

# CONSULTATION WITH REGIONAL GROUP FOR AFRICA

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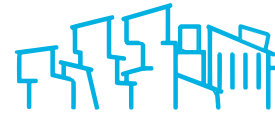


# IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN AFRICA

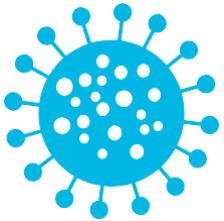
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Over 193 cities  
affected by COVID-19



40% of region's exports  
drop due to global fall in oil  
prices



Over 95% of total cases  
in urban areas



25 million people may  
fall into extreme  
poverty



3.2% to 1% decrease of the  
average GDP growth in  
Africa in 2020 is expected

# OVERALL GOAL AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF ROAF

To leverage sustainable urbanisation for transformative, resilient and peaceful cities in Africa

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1

Enable African cities and human settlements to become engines of economic growth



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

Ensure that African cities are resilient to conflicts, disasters, disease outbreaks and climate shocks



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

Leverage sustainable urbanization for contributing to reducing social inequalities



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4

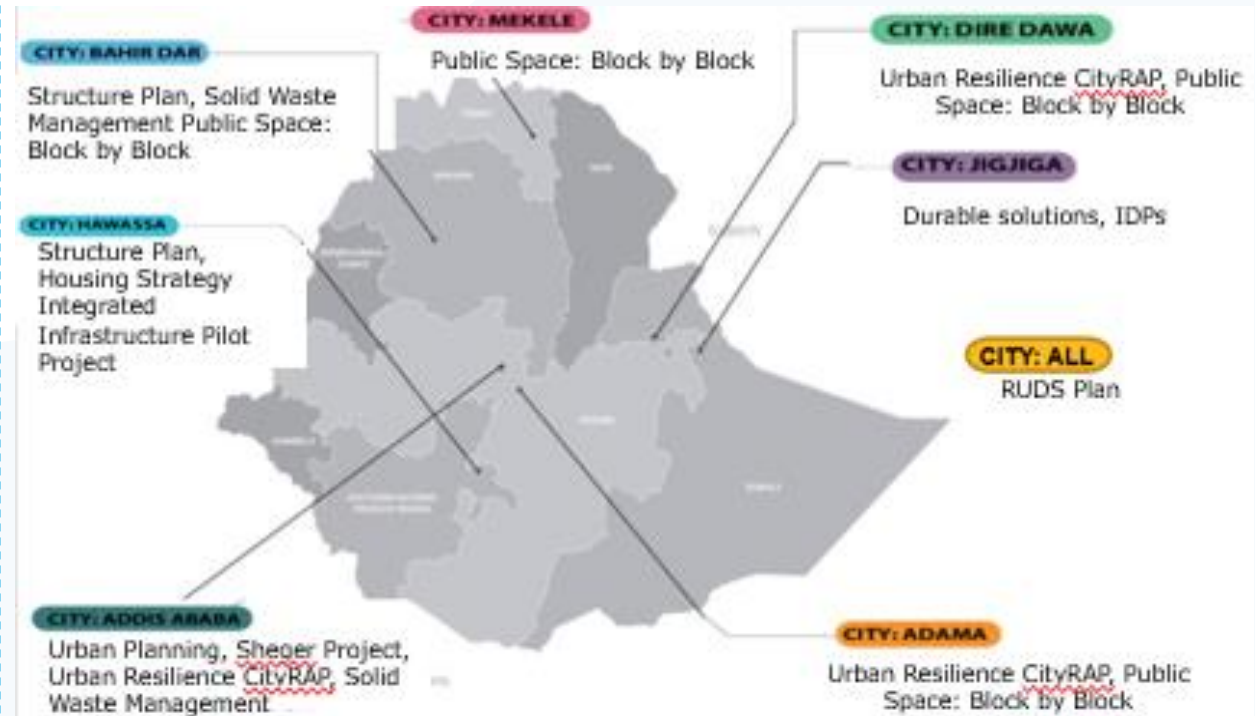
Capacitate African cities to achieve both regional and global goals



## Impact of UN-Habitat's work – Ethiopia

### UN-Habitat in Ethiopia

- ❑ UN-Habitat has presence in Ethiopia since 1998 and been active in the urban sector since 2011 promoting sustainable and participatory urban development
- ❑ Ethiopia is the least urbanized but most rapidly urbanizing, second most populous country in Africa
- ❑ National Urban Policy exists since 2005, urban is now a key Pillar of national strategic plan
- ❑ The economic importance of cities has increased
- ❑ Urban growth is largely unplanned and uncoordinated



# Impact of UN-Habitat's work – Ethiopia

## Improved waste management through rehabilitation of dumpsites

### Fukuoka method applied to manage landfill sites benefiting local residents including women and youth

- Method prevents methane gas build-up reducing risk of fire and explosion **avoiding disasters**
- Contributes to **climate change** and **global warming mitigation** efforts
- Leachate is immediately removed to minimize odour and **health** impact for nearby residents
- **Income** and better conditions for waste pickers: women and youth economic
- Reduces cost of secondary treatment of waste
- 546,219 beneficiaries in Addis and 50,000 in Bahir Dar

## Planning solutions to accommodate growth of secondary cities

### Integrated spatial plans for coherent, balanced and efficient spatial framework for enhancing sustainable urbanisation (Hawassa: 300,000 inhabitants)

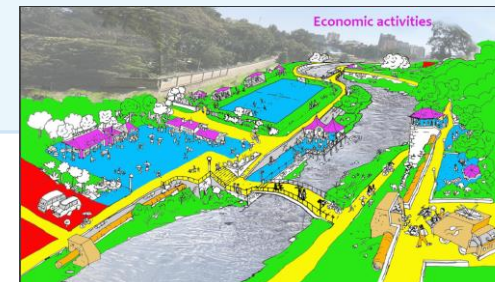
- Spatial planning takes into account future expansion of cities and supports more compact, socially inclusive, better integrated and connected cities
- Plan highlights heavy influence of industrial parks and recommends measures to avoid further strain on existing infrastructure: housing, transport, utilities...
- More than 70 staff trained in urban planning and management to guide the implementation of plans



## Improving public spaces in Addis Ababa and six secondary cities

### Create enabling environment through policy and actions on the ground

- Raise awareness of benefits of inclusive public spaces for better quality of life and health, to increase job opportunities and reduce crime and social tensions
- Position public space as tool to build cohesive communities, reduce spatial inequalities, improve local economies and bring green areas into the heart of dense cities
- Enhance potential of cities to support green growth focusing on blue-green infrastructure.
- Envision new ecosystem of riverside parks: 52km of Beautifying Sheger



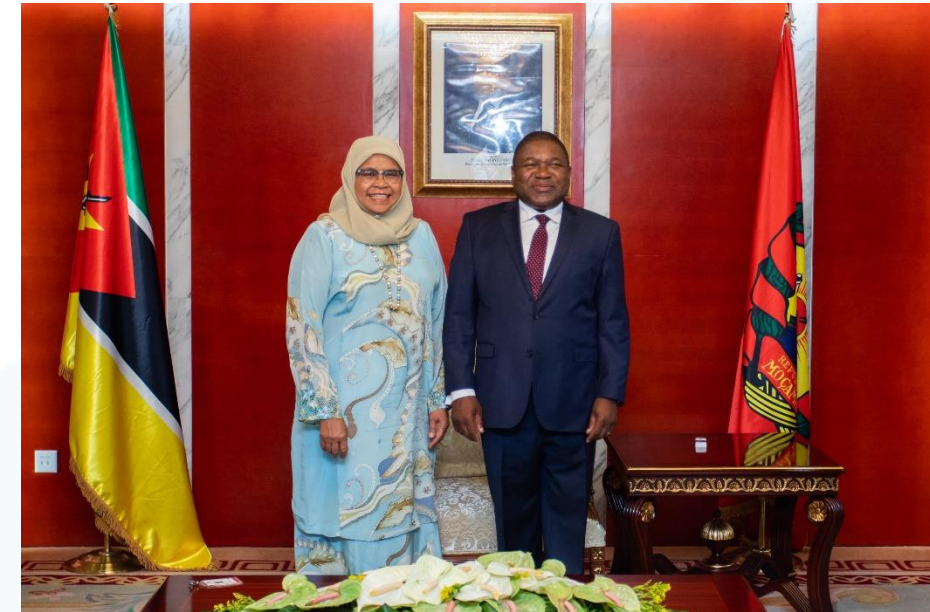
## THE STRUCTURAL PLAN OF HAWASSA 2020-2030

"BY 2030, HAWASSA WILL BE  
LIVABLE,  
SUSTAINABLE,  
PROSPEROUS  
AND THE MOST WELCOMING  
TOURISTIC CITY  
IN ETHIOPIA"

# Impact of UN-Habitat's work – Mozambique

## UN-Habitat in Mozambique

- ❑ Mozambique is experiencing **rapid urbanization** due to **population growth** (50% increase between 2007 and 2017), **climate change** and **forced displacement** due to the conflict in the North and the exploration of natural resources.
- ❑ UN-Habitat has **well-recognised two-decade work experience in the country** especially in the areas of **disaster risk reduction** and **urban resilience** which culminated with **ED's visit to Mozambique in April 2019** when she met **H.E. President Nyusi**.
- ❑ **New UN-Habitat Country Programme (2021-2024)** under preparation with three pillars:
  - ❖ **Building Back Better and Building Resilience** (Safer Schools and Hospitals, Resilient Housing and Urban Resilience)
  - ❖ **Sustainable Integration of IDPs**
  - ❖ **Urban Policies and Urban & Regional Planning**
- ❑ **UN-Habitat portfolio will reach USD\$20M by end of 2021**, i.e. **doubling the volume of its operations in the coming years**



# Impact of UN-Habitat's work – Mozambique

## Safer Schools initiative (started in 2012)

More than **4,000 resilient classrooms** (re)built according to UN-Habitat standards since 2017 adapted to withstand cyclones, floods and even earthquakes benefiting more than 500,000 pupils annually

Additional **3,000 resilient classrooms** will be (re)built until 2024 thanks to UN-Habitat technical assistance

Importantly, **all schools built according to UN-Habitat standards have withstand the cyclones since 2019** (Idai, Kenneth, Chalane and Eloise) and subsequent floods

## Safer Hospital initiative (started in 2020)

- **Technical guidelines** developed to support the resilient (re)construction of health centers in a gender-sensitive manner
- More than **10 health centers** to be rebuilt by 2022
- More than **100 technicians trained** on resilient (re)construction techniques from INGOs, government entities and contractors

## Resilient Housing

Technical support for **National Housing Policy** and implementation strategy

Since 2012, **over 500 resilient housing units** adapted to local cultural requirements for more than **3,000 vulnerable families**

**Training package:** on-the-job training for local master builders, architectural and engineering designs

**Post-Cyclone Housing Reconstruction Programme** approved by Cabinet

Technical Assistance contract under review to **(re)build 15,000 resilient housing units** until 2024 for **80,000 people** affected by Cyclone Idai

Assistance and training for women and girls displaced by terror attacks in the North to construct **50 resilient housing units**

## Urban and Regional Planning

- **Participatory urban plans** integrating **resilience** and **climate change adaptation** in more than 30 cities and towns benefiting more than 1,000,000 people, including local capacity building
- Spatial strategic plans for **Nampula and Maputo metropolitan areas**



# Impact of UN-Habitat's work – Somalia

## UN-Habitat in Somalia

UN-Habitat has been active in the Somalia urban sector for **more than 30 years** to promote sustainable and participatory urban development

Urbanization across Somalia is growing at an unprecedented rate, Mogadishu, the capital city, is among the **world's fastest growing cities**. Urbanization in Somalia is driven by a combination of factors including **conflict, climate change and urban-rural migration**.

Total number of projects is 10 with a **total portfolio worth USD 44M**

**Sida** has been a **consistent donor** for **bilateral projects** and the **Joint UN Programme pool fund**

## Major initiatives

- **518 IDP families integrated** into the community through **provision of houses** and **access to tenure security**. Survey confirmed that families' **wellbeing and livelihoods improved** (Innovative Solutions Project)
- **Improved livelihood of 3,000 youths** through the vocational skills training, access to internet that opened them to the world and job opportunities through Youth Centers (UN Joint Programme on Youth Employment)
- **Increased trust and credibility of citizens** towards their local governments as result of improved service delivery. Average increase of **500%** in local governments contribution to primary health, education and water provision (UN Joint Programme on Local Governance)
- **Improved participation and welfare** of citizens as a result of establishment of local government associations that advocate for the people
- **Increased access to justice** resulting in **reduced land conflicts** through the constituted Land Dispute Tribunals (LDTs) e.g. in Somaliland the LDT has resolved over 500 cases related to urban land







# PERSPECTIVES

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- ESTABLISH THE AFRICAN HOUSING AND URBAN FORUM (UN-HABITAT/UNECA/AU)
  
- ACTIVATE THE PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE FOR MORE CHAMPIONS ON SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION IN AFRICA
  
- STRENGTHEN COUNTRY PRESENCE THROUGH HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT



# THANK YOU!

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