



UN-HABITAT

Agenda item 6.a

Annual Report for 2023 on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025

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Urban Action is...

SCALING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

UN-Habitat is playing a crucial role in facilitating the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to accelerate the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Key reports and intergovernmental processes in 2023 highlighted progress in implementing the New Urban Agenda and emphasized the need to accelerate implementation further.



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Urban Action is...

Bridging the gap: CREATING A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

318M
people globally
experienced
homelessness

1.1B
people lived
in slums
and informal
settlements,

2.2B
people lacked
safely managed
drinking water
services,

2.8B
people were
affected
by housing
inadequacy,

3.5B
people lacked
safely managed
sanitation
services.

To address these challenges, UN-Habitat prioritized four policy areas anchored in the thematic areas of Strategic Plan 2020-2025:

1

Reducing inequality

2

Promoting prosperity

3

Acting for climate and nature

4

Responding to crises



Global impact in 2023

958,000

people benefited from improved **connectivity and green mobility**, including support to start-ups and rapid bus transit in 10 cities globally



280,000+

people in poor and vulnerable communities gained increased **access to basic services and sustainable mobility**



88,000+

households in partner countries have increased **secure tenure rights to land documentation**



162

countries reported having **national level urban policies**.



230+

laws from 9 countries were updated in the **UrbanLex**, UN-Habitat's free global database that aims to improve access to the legislation regulating the urban environment, bringing the total to 2,500+ legal instruments



36

urban observatories were certified and onboarded to the **Global Urban Observatory Network** and are actively contributing towards local SDGs/New Urban Agenda data production and enhancing use of data for decision-making processes and investments



129

countries included urban content in **Nationally Determined Contributions**



15

local and regional authorities and 5 national authorities started implementing and/or aligning their **local urban monitoring frameworks** and data to the Global Urban Monitoring Framework to streamline their monitoring processes and include traditionally excluded groups in urban development plans





Urban Impact is...

REDUCING INEQUALITY

Our Impact in 2023

Rehabilitated

40 public spaces globally which are being enjoyed by

395,000

individuals, offering safe and inclusive environments for all



Supported

24 partner cities

in implementing urban and territorial renewal and regeneration initiatives



Strengthened

housing, land, and property rights for

39,518

people in Afghanistan



Supported

water and sanitation operators in

13 countries

to improve operational capacities



PROMOTING PROSPERITY

Our Impact in 2023

Supported **16 local Governments**

in adopting people-centred smart city strategies to ensure inclusive and sustainable urban development



Supported **30 local Governments**

in over 10 countries to improve their financial position benefiting more than 500,000 people



Supported **9 regional spatial development Plans**

which coordinate practices and policies in urban planning, leading to integrated and balanced development



Supported **7 cities in Brazil**

to implement participatory approaches to engage the population in integrated and sustainable development, which ensures equitable inclusion for marginalized groups



ACTING FOR CLIMATE AND NATURE

Our Impact in 2023

Supported
24 cities

in enacting legal frameworks for low-emission development strategies, which will reduce their global footprint and ensure cities are building with a sustainable approach



Enhanced
climate change
adaptation actions for

100,052

beneficiaries from Jordan and Lebanon by promoting sustainable water management practices



Supported
32 cities

in developing nature-based solutions to building climate change resilience, which results in restored and protected biodiversity and contributes to sustainable livelihoods and food security



Supported
6 cities

to develop land-based marine plastic litter action plans in the Philippines to keep public spaces free of litter so they can be enjoyed by the public



BUILDING RESILIENCE TO CRISIS

Our Impact in 2023

Issued
1,500

land title deeds in support of integrating displaced communities in urban areas, which provided vulnerable individuals with much-needed rights and security



Supported
5 countries

in developing context-specific responses to urban migration to ensure that everyone is included in urban planning



Supported
11 cities

in implementing the City Resilience Global Programme, which measures and increases resilience to multi-hazard impacts so cities can be better prepared to respond to climate change effects



Supported
10 cities

in applying participatory planning methodologies to integrate the concerns of migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees and host communities into their urban planning and management, which created inclusion for vulnerable groups





Urban Impact is...

UNITING FOR URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

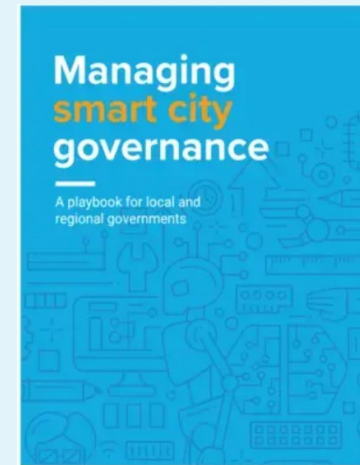
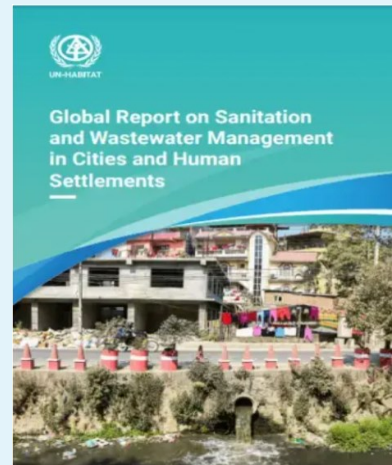
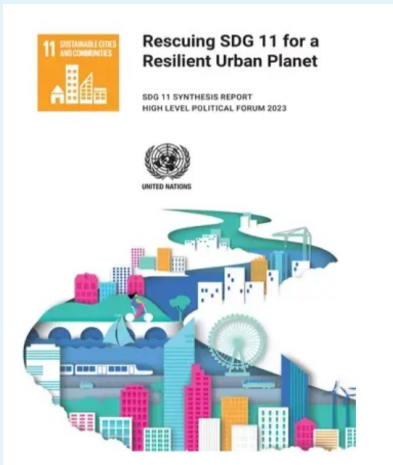
COMING TOGETHER

World Urban
Campaign

Urban
October

UN-Habitat
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Honour Award

DISSEMINATING KNOWLEDGE



ON THE MAP

114

Total number of projects approved in 2023

USD 146.7 million

Expenditure for projects implemented in 2023

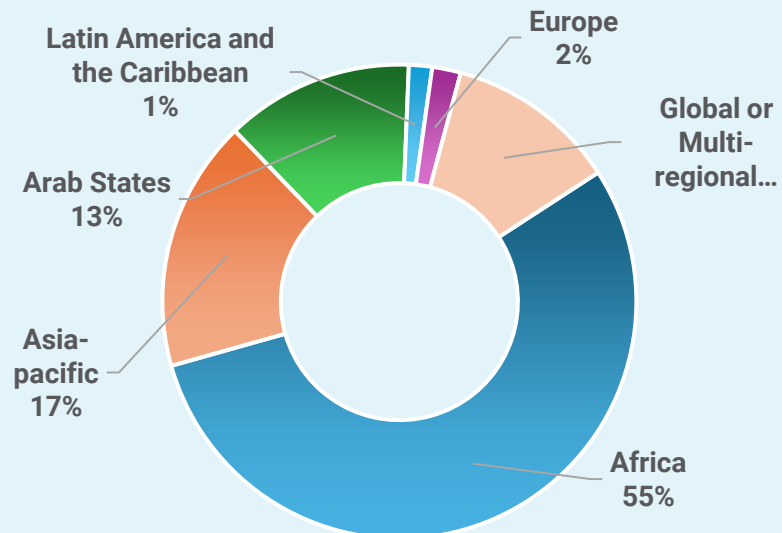
USD 214.7 million

Total earmarked funds acquired in 2023

USD 384.6 million

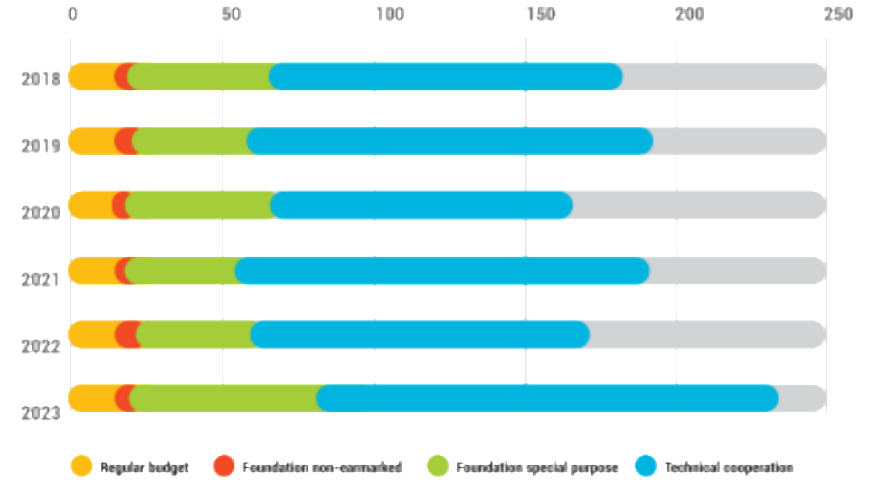
Total value of projects approved in 2023

Approved projects in 2023





Contributions to UN-Habitat 2018-2023 (million USD)



Member States contributions

