



BUILDING PLACES THAT WE ALL CALL HOME



REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ROAP)
UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME (UN-HABITAT)



In this rapidly urbanizing world, achieving **SDG 11 - “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”**

- is imperative for fostering equitable development and sustainable urban futures. Considerable progress is reported in the Asia-Pacific

region on target **11.1.1 - Reducing the number of people living in slums** and **target 11.b – Adoption of both national and local DRR strategies.**

SDG progress is however not on track for many goals, including for SDG 11 overall. Even worse, there is strong regression on the climate targets.



GOAL 6
CLEAN WATER AND
SANITATION



GOAL 11
SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND
COMMUNITIES



GOAL 12
RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



GOAL 13
CLIMATE
ACTION





I profoundly thank all our partners in Asia and the Pacific for their support to UN-Habitat teams in the region.

Our collaboration with government agencies, local governments, specialists and communities is focused on planning and building green, resilient and sustainable places for all.



Maimunah Mohd Sharif,
Executive Director of UN-Habitat and
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

Championing local ownership of the SDGs.

We have conducted **city diagnostics** and have **translated global and regional guidelines** for local governments in **India, Lao PDR, Philippines, and Nepal.**

Supporting seamless recovery through people-centered approaches towards resilient communities.

We have supported **8 million people in 30 countries** in the Asia-Pacific region with **access to shelter and resilient infrastructure, critical services, and livelihoods** ensuring tenure security across the urban-rural continuum using area-based **people-centered approaches.**

Accelerating net-zero and resilient urban development.

We have supported the development of **climate change action plans** in **100 cities and provinces** in the Asia-Pacific region and for **over 200 communities and informal settlements.**

Promoting green and resilient housing with land tenure rights for all.

We have introduced **innovative technologies** such as **integrated land and climate tech** in **Nepal, Afghanistan, Pakistan; green building technologies** in **Sri Lanka and Cambodia; innovative land administration** in **Nepal and Afghanistan.**

Connecting innovators to cities and communities in development.

We have supported the governments of **Lao PDR, Iran, Myanmar, China, Cambodia, Malaysia, Fiji, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Viet Nam, and Nepal** in piloting **innovative technologies.**



Building better places for all to live

- Clean Water
- City-Wide Sanitation
- No Littering, No Waste
- Safe Public Transport
- Land Rights
- No Eviction
- Affordable Housing
- Public Spaces For All
- Sustainable Communities



2020 - 2023

34 programmes

\$104 million

Mainstreaming 'Leaving No One Behind' seeks to strengthen the inclusion of persons with disabilities and other marginalized groups in government policies and programmes at both national and subnational levels. UN-Habitat also collaborates with regional partners in developing innovative platforms for knowledge sharing on the issue.



Sharing prosperity in cities and beyond

- Better Planned Cities and Regions
- Good Urban Governance
- No Corruption
- Improved Connectivity and Transport
- Good Places to Work, to Shop, to Produce
- Fair Local Taxes and Subsidies
- Well Managed Public Expenditures
- Local Innovation and Investment
- New Technologies for Better Services



2020 - 2023

23 programmes

\$9 million

To promote youth and community innovation for cities in Vietnam by stimulating creativity, urban regeneration, and social changes, UN-Habitat is partnering with other UN agencies and working closely with national and local governments, engaging NGOs, and CSOs, placing youth and the community at the heart of all processes to create long-term and transformational impacts for cities in Vietnam. As a result, cities' cultural and social assets will be maintained and leveraged, nurturing their citizen's sense of belonging, which eventually be translated into more inclusive and sustainable planning for cities and regions.



Strengthening climate action and improving urban environments

- Renewable Energy
- Energy Efficiency
- Planning and Design for Emission Reduction
- Biodiversity Protection, Rehabilitation and Nature-based Solutions
- Circularity and Marine Plastic Litter Reduction
- Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience of Cities and Communities

2020 - 2023

26 programmes

\$71 million



Many climate change programming approaches now used across the Asia-Pacific region were pioneered by UN-Habitat Philippines. The country programme supports cities and provinces responding to climate threats, disasters, waste and plastic litter pollution, and pandemic impacts. UN-Habitat develops plans, mobilizes resources, and assists in implementation.



Better crisis prevention and response

- Resilient Communities
- Social Integration
- Refugees and Host Communities
- Inclusion of Migrants
- Helping Return and Rebuilding
- Recovery after Disasters
- Reconstruction
- Building Standards
- Upgrading Building Skills
- Improved Infrastructure

2020 - 2023

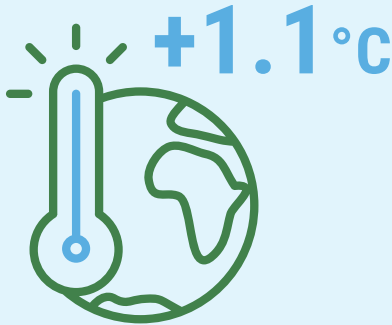
30 programmes

\$141 million



UN-Habitat has been supporting cities, human settlements, and communities to be more resilient to disaster. UN-Habitat initiated the construction of disaster resilient school infrastructure and conducted disaster resilience training in Pakistan.

The Earth's surface temperature continues to rise due to human-caused greenhouse gas emissions leading to more extreme weather.



75%

Cities are responsible for 75% of the region's total emissions, and their contributions to global urban emissions have grown from 46% to 54% in the past 15 years (2000-2015).



To set robust net-zero emissions targets. To commit to urban and community resilience. **We count on cities to act as leaders of climate action.**

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UN-Habitat and Fukuoka partners – government, universities and the private sector – collaborate on innovative, smart, practical, sustainable, and nature-based technologies and solutions.

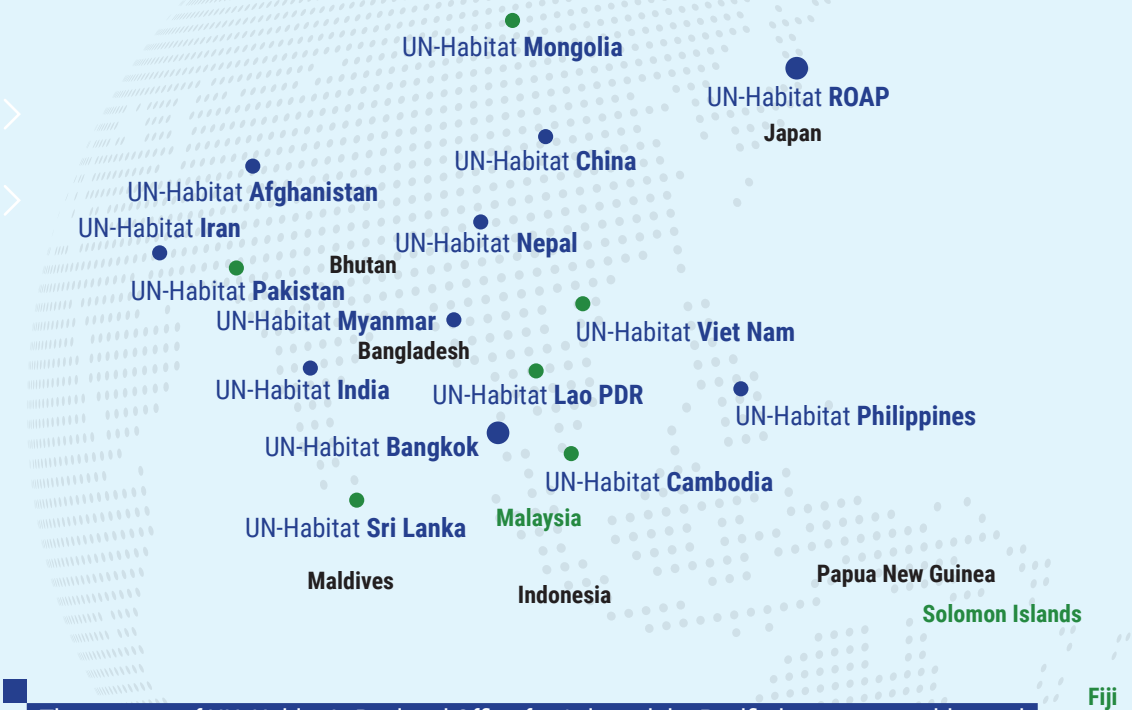
FUKUOKA METHOD
Affordable Climate-Safe
Waste Disposal



TAMETOTTO
Affordable Underground
Water Storage



- UN-Habitat country office location
- Countries with ongoing Adaptation Fund project(s)



The purpose of UN-Habitat's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific is to support cities and communities in need and collaborate with governments and partners seeking change and innovation, spearheaded by our programmes at any time throughout the region.



UN-Habitat Afghanistan has continued to operate under the UN's Transitional Engagement Framework (2022-2023), delivering humanitarian actions, contributing to social cohesion and human security and preserving community-level systems essential to meeting basic human needs. It is continuing with a current portfolio of USD 15 million (2022-2023)

UN-Habitat Afghanistan



The UN-Habitat Shelter project has provided us windows and doors before the last winter came. Before that we were facing problems during the winters from snow and raining and during the summers from hot weather as well.



Gulab Khan,
Resident in Dag-e Tarakhail, Afghanistan

Afghanistan is again facing crisis and uncertainty. UN-Habitat Afghanistan is rebuilding its country programme to reach out to the poorest, relying on a wide network of community-managed councils which UN-Habitat has supported for more than 25 years, with the support of the Government of Japan, the World Bank, the European Union, USAID and other partners.

UN-Habitat Lao PDR



UN-Habitat in Lao PDR has a long tradition in delivering water and sanitation initiatives upon which the climate resilient infrastructure programme was built. Comprehensive province and district-level urban and climate change planning, as well as land administration and disaster risk reduction projects, address the country's diverse challenges and needs. With the help of many partners, projects support actions on climate and disaster resilience and on recovery and rehabilitation.



I learnt about the issue of climate change. Aside from that, we also got to visit the site, or the target village of the project in order to acquire knowledge of what we will do in case there is a flood.



Vanhkham Sengsavang,
Participant of Climate Change Induced Flooding Training

UN-Habitat Myanmar



During this year's storm, the mangrove protected us from the wind and rain [...] As the mangroves develop, the marine resources and environment will improve. Furthermore, as marine resources are developed, the income and livelihoods of the community will also improve.

U Win Naing,
Township Coordinator in Labutta



UN-Habitat has a long track record of supporting Myanmar's people with slum upgrading and water and sanitation assistance. In recent years, UN-Habitat had expanded its assistance in areas ranging from urbanization and housing policy to climate action, disaster risk reduction and more. In times of need, UN-Habitat delivers humanitarian assistance and recovery support, working with the most vulnerable communities and settlements.

UN-Habitat Pacific Island Countries



The Pacific region is particularly prone to the impacts of climate change and other natural disasters such as volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, and earthquakes. Climate and disaster resilient informal settlements are at the core of UN-Habitat's work. Interventions include the provision of water and sanitation, support to community agriculture and community evacuation and health centers.



These are simple technology to protect people and houses from flooding and landslides. Using nothing but simple nature-based solutions.

Yuyun Qomariyah,
Local Team Leader for the Nature-based Solution for Enhanced Climate Resilience Project in Honiara



UN-Habitat Pakistan



We have an acute water shortage in the summer season. With the support of UN-Habitat, after the installation of a rain water harvesting unit, now we are also saving drinking water.

Abdul Aziz Khan,
Resident of Azeemabad, Pakistan



To guide the growth of Pakistan's cities and harness urbanization as a driver of development, UN-Habitat Pakistan and partners like the Japan International Cooperation Agency, Adaptation Fund, ECHO and Asian Development Bank are implementing projects to strengthen environmental and social resilience and support the development of the country's cities into liveable, prosperous places.

UN-Habitat Philippines



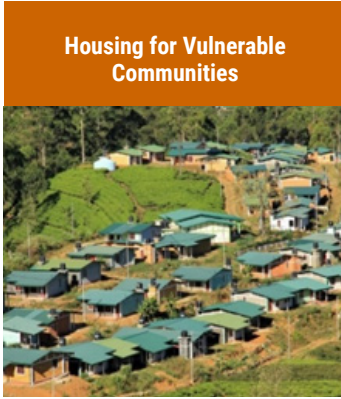
The Philippines is rapidly urbanizing, and faces a multitude of social and environmental challenges, compounded by earthquakes, typhoons, and climate change. UN-Habitat supports partners in the Philippines by working on technical capacity and policy development, building the capacity of municipalities, and piloting innovative approaches with communities and experts.



Through the UN-Habitat project, we were able to conduct consultations with various sectors, where we saw the connection of various aspects of our government and our stakeholders so we can have sound programs and activities integrating climate resilience into our everyday lives.



Jeanette Cruz,
Assistant Director, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development



Strengthening Socioeconomic Resilience of Communities Affected by COVID-19



Because of the masonry training I followed through UN-Habitat, I am able to make use of my skills for my house building and the village. We have been able to get involved in work that is traditionally done by men. When I finish my housework, I supervise the construction of the new pre-school in the village.



Chandrika Mylvaganampuram,
Beneficiary

Sri Lanka faces challenges such as inadequate housing and limited access to basic services, unequal development, and climate change and disaster risk vulnerability. UN-Habitat has been providing assistance to a range of programmes that empower marginalized and underserved populations, such as the plantation workers in the Central and Uva Provinces.



Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building for Urban Development
Youth and Community Innovation

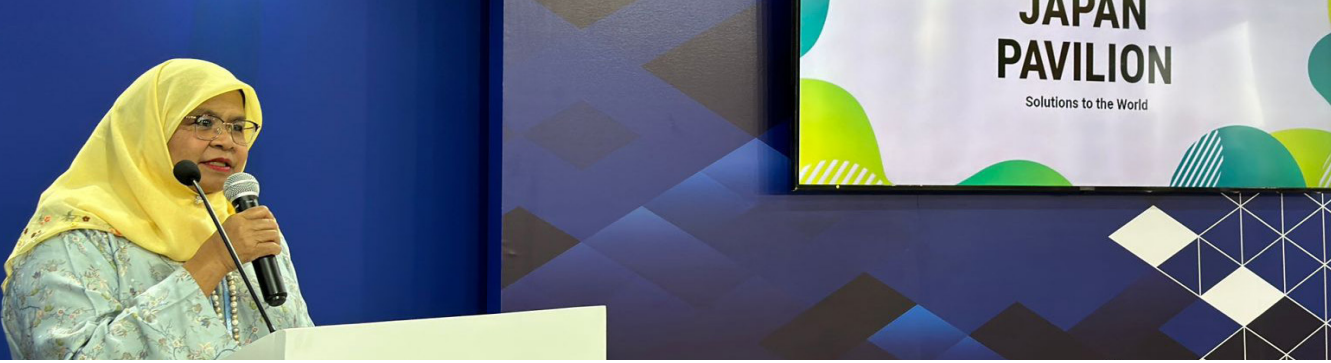


Over the last 20 years, Viet Nam's annual growth rate has stabilized at 6-7%. Such rapid growth comes with multiple trade-offs, including marginalization, inadequate access to basic services, and environmental costs. These are compounded by the impact of climate change, due to its particular geographical location with low-lying deltas and an extensive coastline. To foster sustainable urban development, UN-Habitat is supporting the Government of Viet Nam and cities and communities through policy advocacy, capacity building, technical assistance, and the piloting of small-scale hard interventions in the fields of urban management, regeneration and planning, climate change adaptation and mitigation, migration, youth development, and creative industries capacity building.

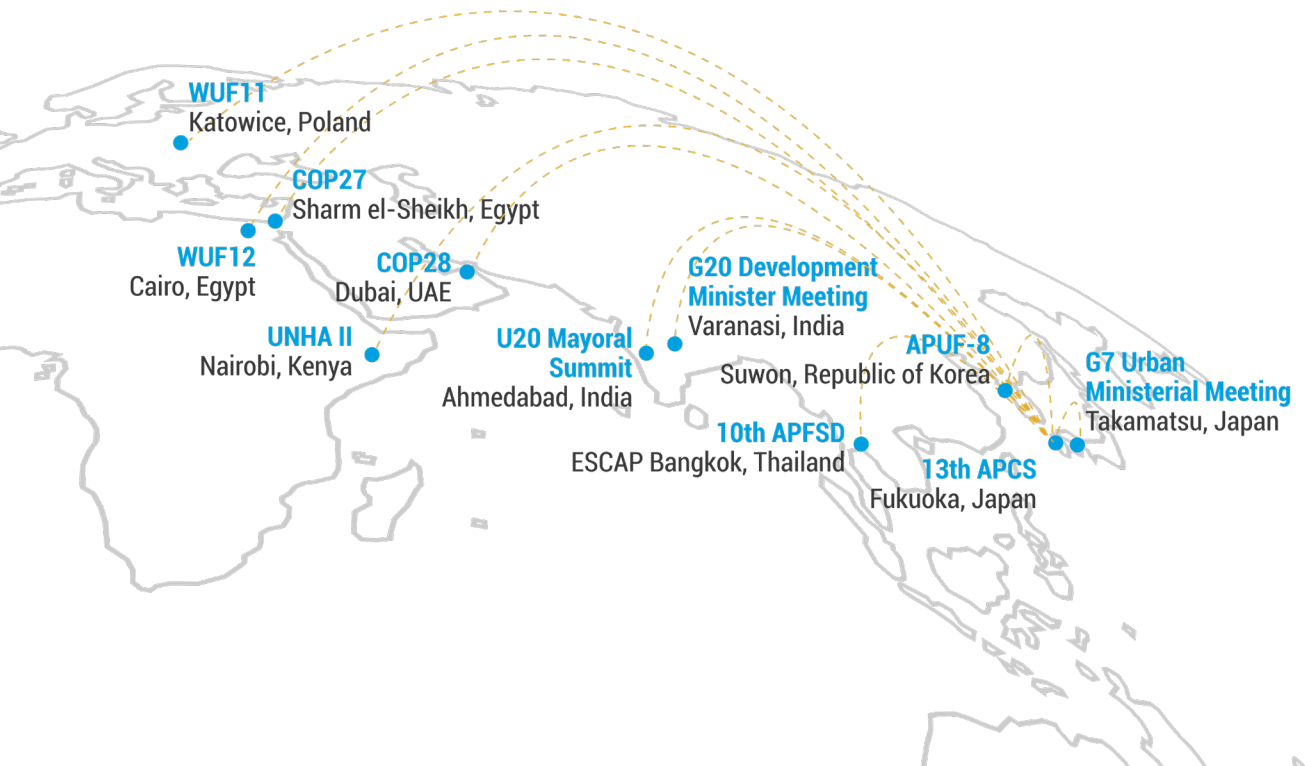
UN-Habitat is making strong contributions to urban development, urban management, housing, environment, climate action, and more. Projects such as Tam Thanh mural village and Phung Hung mural street brought positive change.



Dr. Pham Van Bo,
Vice President of Academy of Managers for Construction and Cities, Ministry of Construction, Viet Nam



UN-Habitat engages in **urban intergovernmental dialogues** to advance inclusive and effective multilateralism for furthering gains in key priority areas of **sustainable development**.



Asian-Pacific City Summit (APCS) • Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF) • Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD) • G7 Sustainable Urban Development Ministers' Meeting • G20 Development Minister Meeting • G20 Platform on SDG Localization and Intermediary Cities • Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change (COP) • United Nations Habitat Assembly (UNHA) • U20 Mayoral Summit • World Urban Forum (WUF)

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- United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS)



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I am Ingrid Macabare, a proud Filipino woman leader for a cleaner and greener Ormoc City today and tomorrow.

As a child, I dreamt of becoming a woman who will achieve more than what other people expect of her. Being a public health nurse is truly fulfilling. However, I've always felt a tiny gap and thought, "I can do more than this." That was until I was assigned to the Environment and Natural Resources Office.

In my role as Solid Waste Management (SWM) Head, I was able to promote community and public health through the improvement of environmental health. I am proud that through teamwork, respect, and collective decision, we developed the Ormoc City 10-year SWM Plan. Garbage collection and landfill operations were improved, and barangays (villages) were empowered to build their own SWM plans. We implemented City Solid Waste Management Policies and Ordinances, including, just recently, the regulation of single-use plastics.

I am able to lead our team who reach out to communities and teach them proper solid waste management, 4Rs, and strategies for waste diversion. We've also started collaborating with other city offices and agencies to implement barangay initiatives and projects that address SWM problems and concerns.



For and with women, children, youth and elderly and persons with disabilities



UN-Habitat is currently supporting new policies addressing the needs of persons with disabilities in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. In Surabaya, Indonesia, UN-Habitat supported the local government to improve the Earthquake Preparedness Strategy of the city, engaging persons with disabilities for the assessment and the formulation of improved response protocols.

To rebuild public spaces in Nepal after the 2015 earthquake, UN-Habitat sought the transfer of knowledge from local elders to community youth



Rights-based and participatory development

Protecting the most marginal, poorest and vulnerable people and communities remains pivotal in Asia and the Pacific.

This protection may be against eviction and forced displacement, or protecting land claims and tenure rights and the right to dignified housing. UN-Habitat supports people living in slums and informal settlements, and people displaced or affected by conflicts or disasters.

UN-Habitat engages people, communities and local governments and works for policy change and more capacity so that national and local governments can shape places that you can call home.



Our house was extremely hot and inconvenient to stay in and we needed to use a fan all the time. We couldn't afford food because I was pregnant, and my husband couldn't earn any. It was so miserable that we had to stay in the house and couldn't go anywhere to earn a living. With solar energy, we do not need to worry like before because we can turn on the lights despite a power outage with minimum expenditure compared to before. When we need to visit a toilet at night, we always use solar lights. Previously, our family used many fans in the places where I slept and where my kids and nephews slept. However, it changed after receiving the solar light from UN-Habitat. I use a solar fan during the day and another electricity fan at night.



Jonh Chanthy,
Resident of Sihanoukville, Cambodia



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