maps (three for each municipality) and three metropolitan maps related to vulnerability to food shortages, production and food trade routes, and community categorization (poverty).

- Open source maps and other visual tools (if applicable) that identify where food supply strategies must be employed to reduce household and community vulnerability to food insecurity.

- Systematization of six actions in pilot neighbourhoods in different parts of the short food chain in the Metropolitan Region of La Paz.

COVID-19: Monitoring and evidence-based rapid response in informal settlements of Maceió (Brazil)

Country: Brazil
Donor: UN-Habitat Covid19 Response Fund ($100,000)
Partners: NGO "Centro Edelstein" (IP); State Government of Alagoas
Duration: 6 months

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 4.1 : Social integration & inclusive communities

- Data production: 2 thousand interviews and on Covid-19 incidence and medical infrastructure maps

- A virtual exchange of ideas and perspectives with young people from informal settlements from Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Maputo (Mozambique) and Luanda (Angola) took place during the Urban Circuit 2020.

- Communication material was prepared to inform the population of informal settlements in Maceió on Covid19 danger and protective measures.

- A documentary was produced collaboratively by 12 young inhabitants in Informal Settlements in Maceió. The documentary won two prizes in a local festival.

Preserving livelihood activities of urban poor during COVID19 pandemic in Haiti

Country: Haiti
Donor: European Union, ACP, PSUP ($100,000)
Partners:
Duration: 6 months

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 4.1 : Social integration & inclusive communities

- **Environmental sanitation Campaign started in all 3 cities.**
  - Distribution of masks produced locally, generating revenue. Training of mask production.
  - Training for 9 volunteers per city. A local NGO per city to mobilize community for Environmental Sanitation Campaign (ESC).
  - COVID-19 sensitization awareness campaign with print materials in local language.
- **Preparation of COVID-19 Protocol for Market and Transport Nodes**
  - Data collection through volunteers
  - removal of solid waste and disinfection
- **Implementation of the COVID-19 Protocol;**
  - Removal of solid waste, establishment of hand washing stations and solid waste collection points at market and transport nodes.
- **A joint proposal with UN-Environment accepted** "Building the resilience of the poorest in the urban-rural continuum in the southern coast, Haiti, Phase 1".

COVID-19 Preparedness and Response for Montego Bay, Jamaica

Country: Jamaica
Donor: European Union, ACP, PSUP ($100,000)
Partners: St James Municipal Cooperation
Duration: 6 months

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 4.1 : Social integration & inclusive communities

- Improved awareness on Environmental Sanitation including awareness on COVID19 within community of Informal Settlements in Montego Bay.
- Improved Social Services (temporary livelihood, COVID19 preventive services, solid waste, water and sanitation, care packages for vulnerable households living in informal settlements in Montego Bay
- 147 temporary jobs created (youth and women)
- 435 m3 bulky waste removed. Flooding first time did not happen
- 3 permanent solid waste collection points established
- 450 families received essential food packages

UN-Habitat plans sustainable development in MoBay

3R Plan: "Plan for the Recovery, Social Reconstruction and Resilience, Central America and Dominican Republic (8 countries)

Countries: Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Dominican Republic
Donor: European Union, Eurosocial
Partners: SISCA, CCVAH, ILO, FAO, Eurosocial
Duration: 6 months

Our impact in LAC during 2020

Value of the portfolio UN-Habitat in LAC

	Total grant value	Expenditure (commitments and actuals)	Portfolio for implementation 2021-2024 +Pipeline
2018	17,690,361	6,773,446	
2019	35,835,384	7,325,241	
2020	49,828,665	7,758,273	
Portfolio for implementation 2021-2024			24,405,290
Pipeline			32.000.000

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Project dashboard

MEXICO

1. Promoting Sustainable Urban Development in Sinaloa: subnational planning to local **(implemented)**
2. Technical Assistance for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Reynosa **(implemented)**
3. Urban development strategy for the southeast region in Mexico -Tren Maya
4. Coahuila's integral strategy of adequate housing and sust. urb., aligned to NUA SDGs
5. Integral Strategy for the impl. of key urban dev. projects in Quitana Roo
6. Technical assist.consolidation,vision for urban&territorial development NUA2030
7. Support local governments in Mexico to prepare and implement a post recovery plan during and after the Covid-19 pandemics **(implementated)**

CUBA

1. Technical Assistance for Implementation of New Urban Agenda at local level Cuba

BRAZIL

1. Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Prosperity in the State of Alagoas **(implementated)**
2. Social Territories in Large Complexes of Slums Phase 1 and Phase 2
3. Sustainable Urban and Social Prosperity in the Municipality of Marica
4. Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Prosperity in the State of Alagoas Phase 2
5. Crime & Violence Prevention Programme in Pernambuco
6. 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 **(implementated)**

HAITI

1. Preserving livelihood activities of urban poor during COVID19 pandemic in Haiti

JAMAICA

1. COVID-19 Preparedness and Response for Montego Bay

COLOMBIA

1. Boosting the structuring of integrated urban solutions within the framework of the master plan Santa Marta 500 years

BOLIVIA

1. Support of the National Urban Policy Program in Bolivia 2017-2020
2. Food security to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in vulnerable neighborhood of La Paz metropolitan area **(implementated)**

ECUADOR

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REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

1. **Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Dominican Republic, Panama:** Fostering local communities of solidarity for migrants and refugees from Venezuela

2. **Costa Rica, Ecuador, Cuba**: Development Account HQ – "ECLAC/UN-Habitat on NUA and SDGs"

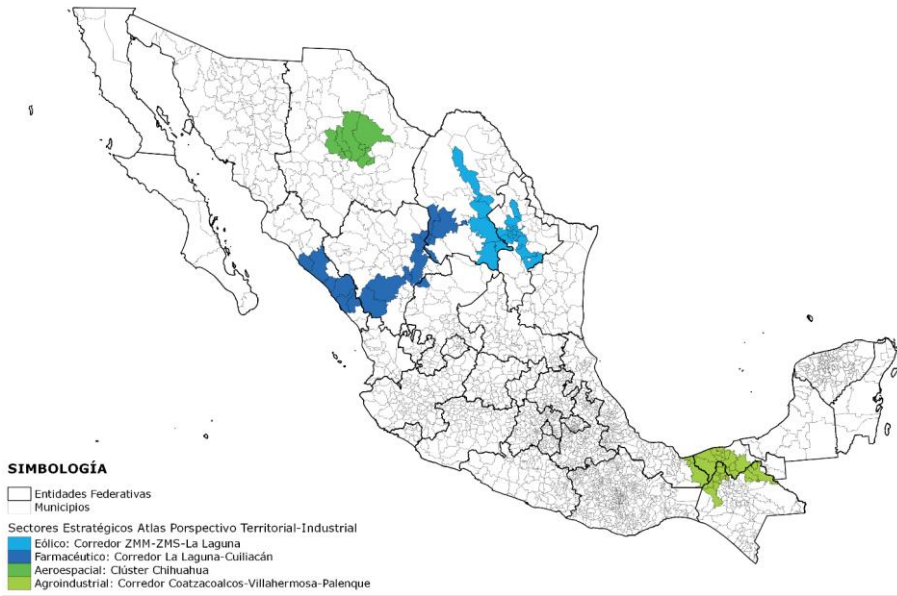**Project results and impacts in the field**

MESOAMERICA

- 7 projects
- 249 municipal governments in Mexico trained on the Methodological Guide for municipal socioeconomic recovery in the context of COVID-19, 5 municipalities are elaborating their municipal socioeconomic recovery plan.
- 700 people benefited from installation of rain rainwater harvesting systems in precarious neighborhoods in CDMX.
- More than 90 participatory planning activities, including 45.4% women and 35% youth.
- Over 5 million people reached through publications in official communications social networks
- Contributions to National Land Policy of Mexico; Mexican Official Standards for Public Space and Urban Equipment; Methodology for gender audits in public spaces within the framework of "women in the territory" strategy of SEDATU, Publication of the "National Report of Urban Prosperity" for Mexico.
- Contribution to UNSDCFs 2020-2025 for Mexico, Cuba and Guatemala

Atlas of prosperity and industrial territorial corridors - Mexico

Country: Mexico
Alliance: SRE, UNIDO
Duration:

- Inputs for regional development, strategic investment and potential reshoring/nearshoring based on socio-economic potential in corridors in Mexico

- Inputs for industrial policy for shared prosperity in the context of the economic reactivation and recovery

- Interagency linkages with UNIDO

- Proposal for scaling up at regional level with CELAC

SIMBOLOGÍA
- Entidades Federativas
- Municipios

Sectores Estratégicos Atlas Porspectivo Territorial-Industrial
- Eólico: Corredor ZMM-ZMS-La Laguna
- Farmacéutico: Corredor La Laguna-Culiacán
- Aeroespacial: Clúster Chihuahua
- Agroindustrial: Corredor Coatzacoalcos-Villahermosa-Palenque

Urban development strategy Southeast region in Mexico – Maya Train

Country: Mexico
Donor: FONATUR - Fondo Nacional de Fomento al Turismo
Duration:

- Work in the Southeast region of Mexico contribute to the implementation of the most important project of the Mexican government during the current administration: The Maya Train Regional Corridor

- Interagency linkage with 3 other UN agencies: UNOPS, OACNUDH, UNESCO

- 1 Ex-ante impact evaluation for the Maya Train Regional Corridor.

- 1 Diagnosis of microregions on the southeast Mexico.

- 1 Guidelines document for sustainable urban design of "Maya Train sustainable communities"

- 1 Human rights-based consensual relocation protocol.

- 282 people reached and benefited from the participatory processes and the spaces of collective intelligence (35% women)

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 1.2 : Secure land tenure & affordable housing
DoC 1.3 : Effective settlement growth & regeneration
DoC 2.1: Reduced greenhouse emissions & air quality
DoC 2.3: Adaptation of communities & infrastructure to climate change
DoC 4.1 : Social integration & inclusive communities

Integrated Strategy for implementation of key urban development projects in Quintana Roo

Country: Mexico
Donor: Agencia de Proyectos Estratégicos del Estado de Quintana Roo
Duration:

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 1.2 : Secure land tenure & affordable housing
DoC 1.3 : Effective settlement growth & regeneration

- Participatory process for the design of the Masterplan of the **Nichupté Bridge and the Equity Park.**

- The project seeks to revert the conditions of socio-spatial segregation in Cancun and integrate the urban areas of intervention into urban development. Participatory process has reached so far 2532 people (55% women and 28% youth)

- Sociodemographic, urban and public space data collection to generate a functional urban analysis at the neighborhood scale. Implement a participatory planning strategy for Parque de la Equidad.

Consolidation of a vision for urban & territorial development based on the NUA and the 2030 Agenda for San Nicolás de los Garza

Country: Mexico
Donor: Municipality of San Nicolás de los Garza
Duration:

- 1 Vision Document that integrates guidelines and a **strategy on sustainable urban development** for San Nicolás de los Garza municipality and its normative instruments.

- 7500 people reached and benefited from the participatory processes and the spaces of collective intelligence (56% women, 22% youth)

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 1.2 : Secure land tenure & affordable housing
DoC 1.3 : Effective settlement growth & regeneration
DoC 2.1: Spatial connectivity & Productivity
DoC 2.2: Equal distribution of locally generated revenues
DoC 2.3: Frontier technologies & innovation

Policy Advisory for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Reynosa

Country: Mexico
Donor: Gobierno del Estado de Sinaloa
Duration:

- Adoption and approval of the **Territorial planning and urban development program (POTDU)**, of Reynosa as a result of the collaboration carried out with the municipality in 2018 for the development of the City Vision Document, Reynosa 2030.

- **1 Tactical urban planning intervention strategy in Reynosa**, emphasizing public space as a key element of the post-pandemic recovery, promoting participatory planning and implementation and the active involvement of young people. **Over 10,000 pedestrians daily benefited from the intervention** and adaptation of public spaces in the new normality in Reynosa, Tamaulipas.

- 135 people benefited from the participatory processes and the spaces of collective intelligence within the projects (**50% women; 55% youth**)

Technical Assistance for Implementation of New Urban Agenda at local level in Cuba

Country: Cuba
Donor: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Duration:

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces
DoC 1.2 : Secure land tenure & affordable housing
DoC 1.3 : Effective settlement growth & regeneration

- Adoption of the "State plan for the implementation of the NUA in Cuba, 2036" by the Council of Ministers as a result of the collaboration carried out in Cuba during 2015-2018 through the implementation of the project "Implementation of the NUA in Cuba".

- 171 people reached through the National Urban Forum 2020 (FUN). 49% of the participants were women.

- 786 local authorities are direct beneficiaries from the capacity building programme on the National Action Plan (PAN) for the implementation of the NUA and its application in the urban planning instruments and local projects. 54% of the authorities were women.

- 87 trainers trained in Cuba and qualified to organize training activities for IPF's municipal technicians, 57% of the new trainers are women.

ANDEAN COUNTRIES

- 4 projects under implementation in 2020

- Policy Advisory to local and national governments regarding SDG's with a special focus in SDG 11, NUA guidelines on housing and public space, incorporation of climate change principles into regulatory frameworks and national strategies regarding the National Urban Policy

- Existing gaps on data at the local level brought to propose building a territorial viewer (pilot version) that will allow local governments to view and analyze multiple territorial dynamics that are impacting the integration capacity of urban environments. This viewer will also work as an instrument to test territorial actions and proposals, defining the impact in terms of beneficiary population in terms of social and territorial cohesion (work in progress).

Fostering local communities of solidarity for migrants and refugees from Venezuela

Country: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Dominican Republic
Donor: European Commission DEVCO
Duration:

DoC 4.1 : Social integration & inclusive communities
DoC 4.2 : Migrants, refugees & IDPs

- 4 Municipalities (Cúcuta/Villa del Rosario and Barranquilla in Colombia, Quito in Ecuador, and Lima in Peru) had trained 189 public officials to strengthen urban planning capabilities as well as sensitize them about differentiated conditions presented by refugees and migrants coming from Venezuela and their integration on urban planning tools and strategies.

- The project has supported five Municipalities to strengthen planning instruments with the inclusion of human mobility approach: Metropolitan Plan for Territorial Development and Planning 2020 – 2030, Land Use and Management Plan in the Metropolitan District of Quito, and Development Plans in Cucuta, Villa del Rosario, and Barranquilla.

- During the COVID-19 crisis, the project has provided emergency Cash-based interventions to an estimated 19.137 people to satisfy fundamental needs during the lockdown phase of the emergency, including housing.

Structuring integrated urban solutions within the framework of the Master Plan Santa Marta 500 years

Country: Colombia
Donor: City of Santa Marta
Duration:

- **Development Plan 2020-2023** of Santa Marta was impacted through technical support that included the Urban Integrated Solutions as strategic projects.

- **1 training session** was conducted with local technical staff for the implementation of Integrated Urban Solutions. The capabilities of the technical staff of the local government have been strengthened as a result of training sessions.

- The existing centrality of Pozos Colorados will be consolidated due to the implementation of the profile of the Integrated Urban Solution. It will promote economic dynamism in the city and create new job opportunities by the construction of new infrastructures and the consolidation of an economic agglomeration.
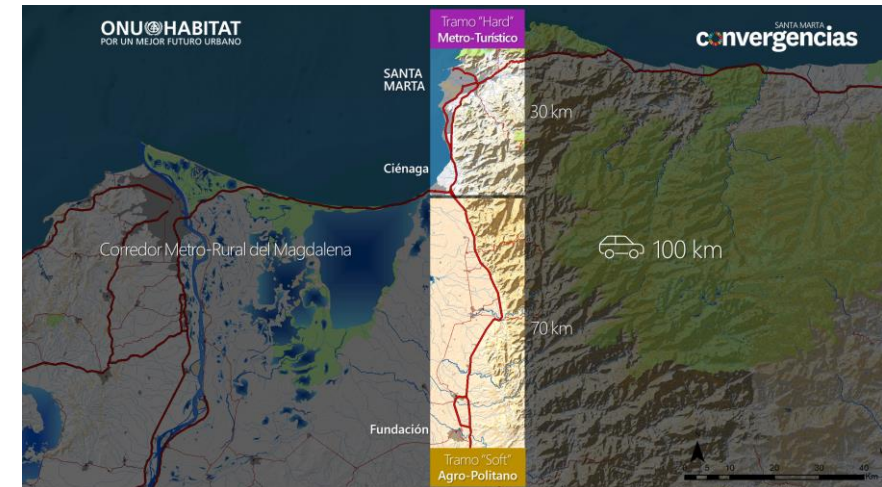
Consolidation of the Human Settlement System of the Manabí Province for Prosperity and Sustainability

Country: Ecuador
Donor: Gobierno Provincial de Manabí
Duration:

- The design of a Territorial Development Financing Facility at the provincial level will provide a legal framework for the consolidation of alliances with private actors and between local governments for the implementation of strategic development projects..

- Portfolio of strategic projects for urban-rural linkages and implement a differentiated approach for the most vulnerable communities.

- 3 municipalities have been beneficiaries from training sessions to support the formulation of land use and management plans (PUGS for its acronym in Spanish).

- 22 municipalities have participated in workshops to present and socialize the approach of the Human settlement system.

National Urban Policy Program in Bolivia

Country: Bolivia
Donor: SIDA – Swedish Cooperation
Duration:

- **Bolivia National Policy for Integral Development of Cities** recognized by the State as a long-term policy. It has been formulated in a participatory and inclusive way, it articulates actions of 15 sectors and three levels of government.

- A **system of cities has been developed** that allows identifying, characterizing and projecting the 28 cities of the country, territorially linked to 64 Municipalities.

- 25 cities in Bolivia have the calculation of the City Prosperity Index.

- **10 municipalities have initiated urban agendas** aligned with the Urban Policy.

- **Alliances with 14 civil society organizations** specialized in urban issues to accompany their interventions in the territory in line with the Urban Policy.

- 1 municipality has been included in the **Global Covenant of Mayors**.

BRAZIL & THE SOUTHERN CONE

- 5 projects implemented in 2020

- Generation of evidence and data for urban poverty reduction policies. Qualified, geo-referenced, and accurate information and spatial and disaggregated data about the territories in which UN-Habitat Brazil has projects on the ground, and strengthening of institutional environment for the production, systematization, and use of data by the public authorities in these cities to assist in reducing.

- The 2020 Urban Circuit, held online, hosted 186 events organized by stakeholders from different sectors. All together more than 1,000 speakers from over 20 countries have actively participated. The panels were broadcasted on the Urban Circuit YouTube channel and had over 49,000 views. It was held in partnership with the UN-Habitat offices in Portuguese-speaking African countries

- Partnership with Colab to carry out 2020' edition of Brazil's public consultation on sustainable cities. With over 20,000 responses, 2018 and 2019 editions of the survey - which will take place every year until 2030 - pointed to adaptation to climate change and access to quality public transportation as the issues of most concern to citizens in Brazil. Promotion of Voluntary Local Report (VLR) with the balance of progress towards achieving the SDGs.

Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Prosperity in the State of Alagoas Phase (1 & 2)

Country: Brazil
Donor: State Government of Alagoas
Duration:

- **Plan for housing improvements and urbanization** of the grotas of Maceió. Alliance Alagoas State Government, Council of Architecture and Urbanism of Alagoas, the Federal University of Alagoas and UN-Habitat. **94 beneficiaries of housing improvement** projects.

- **25,000 people benefited by the installation of community sinks** in Maceió grotas based based on information and data produced by this project in partnership with Alagoas State Government.

- Signature of **phase II** for **"Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Prosperity in the State of Alagoas: An Integrated Initiative"**. Data generation and strategies in order to generate baselines for qualitative evidence-based public policies in the city **for urban poverty alleviation**.

Social Territories in Large Complexes of Slums/Rio de Janeiro – Phase (1 & 2)

Country: Brazil
Donor: Instituto Pereira Passos - Prefeitura do RJ
Duration:

DoC 1.1 : Basic services, mobility & public spaces

- Main goal is to collect data and qualified information to identify vulnerable individuals in large favela complexes of Rio de Janeiro with the lowest rate of social development. The objective is to include the individuals and families to the public services offer of the city.

- 56,360 people benefited from improved access to basic services in 2020 in the 10 large favela complexes of Rio de Janeiro, as 14,090 families entered the integrated protocol from Social Territories Programme. They started to be directly accompanied by the municipality Education, Social and Health Secretariats and monitored by the project.

- 2,091 children referred for enrollment in the municipality's schools.

- 400 pregnant women outside prenatal care were identified during the pandemic and assisted.

- 3,910 basic food baskets and 20,000 hygiene kits delivered to families at high risk.

- 801 families (about 3,204 people) beneficiaries from Social Territories project received

Sustainable Urban and Social Prosperity in the Municipality of Maricá

Country: Brazil
Donor: Instituto Municipal de Informação e Pesquisa Darcy Ribeiro - IDR
Duration:

- Maricá's municipality improved its COVID-19 response with inputs from the work "Maricá and COVID-19" compiling spatial and tabular data on 12,623 people distributed in 4,597 households, collected trough door to door interviews. The information, such as the elderly by age group, neighborhood and chronic disease; pregnant women with high multipoverty index; children out of school; and people currently without access to basic income programs, enabled the municipality to guide its response plan to prioritize people based on the data provided.

- Maps were drawn showing the localization of municipal equipment (Health, Education and Social Assistance) georeferenced, to improve logistics during COVID-19 movements restrictions.

Crime & Violence Prevention Programme in Pernambuco

Country: Brazil
Donor: UNDP and aliance with UNODC
Duration:

- **UN-to-UN Contribution Agreement** **with UNDP Brazil** to implement the Project "*Crime and Violence Prevention of Pernambuco*", in alliance with **UNODC Brazil** and the Igarapé Institute, led by the Secretariat for Violence and Drug Prevention Policies (SPVD) of the state of Pernambuco.

- The project will develop innovative knowledge and methodologies, as well as pilot actions aimed at strengthening the social prevention of crime and violence in the state of Pernambuco, emphasizing the promotion of intersectoral actions for the prevention of violence, including improving quality urban spaces, and the integration of the most vulnerable population into these spaces. UN-Habitat will contribute in the first year with **women's safety audits** and **block-by-block** workshops.

Impact through the contribution to Regional Public Goods

Contribution to Regional Public Goods (Highlights)


- Strenghtened collaboration with MINURVI:

  - Publication of book co-edited by UN-Habitat/MINURVI on good practices regarding the response to Covid19 by the Housing sector.
  - Meetings and webinars with Ministers from the region to facilitate High Level exchanges
  - Support to XXIX MINURVI Assembly
  - UN-Habitat/ECLAC became Technical Secretariat of MINURVI.

- Alliance with CCVAH (Central American Council of Ministers of Housing and Human Settlements) and SISCA (Central American Social Integration System) to support the subregion.

  - UN-Habitat prepared, together with EuroSocial, FAO and ILO, the 3R Plan: "Plan for the Recovery, Social Reconstruction and Resilience of Central America and the Dominican Republic" (Including pillar on Informal settlements and sustainable urban development)
  - Support to Regional Implementation Plan for the NUA in Central America
  - Support to Regional pipeline of Urban Integrated Operations
  - Start of Joint Resources Mobilisation

- Work with civil society and academia. UN-Habitat joined a large coalition of organizations to promote a Regional Decalogue for Participatory Slum Upgrading programs. That was presented officially to Housing Ministers of the region during their MINURVI annual assembly.

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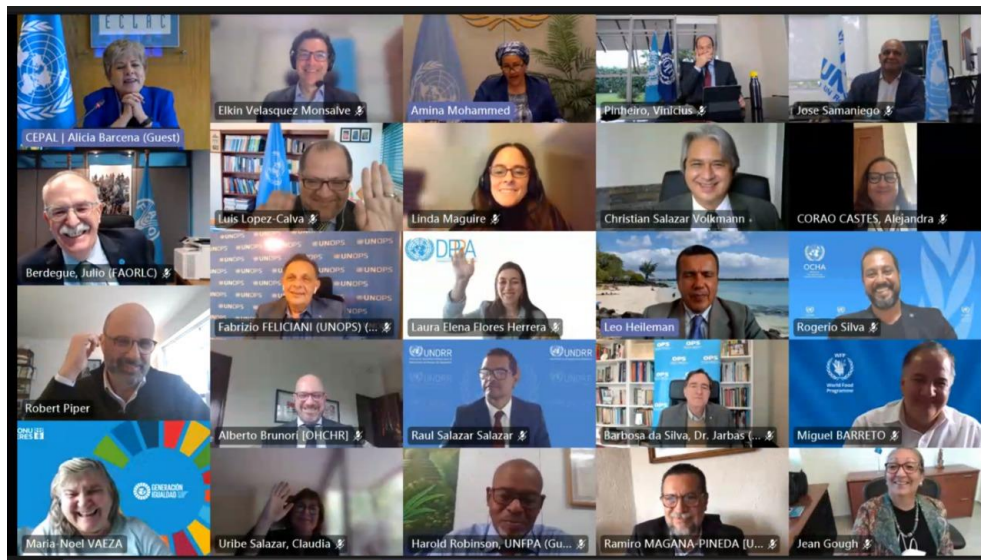
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Membership of issue-based coalitions and other inter-agency working groups

Issue-based Coalitions	Leading United Nations entity	Members
Climate Change and Resilience	UNDRR, UNEP	DCO, ECLAC, FAO, ILO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNIDO, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN-Women, WFP
Crime and Violence	UNICEF, UNODC, UN-Women	DCO, ILO, IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNHCR, UNESCO, UNFPA, WFP
Equitable Growth	ECLAC, ILO, UNDP	FAO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UN-Women
Governance and Institutions	UNDP, UNODC, UNOPS	DCO, DPPA, ECLAC, FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCHR, UNICEF, UN-Women
Human Mobility	ECLAC, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF	FAO, ILO, OCHA, OHCHR, PAHO/WHO, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNDP, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, UN-Women, WFP

Thematic Working Groups	Leading United Nations entity	Members
Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls	UN-Women	FAO, ILO, IOM, OCHA, OHCHR, PAHO/WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNDRR, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNV, WFP
Youth	UNDP, UNFPA	ECLAC, FAO, ILO, PAHO/WHO UNAIDS, UNEP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNV, UN-Women

Operational Working Groups	Leading United Nations entity	Members
Peer Support Group	DCO	DESA, DPPA, ECLAC, FAO, IOM, OCHA, OHCHR, PAHO/WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNDRR, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, UN-Women, WFP
Partnerships and Communication Working Group	UNDP, UNFPA	DCO, DPPA, ECLAC, FAO, IOM, ILO, OCHA, OHCHR, PAHO/WHO, UNAIDS, UNDRR, UNEP, UNESCO, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, UNOPS, UN-Women, WFP
Knowledge Management Hub Steering Committee	ECLAC, UNDP	DCO, UNEP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women
SDG Data and Statistics Group	UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women	ECLAC, FAO, ILO, OCHA, PAHO/WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNDRR, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNODC, UN-Women
Regional Operations Management Team	UNDP, UNFPA	DCO, ECLAC, FAO, IFAD, ILO, IOM, OCHA, OHCHR, PAHO/WHO, UNAIDS, UNEP, UNESCO, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, UN-Women, WFP

The regional footprint and engagement with UN Cooperation Frameworks

Cluster	Country	Presence	Engagement UNSDCF	Fooprint	Comments
Mesoamerica	Mexico				Projects in main hub
	Cuba				Project supported by MexHub
	Guatemala				Subregional Activity+Interagency pipeline
	Honduras				Subregional Activity+Interagency pipeline
	Costa Rica				Subregional Activity+Interagency pipeline
	El Salvador				Subregional activity
	Nicaragua				Subregional activity
	Panama				Subregional Activity+Interagency pipeline
	Haiti				Projects with HQ
	Dom Rep				Subregional activity+Regional Programme
	Belize				
Angophone Caribbean	Barbados				Subregional activity
	Grenada				Subregional activity
	Dominica				Subregional activity
	St Vincent & Grenadines				Subregional activity
	St Lucia				Subregional activity + hard pipeline
	Antigua and Barbuda				Subregional activity + hard pipeline
	Guyana				Suregional activity + Projects with HQ
	Trinidad and Tobago				Regional programme
	Jamaica				Suregional activity + Projects with HQ
	Surinam				
	Bahamas				
Andean Countries	Colombia				Regional programme + Projects main hub
	Bolivia				Strong country programme
	Ecuador				Regional Programme + Project supported by
	Peru				Regional programme
	Venezuela				Joint support activity with other UN Agency
Southern Cone	Brazil				Projects main hub
	Argentina				Subregional activities + Support activities
	Paraguay				Subregional activities + Support activities
	Uruguay				
	Chile				

What partners and beneficiaries have said

"For me, it has been **a unique experience**. I had never participated in a project like this, which focused on the place where I live. Even for me, **the project brought a new perspective of where I live**"

Rafaela Oliveira, 23, resident of the *Grota do Pau d'Arco*, a community within *Vale do Reginaldo*, the largest slum cluster in Maceió

"Today we are working on a project where there has been a lot of **citizen participation**, together with UN-Habitat and the Placemaking Foundation who helped us in a technical way to show us how we can all coordinate to make these spaces work better, be **more efficient and more attractive**. These projects have a **low cost**, they are very **participatory**, very **quick to carry out** and what follows is that people are interested in **replicating** these projects in other spaces in the city."

Gricelda Elizondo, Director of the Municipal Planning Insitute of Reynosa

"The main **benefits** that we find in this type of interventions are: **uniting the community working with the same objective**, improving the conditions of **accessibility** and **urban image** and generating more attractive **places for people to coexist**."

Erik Cisneros, Mobility and road safety expert in Placemaking Mexico Foundation (Reynosa)

"We are starting an unprecedented project for San Nicolás working with UN-Habitat, which can be a **legacy for the city and transcend beyond the government administrations**"

Zeferino Salgado, Mayor of San Nicolás de los Garza

What partners and beneficiaries have said

"It was an excellent exercise where **we were asked what we want, and we need**. Everyone has different realities and needs, so it was an excellent process"

Jennyfer Galvan, participant of the "participatory journeys" of Equity Park and beneficiary

"UN-Habitat Mexico is **the ideal partner** to assist the state of Coahuila to take advantage of the opportunity to **improve our housing practices and link them to the sustainable development goals** for the common good and enhance its development."

Jerico Abramo, former Secretary of Housing of the State of Coahuila

"The participation of UN-Habitat in this process was **fundamental** and allowed **enriching a technical perspective with a political perspective**; which allowed us to get closer to different sectors of **civil society** in this **participatory process**, but, above all, with a view to fulfilling the 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals and, of course, the end of poverty."

Rocio Molina, Chairwoman Association of Municipalities of Bolivia

"We implemented **mobile food markets, mobile agricultural input markets, agricultural exchanges, seed supply initiatives and the provision of food baskets**, including a day to reactivate three **urban gardens**, located within the La Paz city".

Maria Teresa Nogales, Executive director - Alternatives Foundation

Strategy of UN-Habitat in LAC moving forward

Key dynamics to build upon

1. Explicit effort to adapt to reality of MIC moving from country-programme model to a **subregional/Multi-country/hub model**

2. Continued implementation of UN Reform and **alignment** with UN System at regional level to strenghten UN integrated cooperation

3. Continued strengthening **whole-of-the-house approach** (**RR/GSD**) approach in every sub-region in LAC, including the Caribbean

4. Combining **different business models** as per the diversity of context

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Differentiated business model

1. National financing of services (Ex Mexico, Brazil)

2. Official Development Assistance/Traditional donors (Ex. LDC, Lower MIC, humanitarian context) for regional/subregional/country programmes

3. Vertical Funds (Ex. Adaptation Fund for the Caribbean)

4. Policy Advisory services (Ex. Colombia UNSDCF, other)

Most common example of business models in LAC

1. **Mesoamerica:** National financing-for-services (Mexico) + ODA/Vertical Funds/Traditional donors (Central America, Cuba, Haiti)

2. **Caribbean:** Policy Advisory + Vertical Funds/Traditional donors (OECS countries)

3. **South America:** Policy Advisory (Colombia) + National financing-for-services (Brazil)+ Vertical Funds/Traditional donors (Bolivia)

4. **Regional:** Vertical Funds/Traditional donors (areas of migration and cities, climate change, SDGs)

Programme Development Main Regional Initiatives

1. *Cities and migration regional initiative* Panama, UN-Habitat/IOM, **80M USD**, 50 cities, 5 years

2. *Infrastructure and climate change Caribbean*, Adaptation Fund, St Lucia and Antigua and Barbuda, **13 M USD**, 3 years.

3. *Comprehensive Development Programme Central America*, several donors, Multi-agency, multi-project

4. *Phase 2 – NUP Bolivia*, Sweden, **8M USD**, 30 months, a multiagency component

5. *Territorial industrial corridors*, CELAC.

6. Regional core partnership compact (promoting Voluntary Contributions for support to regional Public Goods)

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