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Progress on the Making Cities Sustainable and Resilient Action

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- Of the **204** beneficiary cities of the MCSR Action, **51** are in the Americas, **52** in Africa, **28** in the Arab region, **73** in Asia and Pacific.
- The priority action areas identified by beneficiary cities are related to both natural and human-made risks, ranging from earthquakes to water pollution and unemployment.
- The MCSR action is engaging a range of actors in beneficiary cities including government, the private sector, academia and NGOs.
- Through the MCSR action, UNISDR and UN-Habitat have developed openly available tools that all cities can use to build resilience and address risk.
- The Action is supporting local governments and their partners work towards the SDGs, Sendai Framework, New Urban Agenda and Paris Agreement.

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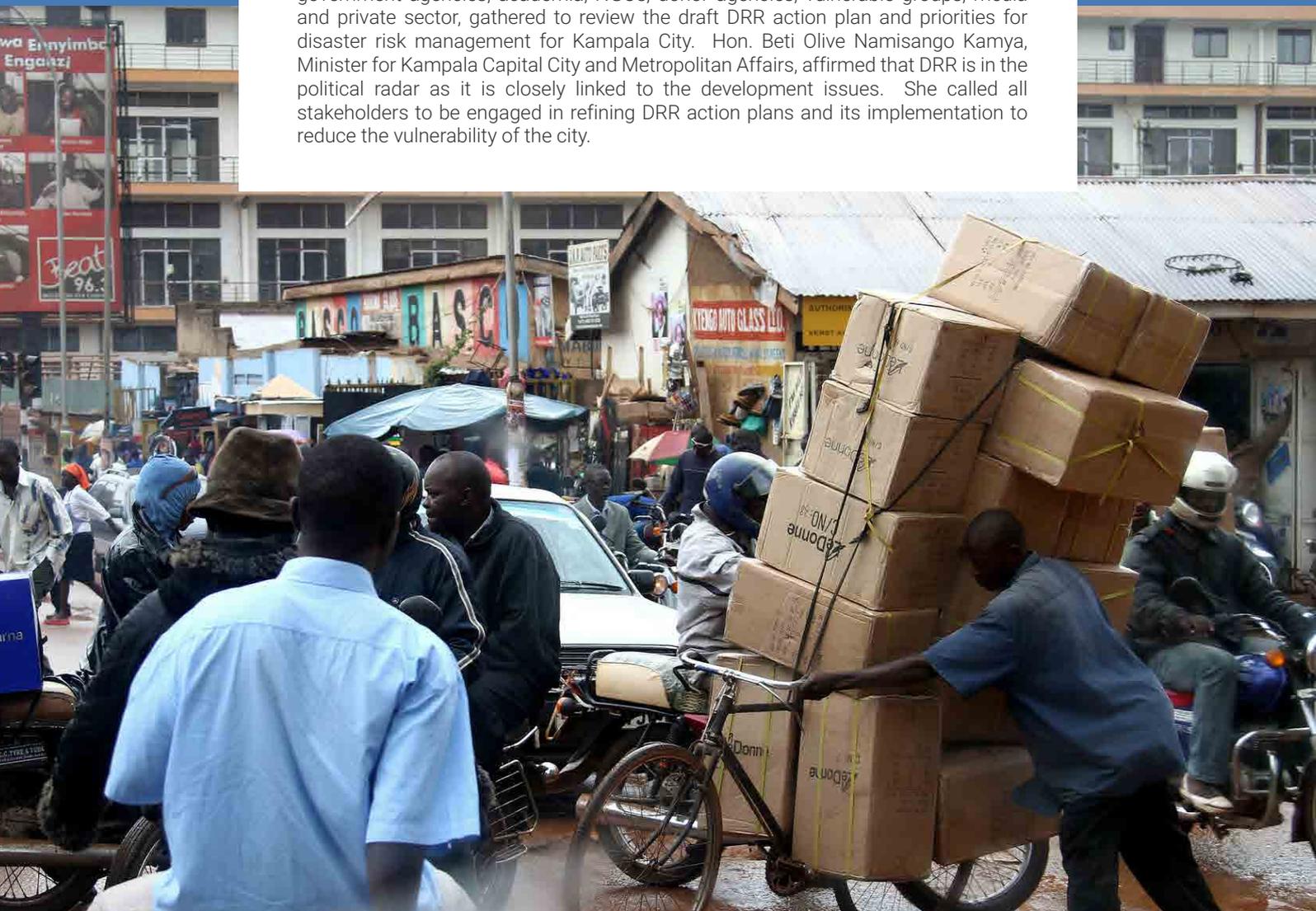


Cities in focus: Asuncion and Kampala

The City of **Asunción** began implementing the CRPT in 2017 and is seeking to align the Tool's main outcome, the Actions for Resilience, with the existing PLAN ASU VIVA that sets out the ongoing processes and programmes within the city. The Mayor of the Paraguayan capital, Mario Ferreira, highlighted that having a 'clear diagnosis' of risks in the city and an in-depth picture of resilience measures is a major challenge. Through the partnership with UN-Habitat and under the MCRS action, the city has already made major advances in gathering this information from across the city by working with numerous departments within the local government as well as public and private operators providing basic services. The city is currently conducting a diagnosis against UN-Habitat's benchmarks and articulating actions.

[Interview with the Mayor of Asunción](#)

Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) had been engaged in a series of capacity building exercises on disaster risk reduction and has completed their self-assessment on disaster resilience building progress using the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities. The Scorecard has helped KCCA to identify potential areas of improvement and informed the development of a disaster risk reduction (DRR) action plan. On August 9, 2018, more than 140 stakeholders from local government agencies, academia, NGOs, donor agencies, vulnerable groups, media and private sector, gathered to review the draft DRR action plan and priorities for disaster risk management for Kampala City. Hon. Beti Olive Namisango Kama, Minister for Kampala Capital City and Metropolitan Affairs, affirmed that DRR is in the political radar as it is closely linked to the development issues. She called all stakeholders to be engaged in refining DRR action plans and its implementation to reduce the vulnerability of the city.



Actions in cities

Barcelona City Council continues to take innovative steps to increase its urban resilience, this time through a multi-partner workshop on its forthcoming resilience strategy (2-3 July). UN-Habitat is working closely with the City Council and attended the workshop to provide insights from the implementation of the CRPT in the city and expertise developed from ongoing work with other cities through the MCSR action.

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Tools for the job

As a continuation of the Urban Resilience Enhancer series that UN-Habitat is developing based on the CRPT methodology, an [Informality Action Enhancer](#) has been released as a zero draft. This Enhancer supports local governments identify, understand and collect data on slums and informal settlements through a series of indicators extracted from the CRPT. The Enhancer provides the framework to take stock of informality in cities and identify gaps therein with a view to identifying and implementing actions. Addressing informality in urban settings is essential as informal settlements are often home to the most vulnerable populations in the city. Building urban resilience therefore requires an understanding of these populations and their realities.

Building upon the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient, the 10-point check list of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign, the Public Health Addendum to the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities was developed to strengthen and integrate coverage of the many aspects of public health that are relevant to disaster planning, mitigation and response. These include, but are not limited to: sanitation, disease prevention, nutrition, care for those who are already sick or disabled as a disaster happens, those who are injured or become sick as a result of the disaster, mental health issues, health logistics, and so on. It is designed to be used in parallel with the original Scorecard.

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Exchanging experience for increased resilience

From Maputo to South Africa

The focal point from Maputo, Mozambique travelled to South Africa to share her experience implementing the CRPT with the Municipality of Maputo during the **Adaptation Futures 2018** Conference. During the Session focused on urban resilience, the CRPT approach and the wider Action was presented to a public of scientists, practitioners, business leaders and policymakers.

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Latin America Regional Experience Sharing Workshop

Representatives of five cities in the Americas (Santo Domingo Este in the Dominican Republic, Guayaquil in Ecuador, Guatemala City in Guatemala, San Juan de Lurigancho in Peru and Tegucigalpa in Honduras) met in Cartagena, Colombia at the **Sixth Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction** on June 19 to discuss progress against the Sendai Framework and DRR action planning.

“Before this initiative, we did not have a plan. Now we have one; this is a big change for us and we are very committed to implement it”

Alfredo Martinez, Mayor of Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Republic.

[More about the workshop](#)

Inspiration for other cities to build disaster resilience in Asia and the Pacific

The experience of fellow **Bangladesh** cities in raising awareness and commitment to DRR, understanding the existing gaps in risk reduction, and developing action plans to strengthen disaster resilience in the cities has inspired all 329 municipalities of Bangladesh to join the Making Cities Resilient Campaign. “Bangladesh is a highly disaster-prone country and building disaster resilience at the local level lies with devolving responsibility from central government. Local administrations must be empowered and given responsibility for managing disaster risk reduction,” said Mostafa Quaium Khan, Adviser to the Bangladesh Urban Forum.

This movement followed **Mongolia**, the first Asian country to fully join all cities and provinces in the campaign. The Governor and Mayor of Ulaanbaatar, Sundui Batbold, said that Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia, was among the first to engage with the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and in April 2018 came up with the first baseline evaluation of the city’s disaster resilience with the Campaign’s support.

Representatives from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Honiara, Solomon Islands; Kathmandu, Nepal; and Ciliacap Regency, Indonesia exchanged experience in using the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for City to self-assess disaster resilience at the Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on July 2, 2018.

[More about the workshop](#)

Africa cities exchanged experience to strengthen disaster resilience and sustainable development

City’s representatives and national DRR focal points from Dire Dawa (Ethiopia), Kampala (Uganda), Kisumu (Kenya), Praia (Cape Verde) and Yaoundé (Cameroon) met to share experiences and lesson learnt in the development of DRR action plan in **Nairobi**, Kenya, on 2-3 August 2018. Cities revealed that the process of Scorecard assessment has opened the dialogue among stakeholders in the urban development in the cities. Mr. Yoki Onana Jacques, Mayor of Yaoundé VI stated that “the involvement of multi-stakeholders has yielded incredible outcomes that have promoted synergy between the mayor’s office and stakeholders. The local platform for DRR provides a stage for building strategic cooperation through joint planning of activities, the result being increased efficiency in cost and impact in implementing the Sendai Framework.”

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Mid-term evaluation

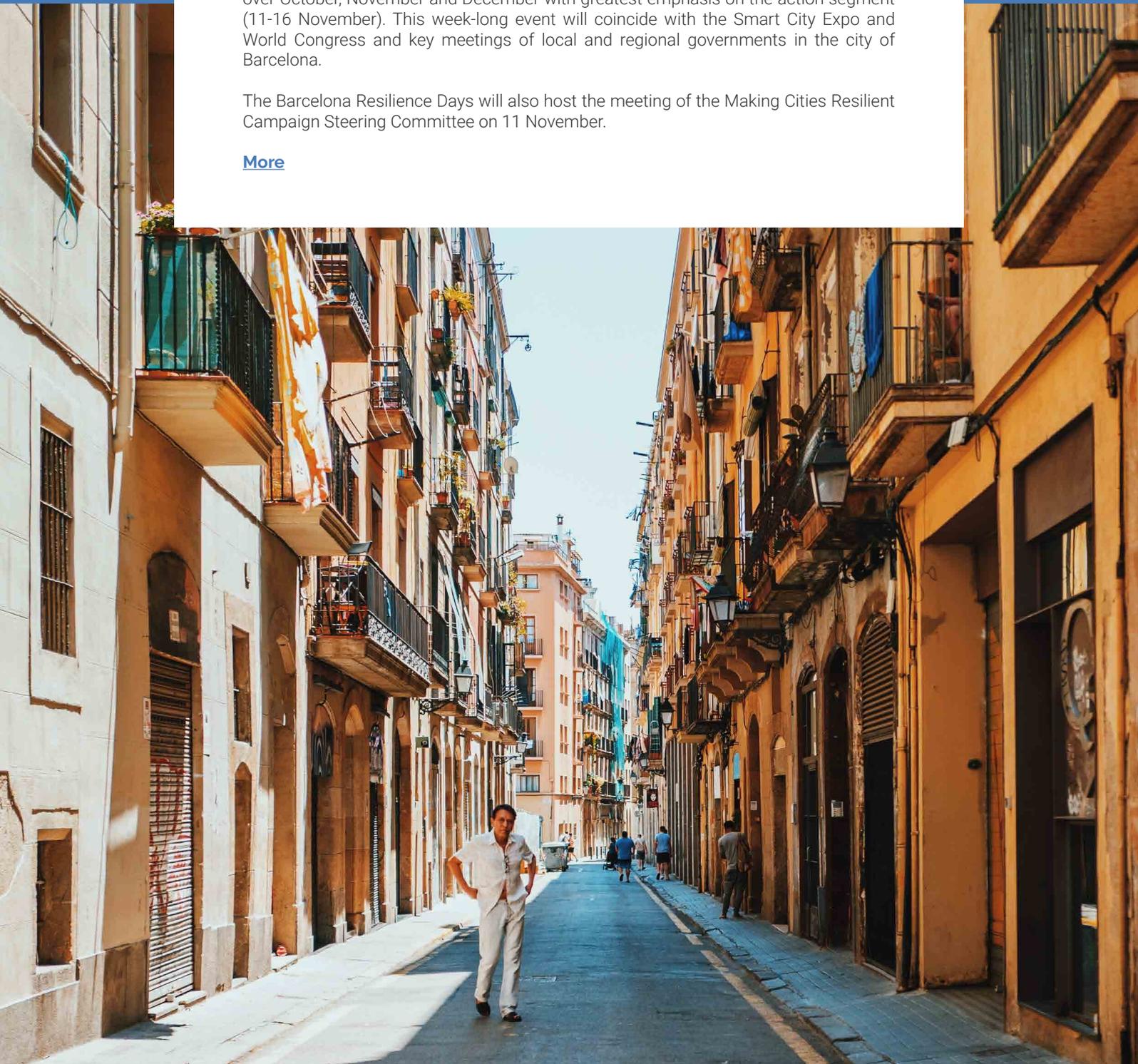
The Action is currently undergoing a mid-term evaluation to take stock of progress and guide the forthcoming work to maximize efficiency. An independent evaluator is leading the process with the guidance of an Evaluation Reference Group composed of implementing partners (UNISDR, UN-Habitat) the financing organizations (EC DEVCO) and UN-Habitat's Evaluation Unit. Face-to-face interviews and surveys have been conducted with key stakeholders to evaluate progress to date.

Announcing Barcelona Resilience Days

UN-Habitat will host a series of three events in Barcelona to address urban resilience from three critical angles: awareness, action and knowledge. The events will take place over October, November and December with greatest emphasis on the action segment (11-16 November). This week-long event will coincide with the Smart City Expo and World Congress and key meetings of local and regional governments in the city of Barcelona.

The Barcelona Resilience Days will also host the meeting of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign Steering Committee on 11 November.

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Visibility

Raising awareness of the Action and the impact is a key priority for the implementing organizations. In addition to existing outreach approaches, Barcelona Resilience Days will provide an opportunity for cities to showcase their work. The main Registration for the event is now open.

In **Dakar**, UN-Habitat presented the ongoing work with the local government at a public event on resilience approaches (10-12 September). Participation in the event helped raise awareness of the MCSR work in Dakar and of the wider initiative among the mostly West African participants. Participation in the event helped identify actors that may be engaged in the CRPT implementation in the Senegalese capital.

In **Surabaya**, Indonesia, UN-Habitat presented the CRPT methodology at the 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress 2018. The Congress, held from 12th to 15th September, aims to strengthen national and local leaders' commitments and capacities in creating better connectivity to achieve the SDGs and New Urban Agenda.

High-Level Political Forum, New York

The theme of the 2018 HLPF was **Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies** and UN-Habitat contributed to over 50 events, including the Local and Regional Governments Forum, Implementing the New Urban Agenda in Cities affected by Disasters or Conflict, among others.

UNISDR, in partnership with the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), provided a snapshot of local government progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal, particularly SDG11.5, based on the results of preliminary scorecard assessments by 169 cities completed under the support of this Action. The results reveal that 'financial capacity for resilience' and securing a substantial budget for DRR are the areas that need most improvement. Only 39% of local governments have a financial plan that allows for DRR activities with a ring-fenced budget.

Greater urban resilience requires more efforts to build local institutional capacity. The Scorecard assessment reveals relatively low institutional capacity in the following areas: data-sharing among relevant institutions; availability of training courses covering risk reduction and resilience issues for all sectors; and access to skills and experience to reduce risks and respond to identified disaster scenarios. However, all regions are proactively seeking to enhance their knowledge and learn from other local governments facing similar challenges.

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New Partners

Creating the necessary conditions for the growing urban tourism industry to be sustainable is an ongoing challenge for many local governments. UN-Habitat is supporting the 2018 Fair & Sustainable Tourism Global Campaign **"Fair Travel Living Together"** in order to learn from partners working in this sector and share the resilience approach promoted in the CRPT.

In Maputo, the ongoing implementation of the CRPT has resulted in a new collaboration with the **Spanish Cooperation Agency (AECID)**. The modalities of this partnership are to be developed in greater detail however it is expected that this partnership will support in the implementation of action resilience foreseen as an outcome of the CRPT.

At the Cumbre Iberoamericana, organized by the **Unión de ciudades capitales Iberoamericanas**, and held in Asunción (September), the work with Asuncion City Council was presented in the main session with participation from Mayors, Ambassadors and UNDP representatives. The presentation generated interest in the CRPT from a number of Latin American municipalities including Motevideo (Uruguay), Tegucigalpa (Honduras), and La Paz (Bolivia), and from other partners seeking to support indicator development.

The Making Cities Resilient Campaign welcomed the new partnership with the **United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)** - Cities Programme, aiming to applying the City Partnership process to catalyse and combine the resources of government, business and civil society to accelerate the implementation of partnered project and actions on disaster risk reduction with a pilot group of cities already involved in the MCR Campaign.

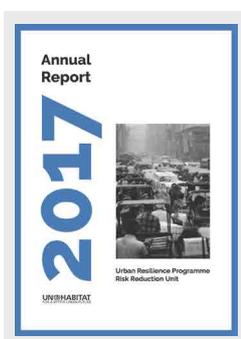
Extending the support to 15 Indian local governments in conducting the self-assessment and developing a baseline information on disaster resilience progress, UNISDR partnered with **All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI)**, a non-governmental organization based in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. AIDMI has been an instrumental partner to advocate on disaster resilience and apply Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities in India

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New resources



[City Resilience Profiling Programme Press Kit – French](#)



[CRPP 2017 Annual Report](#)



[Informality Action Enhancer](#)



[Towards the Localization of the SDGs](#)



Upcoming milestones

Barcelona Resilience Days

- Awareness: World Cities Day, 31st October
- Action: Barcelona Resilience Week, 11-16th November
www.urbanresiliencehub.org/action
- Knowledge: International Forum on Urbanism, 10-12th December

Experience Sharing Workshop

Making Cities Sustainable and Resilient in Asia, 13th-14th Sep

Experience Sharing Workshop

Making Cities Sustainable and Resilient in Arab States and Africa, 9th Oct

Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction

9th–13th Oct, Tunisia [More](#)

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