

**URBAN RESILIENCE AND FRAGILE CITIES**

 **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**

Global

 **THEMATIC SCOPE**

Urban Resilience and Fragile Cities

 **TARGET BENEFICIARIES**

Local governments, Emerging Global Alliance on Urban Crisis, Humanitarian actors

 **PARTNERS**

- Norwegian Refugee Council
- DEVCO
- The City Council of Barcelona
- DFID/Kings College
- The Rockefeller Foundation and AXA.
- Concern International
- OCHA
- WFP
- Major Group for Children and Youth
- IFRC
- IRC
- ALNAP
- World Vision International.

 **PROGRAMME SUMMARY**

**Background:** Building on Norway’s support to the Urban Risk Reduction Unit’s City Resilience Profiling Programme (CRPP) in 2014 and 2015, this proposal aims to concentrate on scaling up the work done to date, with a focus on urban resilience and fragile cities through providing support to the emerging Global Alliance on Urban Crisis through the provision of guidance on resilience based humanitarian action, developing an international platform, partnerships and guidelines for supporting local governments in Europe that are confronted with new large scale refugee and other migrants’ influx, initiating and implementing a local government training programme for humanitarian actors, and local government representatives in five new cities on the application of the resilience diagnostic and action planning tools, and leveraging resilience-based humanitarian inputs into longer term, higher impact development gains, particularly by embedding resilience principles, strategies and tools in urban reconstruction programming in post-conflict areas and fragile states.

The development gains through urbanization can only be achieved and sustained through building resilience for protecting lives and assets, as well as ensuring continuity of various functions and critical services upon which all lives and livelihoods depend. Demand is increasing from city planners, managers and elected officials to provide reliable information to build resilience action plans that comprehensively address multiple shocks and stresses, including those triggered by the pace of urbanization itself, as well as the impacts on urban areas from new threats, such as refugees fleeing from conflict and other crisis zones. Such threats no longer have isolated impacts and are thus an increasing concern for urban leaders

and communities throughout the world, particularly those where there are already significant challenges linked to land-use and availability of safe and adequate housing/shelter, jobs, infrastructure, and pressure on natural resources.

**Goals and Objectives:** to provide a framework within which humanitarian and development partners can more strategically collaborate to leverage resilience-based humanitarian inputs into longer term, higher impact development gains benefitting all urban residents, as well as local governments

 **UN-HABITAT  
ROLE**

This programme is implemented on an urban systems platform, integrating key spatial, physical, organizational and functional elements of all human settlements. Consequently, it addresses all sectors of UN-Habitat's expertise, as a cross-cutting function of the Agency, and will impact on most of the Agency's Strategic Priorities and targets. Key focus areas on youth, gender, human rights, and integration with the proposed New Urban Agenda are already underpinning the work of the programme, and will continue influencing practice and policy of the work with partners and cities.

It is this approach that also underpins the work the Programme has developed on building resilience in Fragile Cities<sup>1</sup> – that is, cities recovering from the impacts of multiple social, economic, or natural crises within this programme the primary objective is to provide a framework within which humanitarian and development partners can more strategically collaborate to leverage resilience-based humanitarian inputs into longer term, higher impact development gains benefitting all urban residents, as well as local governments. This approach has been derived from joint work with NRC/NORCAP since 2012, analyzing the impact of UN Habitat's urban humanitarian programming over the past 7-10 years.

 **MAIN  
OUTPUTS**

**Modification and application of CRPP tools to fragile contexts:**

- Adapting the City Resilience Profiling Tool to launch during the World Humanitarian Summit (January 2016 – May 2016)
- Selection of 5 Associate cities and introduction of modified guidelines, and training materials to support application of the CRPT at local government level; (February 2016 – June 2016)
- Expert Group Meeting to review/introduce and train partner cities; invited collaborating Partners and CRPP University Network partners. (July-August 2016)
- Oversight and management of web-based registration, feedback, and technical assistance resources to monitor and respond to urban resilience-based support to Associate Cities, ongoing administration and response on demand. (January 2016 – December 2016)

**Training programme for urban resilience experts**

- Develop programme outline, syllabus, and schedules for 2016-17 (January-September 2016);

- Establish training facilities with partners (GAUR and CRPP City Network); (June-September 2015)
- Offer first series of 4- 1 week training sessions to partners for assisting local governments to implement CRPT, and establish preliminary resilience baselines. (October-December 2016, thereafter on demand)

**Supporting European cities confronted with large-scale influx of new migrants and refugees:**

- Capacity building for receiving and resettlement of incoming refugees through preparation of common standards of practice;
- Establish city-to-city learning exchange;
- Develop guidelines and provide technical assistance where requested; and
- Establish a pre-screening programme in transit countries (Spain, Greece, Malta, Turkey and Lebanon) in order to provide host cities with advance planning information for receiving and settling refugees.

**Supporting the development of the Global Alliance for Urban Crisis**

- Expand the core group of partners of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises;
- Organize and host the pre-launch of the Alliance ahead of the World Humanitarian Summit;
- Developing partnerships between all organizations interested in committing to the Alliance, including UN agencies and non-governmental organizations;
- Support to the organization of events hosted by the Alliance during the World Humanitarian Summit; and
- Contribute to raising awareness and strengthening commitments to enhancing urban humanitarian response following the World Humanitarian Summit.

 **MAIN RESULTS / IMPACT**

- Expanding the city partners involved with the City Resilience Profiling Programme to further disseminate and apply the CRPP diagnostic tools and action planning methodologies in 5 urban areas in fragile contexts;
- Enhancing already developed universal CRPP indicators for calibrating urban systems ability to withstand and recover from crisis;
- Drawing lessons for developing and disseminating global standards for achieving urban resilience and contributing to a new normative framework for global monitoring of urban resilience;
- Supporting the development of coordination, approaches, capacities and tools to respond more effectively to urban crisis, scaling up resilience and preparedness in the most at risk towns and cities and consolidating efforts from humanitarian and development actors towards Sustainable Development Goal 11; and
- Supporting cities to provide safe, respectful and dignified reception for refugees; and to consolidate an urban 'voice' in finding solutions for persons in need of protection in Europe.



**PROGRAMME  
DURATION**

12 months



**TOTAL PROJECT  
BUDGET**

USD\$ 900,000