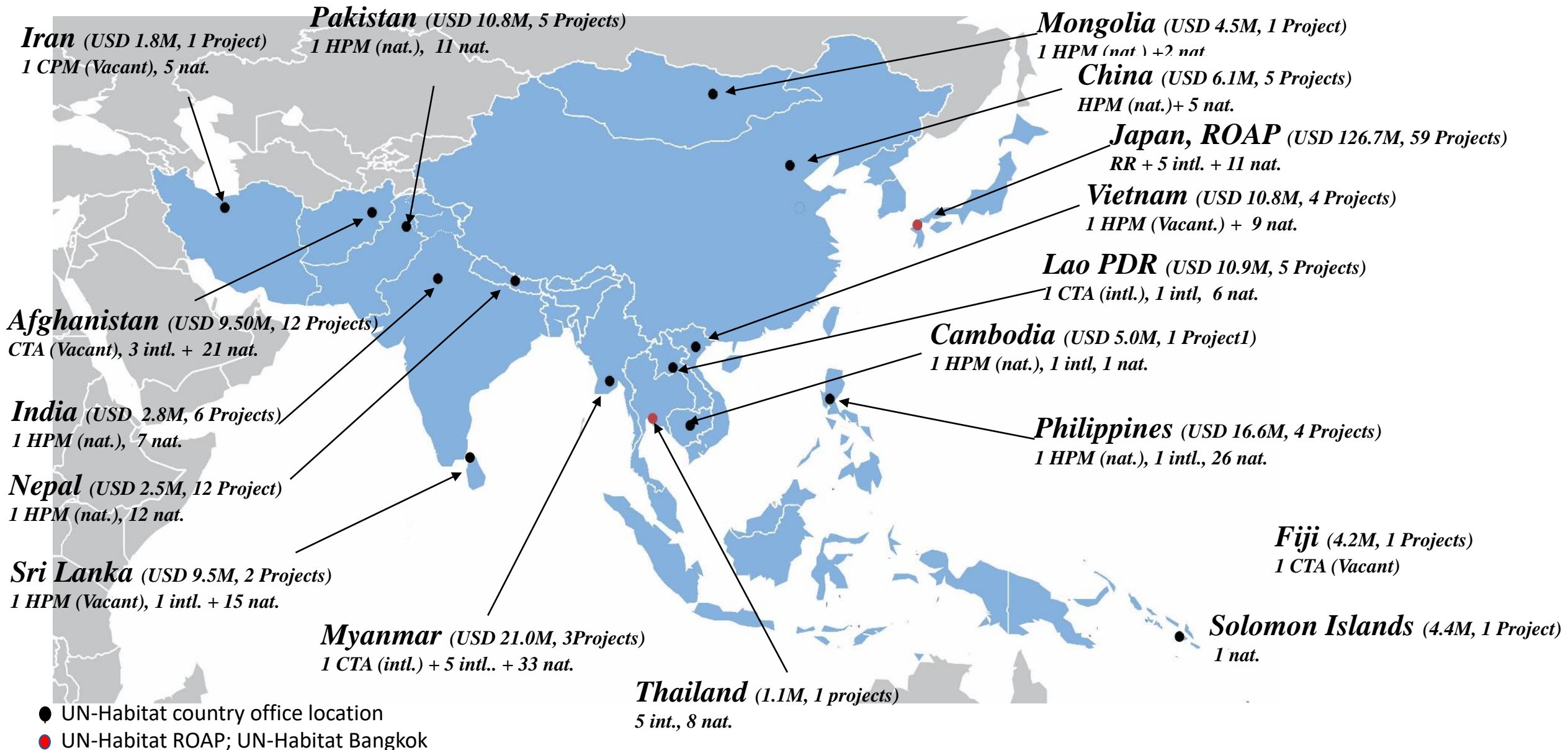


UN-Habitat ROAP (portfolio, staffing)



A Snapshot of Achievements

Regional: UN-Habitat has been supporting the ASEAN to accelerate the implementation of the **ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS)**. Also, in partnership with ESCAP and others, currently delivering **the Mayors Academy for Sustainable Urban Development 2021-2022**, targeting at newly elected/appointed mayors from 8 countries.

The **climate change adaptation portfolio** continues to grow. UN-Habitat has supported 8 countries in accessing climate finance through the Adaptation Fund addressing climate resilience.

Afghanistan: UN Habitat has delivered Humanitarian Development & Peace programmes worth USD 70 M for 2019-2021 and have benefitted 13.2 m people (including 35% of women & children)

Cambodia: **SIHANOUKVILLE FOR ALL** project to promote **smart, sustainable, and inclusive city** was launched with the support from UN Human Security Trust Fund. It aims to reduce digital divide and enhanced human rights.

Myanmar: UN-Habitat is working on emergency **rehabilitation and improvement of landfill site** (120ha) to prevent future fires and landslides as well as damage to the surrounding natural environment.

Philippines: UN-Habitat in the Philippines supports **post crisis recovery**: Following the siege and destruction of the centre of Marawi city 750 houses have been handed over and more than 200 additional houses will be built before mid-2022. Support to shelter recovery post Typhoon Rai (December 2021) is ongoing.

Marine Plastic Litter reduction is supported through policy advisory and the development and implementation of city and community level action plans.

Challenges

Afghanistan: The Taliban takeover of government on 15 August 2021 resulted in **key donors suspending or terminating ongoing programmes or cancelling significant funding commitments** to UN-Habitat. Consequently, the agency had to close field offices in eight provinces and reduce project personnel from 1446 in January 2021 to 23 by December 2021 and 12 in early 2022. The agency had to close field offices in eight provinces and reduce project personnel from 1446 in early 2021 to 12 in early 2022.

In response to most recent Afghanistan's humanitarian catastrophe, UN-Habitat set out a **"Afghanistan Settlements Recovery Roadmap"** with new resources already raised reaching USD 10.7 M by 22 February, and another USD 35 M being negotiated. To address escalating humanitarian needs, UN-Habitat is preparing to re-open offices and ready to reach out to communities in need, urban, peri-urban and rural across Afghanistan.

Myanmar: UN-Habitat is sustaining a fully operational country office in Myanmar, with a portfolio of USD 18 M, refocusing delivery on **WASH, solid waste management and multi-hazard community resilience** in line with UN engagement guidelines.

Joint resource mobilisation is ongoing with UNDP and UN Women to help vulnerable urban slum communities facing a humanitarian crisis of a scale not seen in Myanmar's cities in decades.

New Initiatives

Regional: Together with UNDESA and RECs, UN-Habitat will be implementing project on Fostering COVID-19 recovery and SDG implementation through local action in Asia-Pacific, Arab and African countries, using **VLRs to support evidence-based analysis to guide development and recovery.**

Recently initiated a **green building project** to increase resilience in the cities and targeting at Cambodia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Green energy and building solutions will be promoted at local level.

UN-Habitat is co-hosting '**Asia Pacific City Summit**' jointly with Fukuoka city in Japan, serving as a platform for city mayors to discuss common visions, issues, and goals.

UN-Habitat has been co-hosting **the Spatial Planning Platform** jointly with Japan (MLIT) to enhance knowledge- and experience- sharing among governments, cities and other stakeholders. The 4th SPP Meeting was held online in February 2022 with 15 countries participated.

The intersection between **urban climate change action and nature-based solutions** has increasingly been recognized, including in the 2022 IPCC report. Thus, building on a partnership with UN Environment across four LDCs in the region, additional initiatives have recently started in Lao PDR, Malaysia and Solomon Islands.