

Technical Cooperation with Cities: Building Urban Resilience

We believe we need to move beyond the cycle of crisis response, recovery, and rebuilding cities without addressing the internal and external conditions that make them vulnerable. We cannot break this cycle without sustainable, resilience-based urban development led on the ground by local governments, and supported by local and national stakeholders. Building more resilient cities saves lives, resources, and the environment at large – our future depends on it.

Our team of resilience experts works with local governments from around the world to evaluate and understand their unique urban systems, including their greatest challenges. We believe in the power of engaging with municipal departments, the private sector, and civil society stakeholders within a city to create an vision for resilience by consensus. Together, we develop an evidence base and actionable guidance for cities to increase their capacities to build urban resilience for the long term. **Join us.**

How?

OUR APPROACH: THE CITY RESILIENCE PROFILING TOOL

We partner with local governments to implement the City Resilience Profiling Tool, a process developed over 9 years with more than 10 local governments, and shaped by UN-Habitat's extensive expertise in urban issues, to gather and analyse data about a city's specific context and performance. Through this process, we produce:

- **Resilience profiles** – in-depth city analyses covering:
 - *WHAT*: the performance of the urban systems from a resilience perspective including mobility, economy, built environment, social services, and more.
 - *WHO*: a mapping of key stakeholders in the cities and their roles.
 - *WHY*: the internal and external shocks, stresses, challenges, and long-standing issues that put the cities at risk.
 - *HOW*: extensive mapping of all relevant plans, policies and initiatives that could limit or reinforce resilience.
- * **Resilience profiles provide local governments with a database to continue monitoring and tracking progress on addressing risks in their cities beyond their engagement with UN-Habitat.**
- **Recommended Actions for Resilience**: a roadmap of identified resilience priorities to guide ongoing city initiatives, utilizing existing resources and identifying additional needs, and new priority projects and policies to be addressed by cities.
- **Trainings and workshops**: government staff and city partners (approximately 50-70 personnel) are provided trainings on site and in UN-Habitat's Barcelona office, focused on urban risk assessment, data management, and resilient city management. Trainings and workshops support cities in establishing relationships with key stakeholders, and provide them with the capacity to jointly address projects and policies, and identify new priorities over the long term.

CITY RESILIENCE PROFILING PROGRAMME

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, PERSONNEL, AND COST REQUIREMENTS

Depending on a city's size and context, the timeline and associated costs of the City Resilience Profiling Tool implementation vary. On average, the implementation process occurs over 12-18 months and costs around 150,000-200,000 USD to cover staff and technical expertise, travel, workshops, and operational costs. If required, alternative funding sources may be pursued jointly by the local government and UN-Habitat. In most cities, UN-Habitat's team of urban experts works with two local government focal points, and a resilience expert identified based on their relevant experience and contextual knowledge of the city.



To date, cities have used their resilience profiles to build consensus on priority actions and guide their resilience agendas for transformational change, including in:



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Share your contact information with us at urbanresiliencehub.org/contact to receive a comprehensive information package on UN-Habitat's resilience work, and contact us at info@cityresilience.org if you are interested in partnership.