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Three Pillars of UN-System Response to COVID-19



HEALTH RESPONSE

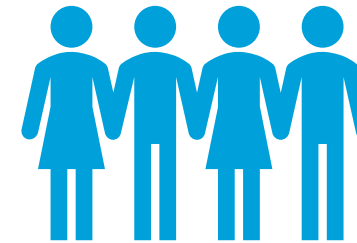
Coordination with WHO, collaboration public health guidance in urban settings



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Active participation in IASC mechanisms raising visibility of urban threats and response priorities

Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) country-level contributions, shaping narrative on the impact of the pandemic in urban areas



SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESPONSE

UN-Habitat contributed a UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19

Primary pen-holder for Secretary-General's Policy Brief on the impact of COVID-19 on cities



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Focus of UN-Habitat's programmatic response

- UN-Habitat has supported responses at the global, national and city levels
- The programmatic response **focused on urban areas** as they have been hit hard in view of their density, mobility and the connectivity of its population

1. Support to local government and community led solutions

- **Informal settlements and slums**
- **Access to Water and Sanitation**
- **Mitigating socioeconomic impact**
- **Improving access to adequate housing**

2. Profiling of urban context: data, mapping and knowledge

- **Corporate Data Offering**
- **Coordination with UN Agencies**
- **City-based COVID-19 Readiness tracker**
- **Compilation of data on vulnerability populations**

3. Mitigate economic impact and initiate recovery

- **Innovative funding modalities**
- **Leveraged community-led initiatives to generate income**

4. Promoting active learning on policy measures and practices

- **Live-learning online seminars**
- **Urban Thinkers Campus**
- **Thematic webinars**
- **Guidelines from learning series informing COVID-19 response work**



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Key results to date

Funds



USD 32 million
44% of required
USD 72 million

Portfolio



75 projects in
37 countries and
300 cities



Beneficiaries



Over 10
million people

Beneficiary cities

Mapping and data from 1700
cities informing decision-
making and improving
coherence



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SG's Policy Brief on COVID-19 in an Urban World

- Coordination in the UN System contributed to greater visibility of the specific challenges of the COVID-19 response in human settlements and cities
- Sets the scope and priorities for UN-Habitat's engagement and a framework for leveraging system-wide action with diverse partners. UN-Habitat will focus on:
 - a. Developing further the health and development nexus
 - b. Considering health, governance and urban finance nexus
 - c. Understanding how urban planning and infrastructure can enhance urban resilience
 - d. Understanding long-term implications of pandemics for UN-Habitat's work
 - e. Considering socio-economic impacts and the links with urban finance
 - f. Investing in basic services, housing and slum upgrading.



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In 2021, the COVID response will shift to adapted city- and country-specific support:

- a. Increased focus on policies and actions to mitigate the local social and economic impact of COVID-19, working with a coalition of global thought leaders and stakeholders in public and private spheres
- b. Extra effort to engage through United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs), supporting the review and elaboration of socio-economic analysis of the COVID-19 impact and related response plans
- c. Actively supporting the elaboration of Common Country Analysis (CCAs), and Cooperation Frameworks (CFs) building also on the Secretary-General Policy Brief



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The continued support to COVID-19 response and recovery will take forward the recommendations and analysis contained in UN-Habitat's report "**Cities and Pandemics: Towards a more just, green and healthy future.**"

The report provides normative and urban policy guidance on the impacts of COVID-19 and the future city responses in four inter-connected areas:

- a. Poverty and inequality
- b. Form and the function of the city
- c. Normative and governance mechanisms
- d. Urban economy systems



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Deactivation of Level 3 Emergency protocols for COVID-19 Pandemic

- 23 January 2021 - deactivation of the system-wide COVID-tailored IASC Scale-Up protocols
- 01 March 2021 - UN-Habitat suspended the Level 3 emergency protocols for COVID-19 response
- UN-Habitat reverts to its standard procedures for programming and crisis response as defined in the established structure
- Past year experience will inform UN-Habitat's collective learning and knowledge to support responses to future urban crises



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Opportunities for Member States to support UN-Habitat's response to COVID

- Strategic use of and policy references to the recommendations in "Cities and Pandemics: Towards a more just, green and healthy future"
- Investment in core funding to allow flexibility of resources when new needs arise and life-saving support needed; support for an emergency fund for UN-Habitat Executive Director's deployment in line with existing protocols.
- Strengthen strategic partnerships and resources for data and analysis, particularly at granular level and for global aggregation
- Support for the Executive Director's priorities, mainstreaming COVID response, prevention and recovery
 - Adequate, accessible and affording housing (including basic services): underfunded area of UN-Habitat's work and vital to COVID response
 - Adaptation and resilience: strengthening community and city capacity to withstand future shocks
 - Localisation of SDGs: empowering human settlements in an integrated approach

