

MAINSTREAM GENDER ACROSS ALL UN-HABITAT POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS.

 **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**

UN-Habitat Headquarters and global.

 **THEMATIC SCOPE**

Gender Mainstreaming

 **TARGET BENEFICIARIES**

Women, men, boys and girls; and within these groups, persons in situations vulnerability such as sexual and gender minorities.

 **PARTNERS**

- Advisory Group on Gender Issues
- Houraiou Commission
- Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing,
- StreetNet
- GROOTS International and Kenya,
- UNEP
- UNFPA
- UN Women

 **PROGRAMME SUMMARY**

Background: Urbanization is defining trend of our times. We now live in an urban era: with most of humanity residing cities. By the middle of the 21st century seven out of every ten persons on the planet will in cities. Within this reality, social and economic inequalities challenge gender equality. Taking into account 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda’s mission to promote inclusive sustainable cities, the Gender Equality Unit (GEU) aspires to mainstream a more nuanced understanding of gender equality through an intersectional lens that meaningfully considers the rights and inclusion of sexual and gender minorities in urban settlements.

Objectives: The key objective of this project is to mainstream gender across all UN-HABITAT policies, programmes and projects.

Goal: The main goal of this project is to expand understanding of gender, across the Agency, via research and capacity building on issues relating to SOGI.

To achieve this goal and objective the following activities will be carried out:

- Desk Review on the situation of inequality faced by LGBTI persons in cities, in particular issues of safety and GBV.
- Compendium of Best Practices, by varying actors, relating to SOGI in cities.
- Development of in-house capacity-building module on SOGI in cities.
- Development of capacity-building module on SOGI in cities for local authorities and partners.

 **UN-HABITAT ROLE**

UN-Habitat is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the agreement on Sustainable Development Goals are based on the shared understanding that no person should be left behind in the development process. Within this agreement, Goal 5 (Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment), Goal 10 (Reduce inequality within and among countries) and Goal 11 (Make cities and human

settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable) are the goals that best reinforce the need to address challenges of inclusion of all persons in cities: this includes women, men, boys and girls; and within these groups, persons in situations vulnerability such as sexual and gender minorities.

The GEU is charged with the responsibility to ensure that gender equality is mainstreamed within UN-Habitat's policies, programmes and projects. The GEU is ambitious and wishes to expand its mainstreaming activities into researching and capacity building on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) in cities. The Unit is planning an evaluation of its operations in 2016/2017 to help plan the path forward in gender mainstreaming.

 **MAIN OUTPUTS**

- Development of I Know Gender training module on gender and urban issues (in conjunction with UN WOMEN);
- Development of training module on GEWE in cities in conjunction with ITCILO;
- On-going implementation and updating of Gender Equality Marker (GEM);
- Research for publication on UN-Habitat gender-responsive engagement in Linking Risk, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD);
- Development of gender-responsive M&E checklist tool of evaluators;
- Programmatic evaluation of Gender Equality in UN-Habitat in 2016/2017;
- Update the Compendium of case studies on gender mainstreaming initiatives;
- Capacity-building concerning the Gender Catalogue for Regional and Country Offices (in conjunction with UNEP and UNON);
- Development of GEWE training module for UN-Habitat regional offices (in conjunction with Human Rights Team); and
- Launch of funding strategy for Women in Sustainable Housing Programme (WISH).

 **MAIN RESULTS / IMPACT**

- Improved capacity of UN-Habitat staff and partners in mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE), as well as, a more nuanced understanding of gender and challenges faced by gender and sexual minorities in cities.
- Improved responsiveness in UN-Habitat project cycle and implementation to GEWE evidenced by use of gender analyses and sex-disaggregated data in projects.
- Engagement of UN-Habitat with sister agencies on issues of SOGI; in particular, with OHCHR (UN Free & Equal).

 **PROGRAMME DURATION**

36 Months

 **TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

US\$ 1,825,000