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Workshops and 'women safety audits' were undertaken in eight cities in Pernambuco, Brazil to promote safety and inclusivity for vulnerable groups such as women and children © Renato Mendonça



UN-Habitat organized the 2nd Mosul Old City Citizens Consultation Forum to develop a consensus from stakeholders on the ownership and redevelopment of Mosul, Iraq's debilitated Al Maidan riverfront and to discuss its revival © Anna Soave

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Foreword

In 2021, conflict, pandemic and climate emergencies continued to shape the challenges faced by human settlements. UN-Habitat was able to strengthen its efforts to help Member States to respond to new vulnerabilities and risks. Our normative guidance combined with demonstrated projects succeeded in creating conducive conditions for sustainable and inclusive recovery and resilience at the local level.



Local is where the global crises [climate, COVID-19, inequalities, migration] converge. The scale of the problem and the urgency to act are becoming bigger, requiring a wider mobilization.

Antonio Guterres
United Nations
Secretary-General

Working with a network of over 1,400 cities representing more than one billion citizens, UN-Habitat was able to convince city managers and community leaders to embrace the notion of public health by rethinking public space and improving access to basic services. Over five million slum dwellers gained access to basic services directly through UN-Habitat's global strategic policy interventions.

UN-Habitat's mandate has evolved and expanded over the last four years following the adoption of the New Urban Agenda in 2016 and the related General Assembly Resolutions. UN-Habitat's role in helping Member States provide adequate and affordable housing, and developing adaptation methods that are inclusive when tackling the climate challenge, promises to be an exciting new phase in its role as a champion of sustainable urbanization.

The engagement and mobilization of urban stakeholders continues through the World Urban Campaign, the World Habitat Day and the World Cities Day celebrations. Expanding awareness of the transformative potential of sustainable urbanization is key to the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals. Some 20 national urban forums were organized which broadened the dynamic engagement of urban stakeholders to help Member States translate urban development policies into practice.

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif
United Nations Under-Secretary-General
and Executive Director

Reporting on the SDGs and SDG11 in particular, including through the United Nations Secretary-General's Quadrennial Report on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda, was slow. At the time of publication, only 28 Member States have submitted their New Urban Agenda reports. Although more than 50 per cent of Member States have national urban policies and the rest have addressed urbanization in their national development plans, UN-Habitat needs to redouble its efforts to promote integrated planning approaches.

Last year, UN-Habitat introduced innovative ways to diversify its funding sources and establish new strategic partnerships. This included advocating for a feasibility fund that would support the creation of "bankable" project proposals to attract financing at the local level. To complement Member States funding for the implementation of UN-Habitat's mandate, the idea of a third-party endowment was floated. A feasibility study was carried out, and the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation was registered by Blenheim Capital in June 2021.

The comprehensive reform that has made UN-Habitat more fit-for-purpose to advance its revised and expanded mandate has paved the way for better connections between UN-Habitat and that of other United Nations entities within the framework of recent global agendas – all of which delivered positive results in 2021.

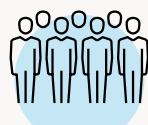


UN-Habitat in 2021



Supporting a just and green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

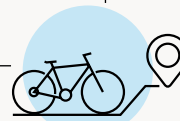
Over 1 million people have directly benefitted from **34 COVID-19 projects** in **11 countries**.



12 distinct resilience action frameworks were developed in Sub-Saharan Africa.



Over 58 million people are estimated to have access to improved services through Water Operators' Partnerships.



20 cities were supported in efforts to improve their urban mobility systems through public transport planning, street design and non-motorized transport, and electrification or digitalization of transport.

UN-Habitat and partners used innovative digital technologies to involve girls and young women in urban planning in **280 cities** through the Her City digital toolbox. **100 independent projects** in **90 countries** are now registered as users.



UN-Habitat has been active in **90 cities** and helped **more than 2.32 million people** enjoy safe access to **more than 137 upgraded public spaces** through the Global Public Space Programme. In 2021, interventions helped **42,500 people** access safe and inclusive public space and **470,000 people** were supported with capacity development initiatives.



UN-Habitat has extended slum upgrading implementation and strategic policy interventions to **over 190 cities** in **40 countries**. Since 2018, **5 million slum dwellers** worldwide have benefitted from UN-Habitat's Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme and **over 800,000 slum dwellers** have been helped with improved tenure security.

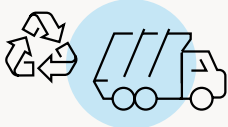
Strengthening the capacity of cities



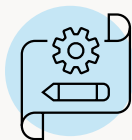
UN-Habitat Learn is UN-Habitat's first online learning platform and management system within which the New Urban Agenda crash course was developed. By December 2021, the UN-Habitat Learn page had been viewed by users from **181 countries** demonstrating the potential for multiplying outreach and dissemination of learning products. These include a series on monitoring urban Sustainable Development Goal indicators.



Over 35 cities in 18 countries have used the City-wide Public Space Assessment tool. Three cities in Latin America – Montevideo, Santo Domingo and Monteria – completed public space assessments to inform spatial and non-spatial strategies. Six cities in Ethiopia validated public space assessments.



Over 30 cities worldwide applied the Waste Wise Cities Tool and can now collect baseline solid waste data to close gaps, make evidence-based decisions and action planning.



357 cities are using participatory planning methodologies and collecting spatial data to increase quality and ownership of local plans, foster sustainable urban development and enhance cohesion between displaced and host communities in countries like Colombia, Ethiopia and Kenya.



16 cities enacted legal frameworks for low-emission development strategies.

Setting the global discourse



UN-Habitat led the coordination of the United Nations Secretary-General's second Quadrennial Report on progress in implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

UN-Habitat led the process of developing the global urban monitoring framework in collaborations between a range of United Nations entities, city networks, representatives, and partners working with urban indicators within the private sector, civil society and academia.



As part of the global monitoring for COVID-19, the UN-Habitat-CITIIQ COVID-19 tracker for cities was expanded to cover **2,800 cities** globally and enhanced to cover more aspects on local response and performance to better inform local policies.



UN-Habitat developed the most updated online platform on Voluntary Local Reviews.

UN-Habitat with the Global Covenant of Mayors and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change organized the Cities and Climate Science Innovate4Cities Conference with almost 200 sessions and nearly **7,000 participants** from **159 countries** to accelerate knowledge and innovation for urban climate action.



Partnerships and funding

- UN-Habitat's 2021 total revenue was **USD 215.3 million** representing **94 per cent** of its target income.
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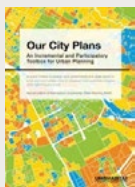
Publications



The New Urban Agenda Illustrated – one of the most frequently downloaded publications with over 20,000 downloads.



Cities and Pandemics: Towards a More Just, Green and Healthy Future – analysis and bold measures that could deliver lasting and sustainable recovery from COVID-19 with over 6,000 downloads.



Our City Plans: An Incremental and Participatory Toolbox for Urban Planning – allowing local governments and urban actors to implement projects, plans and planning processes with over 10,000 downloads.



Her City – a guide for sustainable and inclusive urban planning and design together with girls – guiding actors to implement projects through a step-by-step methodology providing an open and digitally accessible platform with over 4,000 downloads.



Waste Wise Cities Tool – 7 steps to collect data on municipal solid waste generated, collected and managed in controlled facilities with over 1,600 downloads.



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