

URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT – A FOCUS ON URBAN TRANSFORMATION AND EXPANSION

 **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**

Global, Kenya, Somalia, Cote d’Ivoire, Afghanistan, India, Haiti, Palestine, and Cuba.

 **THEMATIC SCOPE**

Urban Planning and Design.

 **TARGET BENEFICIARIES**

- women and youth groups
- refugees

 **PARTNERS**

- Urban Economy and Urban Legislation Units
- City stakeholders including women and youths
- UN agencies
- UNHCR
- World Bank

 **PROGRAMME SUMMARY**

Background: Urban strategies and policies that promote compact, connected and accessible cities and towns, generally have produced more sustainable urban patterns and forms. By contrast, unplanned city extensions or decades of 20th century urban planning and design paradigms have created sprawling city-regions often with negative social, economic and environmental impacts. Awareness across urban actors on Sustainable Urban Planning principles, relevant and accessible urban planning tools, enabling support mechanisms and technical partnerships are needed for cities to govern and manage rapid expansion and to retrofit existing settlements adequately – also in the face of crisis related to refugees and displacement.

Goals and objectives: The key objective of this project is to continue and enhance support to the member states to develop and improve local policies, plans and designs for compact, integrated and connected, socially inclusive and economically viable cities, towns and neighbourhoods.

Specific objectives are

- To equip partner cities and other partners with a tested set of planning tools, principles and approaches and institutional and technical capacities for Planned City In fills (PCI) and for the application of Planned City Extension (PCE) to address refugees as urban communities.
- To develop plans and design that illustrates and test innovative approaches to urban infill and to urban extension in partner cities.

Planned activities: The main activities that help in the achievement of the objectives are:

- Development and dissemination of Knowledge, Policy and Tools
- Capacity Building of urban stakeholders
- Technical and policy advisory services

 **UN-HABITAT ROLE**

The recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals provide a clear mandate, goals and targets on urban development, which UN-Habitat intends to address by building on the past 4 years of tools development and engagement with partners and national and local governments in city planning and design. Such work has resulted in a well-defined approach to urban expansion (Planned City Extension), planning tools that integrate design, legal and financial elements (3-pronged approach), and related training modules. Illustrative plans and guidelines

have been developed and adopted in several cities, including Johannesburg, Accra, Myanmar among others. An internal Planning LAB and external Network of LABs have been established to technically support such work.

 **MAIN OUTPUTS**

- **Development and dissemination of Knowledge, Policy and Tools:**

This component will focus on policy development (Expert Group Meeting to elaborate on PCI in different contexts; illustrated policy notes on urban planning principles and approaches for PCI, for PCE for displaced population/camps and for PCI in context of reconstruction; principles and guidelines for the design and planning refugees camp as urban communities. It will also support the network of Planning Labs globally to promote sustainable planning principles and approach.

- **Capacity Building of urban stakeholders:**

This component will focus on developing training materials and manuals on Planned City Infills (PCIs) applied to urban transformation and urban reconstruction; and develop training materials for the stakeholders involved in refugees support, including but not limited to host local governments. Such materials will complement existing training materials and constitute the Sustainable Planning Training Box. City leaders and other decision makers will be trained progressively building on core existing and new modules.

- **Technical and policy advisory services:**

The reinforced UN-Habitat Urban Planning and Design Laboratory (LAB), embedded within the Urban Planning and Design Branch and launched at WUF7 and further strengthened at GC25, will act as key resource for initiating, conceptualizing and implementing urban planning projects, provide advice on existing plans and support the development of urban planning and design proposals that are implementable and respond to local demand; LAB services will be made accessible to cities primarily from LDC and conflict countries. Under this project, the LAB will extend the provision of technical and advisory services to Kenya, Somalia, Cote d'Ivoire, Afghanistan, India, Haiti, Palestine, and Cuba.

 **MAIN RESULTS / IMPACT**

- Improved ability in utilizing urban planning and design to achieve more compact, integrated, socially inclusive, connected and climate resilient cities in all partner cities.
- Improved quality of life.
- Improved efficient use of resources.

 **PROGRAMME DURATION**

24 Months

 **TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

US\$ 950,000