

# THE STRATEGIC PLAN

2020-2023

## Agenda Item 6

### Highlights of the Outcomes of the Implementation of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan for the Year 2021

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## Agenda Item 6 a)

Implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Period 2020–2023:  
Annual Report for 2021 on the Strategic Plan for the Period 2020–2023



# | Agenda Item 6 – Supporting documents

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Agenda item 6 a:

- **HSP/EB.2022/ 16:** Summary of the Annual Report 2021 on the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023



# Annual Report 2021 – Reformed and Repositioned



The Strategic Plan has proven to be a robust framework for recovery and roadmap for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The new organizational structure and choices made by UN-Habitat have strengthened integrated programming and increased synergies.



The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the implementation of UN-Habitat's mandate. Cities asked to delay technical support but appreciated online learning products such as the New Urban Agenda Illustrated and related online crash courses.



# Annual Report 2021 – Reformed and Repositioned

The internal restructuring of UN-Habitat aligned with the UN Secretary-General's wider reforms



## Globally

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UN-Habitat is leading the United Nations Task Force on **Future of Cities** and the **Local 2030 Coalition of the Decade of Action** to implement the United Nations System-Wide Strategy for Sustainable Urban Development



## Regionally

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UN-Habitat representatives are active members of the **Regional Collaborative Platforms (RCP)**



## Country level

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UN-Habitat has engaged with over 50 United Nations Country Teams to integrate sustainable urbanization in the **Common Country Analyses** and in **United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks**

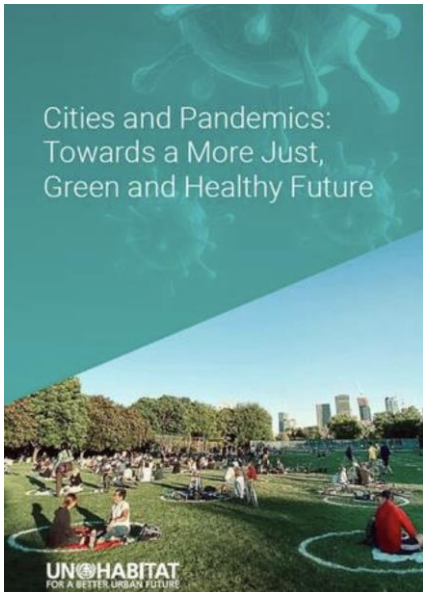


# Annual Report 2021 – Reformed and Repositioned

Cities provide opportunities to anchor COVID-19 pandemic recovery in social justice and climate action.



# Annual Report 2021 – Equipping Cities at the Forefront of the COVID-19 Pandemic



## Bullet points of

### *The Cities and Pandemics report*

1. Rethinking the form and function of the city
2. Rebuilding a 'new normal' urban economy
3. Urban legislation and governance arrangements
4. Addressing systemic poverty and inequality in cities



UN-Habitat's COVID-19 responses, 2021



# Annual Report 2021 – Increasing the Evidence: Monitoring and Reporting on the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs



## Harmonizing and expanding urban data

### Global Urban Monitoring Framework

used by United Nations system agencies and external partners to guide sustainable urban development monitoring

### Global Urban Observatories



## Important tools

- The Global Urban Indicators Database
- The Urban Agenda Platform
- The New Urban Agenda Handbook
- The Earth Observation Toolkit for Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements





# Annual Report 2021 – Three Priorities of the Executive Director

1

## Housing

The right to adequate housing can support the reduction of poverty, exclusion, and inequality, and strengthen inclusive, planned, and sustainable urbanization.

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## Climate Action

Urban and local climate action with an emphasis on Climate Resilient Informal Settlements, multi-level governance and climate change planning in support of the achievement of the Paris Agreement.

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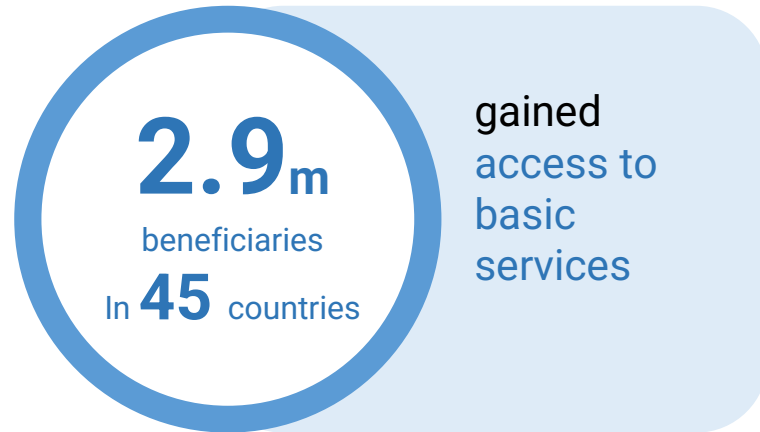
## Localizing the SDGs

UN-Habitat's Executive Board mandated UN-Habitat to “actively advance SDG localization in support of the Decade of Action, through normative guidance, technical assistance and strategic partnerships”.

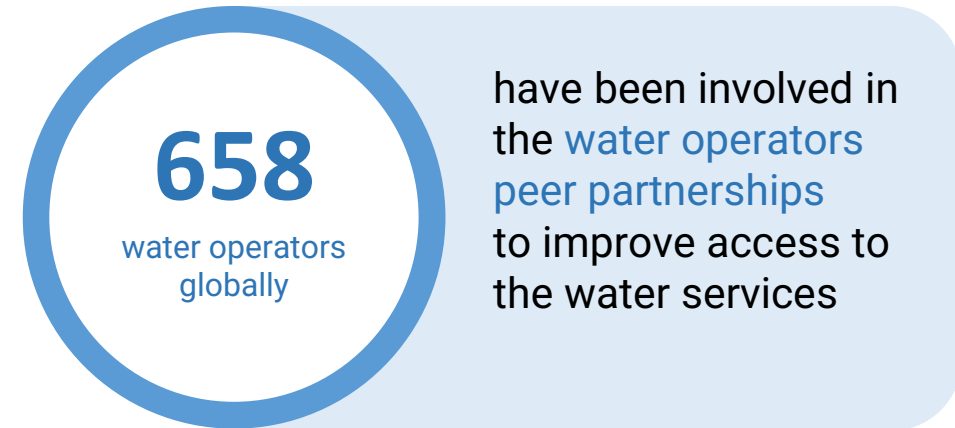
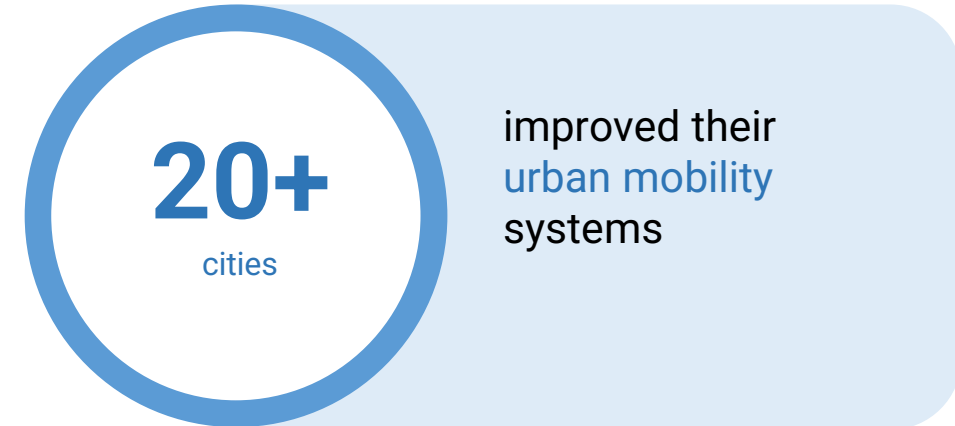


# Annual Report 2021 – High-Level Results

## Domain of Change 1: Reduced Spatial Inequality and Poverty



gained access to **safe and inclusive public space** which provides sustainable services, improves health and wellbeing, and ensures social inclusion and economic exchange.



# Annual Report 2021 – High-Level Results

## Domain of Change 2: Enhanced Shared Prosperity

directly supported in the **National Urban Policy** through training, technical drafting, stakeholder mobilization, policy review and evaluation



USD 30<sub>m</sub>

In **local revenue collection** from 2017-2020 collected from 830,000 Occupancy Certificates and 720,000 municipal service charge invoices



The first **United Nations Innovation Accelerator for Cities** launched and is now developing data and artificial intelligence tools for informal settlements management in Brazil, Jordan and South Africa, etc.



received support from **City Investment Facility** for SDG impact projects



Enhanced **Urban-Rural Linkages policy development** in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Tanzania



# Annual Report 2021 – High-Level Results

## Domain of Change 3: Strengthened Climate Action

84%

Nationally contributions

had strong or moderate urban content, indicating the important role that national governments accord to local climate action

223

local governments

joined the Waste Wise Cities Programme. The African Clean Cities Platform grew to 97 member cities and 42 member countries.

USD 88.5 m

In the Adaptation Fund portfolio in 2021 used to support the adaptation of infrastructure to climate changes in south-eastern Africa, Cambodia, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, etc.

have been supported by UN-Habitat and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, in accelerating climate action, through the Urban Low Emission Development Strategies.

60+

Cities



# Annual Report 2021 – High-Level Results

## Domain of Change 4: Preventing and Responding to Urban Crises

UN-Habitat assisted urban recovery interventions. New interventions have been implemented to address the displacement in Mozambique caused by conflict and climate induced disasters.



357

Cities

used participatory planning methodologies and collected spatial data to increase quality and ownership of local plans, and to foster sustainable urban development

are being provided housing, job opportunities and vocational training, and 600 houses for low-income families are being rehabilitated.

4000+

people in Yemen





# Annual Report 2021 – Impact Stories



1

Strengthening the social and economic conditions of Palestinian families and enhancing Palestinian cultural and community identity in the Old City of Jerusalem

2

Attracting FDI during for shared sustainable prosperity and investment in Mexico through a geographic atlas with strategic analysis of sectors with high growth potential.

3

Improve flood resilience and sanitation for 1 million vulnerable groups in Ulaanbataar through a community-based gender-responsive approach supported by the Adaptation Fund

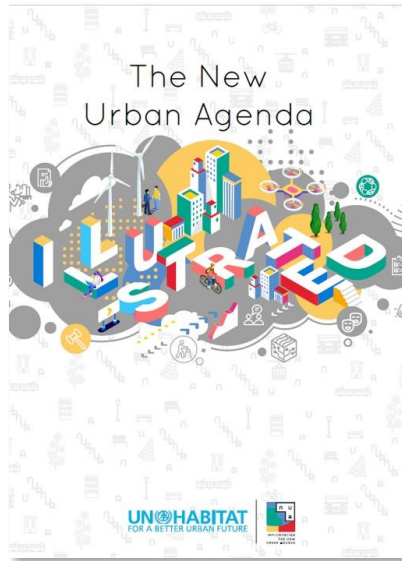


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Integrating refugees into host communities in Kenya through numerous initiatives, tools and intensive workshops that have informed implementation.



# Annual Report 2021 – High-Level Results Capacity Building



## New Urban Agenda Illustrated

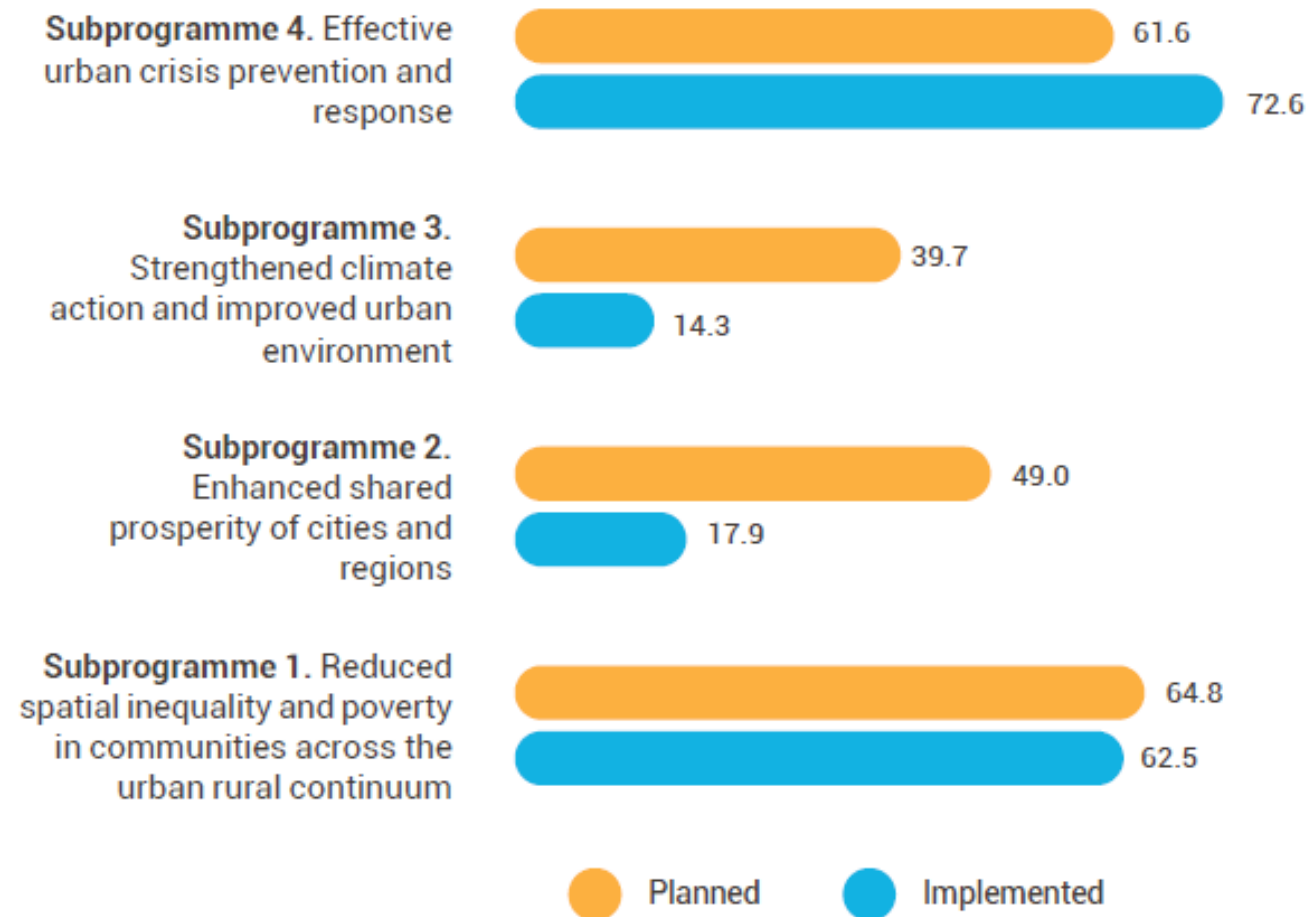
Over 2,000 participants have accessed the online course in English and Spanish, and 387 certificates of completion were awarded by the end of the year.



## UN-Habitat Learn

UN-Habitat's first online learning platform and learning management system, in which the New Urban Agenda crash course was first developed. By December 2021, the UN-Habitat Learn page had been viewed by users from 181 countries.

## Implementation by domain of change (USD millions)



**CONCLUDING MESSAGES :**

**EXPECTATIONS AND PROPOSED OUTCOMES**



# | CONCLUDING MESSAGES : EXPECTATIONS AND PROPOSED OUTCOMES

## **Different ways to keep the progress on the implementation of the Strategic Plan under review**

- **Adapted organizational structure:** Strategic Planning and Monitoring Branch and Programme Development Branch
- **Quantitative (results framework) and qualitative analysis** of UN-Habitat's portfolio
- **First open-ended high-level midterm review meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)**
- **Second Session of the Executive Board:** Recalibration of the Strategic Plan
- **Programme Review Committee**

## **UN-Habitat will be conducting the Mid-term evaluation of the strategic plan in the 1st quarter of 2023. Key issues the evaluation will explore include;**

- How UN-Habitat is contributing to global agendas (SDGs, climate, inequalities, etc.) and how this is being strengthened?
- How the Strategic Plan is facilitating UN-Habitat's collaboration with other UN agencies and integration in the UN-system wide action at global, regional and country levels?
- How the Strategic Plan is facilitating more integrated programming and solutions that can work at scale?

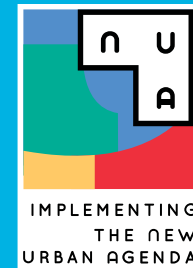




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