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Progress on the **Making Cities Sustainable and Resilient Action**

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- The Action is helping make life safer in **25** cities with a collective population of **55** million by building the capacity of local governments to address disaster risk reduction and resilience.
- Local governments are on the frontline dealing with shocks and stresses in cities. They bring together key actors, know the local context and are catalysts to transformational action.
- The Action has thus far trained **70** municipal staff, focal points and partners who are leading DRR and resilience efforts in their cities through workshops, data collection, stakeholder engagement and other activities.
- Beneficiary cities face a range of hazards, from flooding and drought to demographic shifts and institutional obstacles, the tools implemented through the Action adapt to all contexts and challenges.
- The Action is implemented by two UN agencies leading DRR and urban development efforts globally and includes support from over **40** key partners, from local, regional and national governments, academia, practitioners, INGOs and CSO.
- The Action is supporting local governments and their partners work towards the SDGs, Sendai Framework, New Urban Agenda and Paris Agreement.

[More about the Action](#)

Cities in focus - Maputo and Honiara

In Maputo, Mozambique, implementation of the City Resilience Profiling Tool (CRPT) is 60% complete, with data collection at 70% completion. Informal settlements and water management were revealed as the main risks faced in the city and the neighbourhood of Hulene has been identified particularly at risk. A 17 hectare landfill is located in Hulene B's Neighbourhood, an area characterized by high population density located approximately seven kilometres from the centre of Maputo.

More information on [Maputo's City Profile](#)

28 senior officials and representatives from Honiara City, Solomon Islands, shared their experience at a one-day forum focused on better protecting the lives and livelihoods. Using UNISDR's Tools to assess capacity and vulnerability, priority actions were identified that build on the newly presented Disaster Management Plan and address challenges such as flash flooding through improved planning. From the 10 Essentials, forum participants agreed to focus action along #1 the organization for disaster resilience and #9 effective preparedness and response.

[More about the Forum](#)



Actions in piloting cities

All cities engaged with the Making Cities Sustainable and Resilient Action are engaged and implementing. Under the CRPT implementation, the cities of Maputo, Asunción, Dakar and Vanuatu have identified different opportunities and priority action areas. In Asunción, the city has the physical assets of a major city with differing levels of development from one neighbourhood to another. The major challenge in the city is related to urban infrastructure and services deficits, such as rainwater drainage and this is the focus of the action to date.

In Port Vila and Dakar, the extensive CRPT training regime was initiated in a week of workshops and data collection has begun. Competing administrative agendas, a lack of local institutional responsibility, and limitations related to data quality and access have been identified as priority work areas.



The Tools for the job

CRPT Guide

The [City Resilience Profiling Tool Guide](#) was published in 2018, serving as a training resource, user guide and an advocacy tool for local governments seeking to engage key stakeholders in CRPT implementation. An extended version, Guide+, with the full list of indicators has also been made available to pilot cities. All indicators are to show alignment with and / or contribution to with global frameworks such as the SDGs.

Resilience Enhancers

In line with the considerations of the Action, gender equality and climate change action have been given additional focus in the development of the CRPT. The [Gender Equality Enhancer](#) was developed in parallel with the gender considerations of the CRPT and has been extracted as a complementary to the CRPT. A similar exercise has been done with Climate Resilience, resulting in the Climate Action Enhancer publication.

Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities

The [Scorecard](#) provides a set of assessments that allow local governments to monitor and review progress and challenges in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: 2015-2030, and assess their disaster resilience. It is structured around UNISDR's Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient. Available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Italian, Korean, Mongolian.

Quick Risk Estimation (QRE)

The [Quick Risk Estimation](#) tool has been designed for the purposes of identifying and understanding current and future risks / stresses / shocks and exposure threats to both human and physical assets. The QRE Tool is not a full-scale risk assessment, rather a multi-stakeholder engagement process to establish a common understanding.



Building the right skills and the capacity

"We need a common understanding of urban resilience that captures the need and urgency to act"
- **Mario Ferreira, Mayor of Asunción**

Training has emerged as a key element of ensuring the resilience build through the Action is city-wide and anchored in various institutions, individuals and bodies in the city.

Training of Trainers

Twenty cities with a combined population of more than 50 million people shared experience on how to save lives and protect livelihoods in the face of mounting disaster and climate risk during the January 'Training of Trainers on Making Cities Resilient: Developing and Implementing Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plans' workshop. Minister Counsellor of the European Union delegation to the Republic of Korea, Dr. Joelle Hivonnet, who opened the event said: "Nobody is immune from disasters; they are causing an increasing cost in both human and financial terms."

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CRPT Training

UN-Habitat has trained 200 people from municipalities, water utilities, urban planning departments, NGOs and local government partners in the pilot cities through numerous training sessions. In Maputo for example, week-long training sessions were organized with over 30 local experts and partners trained. Barcelona City Council continues to support the training sessions held in Barcelona and provides in-kind city-to-city support to the four CRPT pilot cities.

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World Urban Forum 9

At the World Urban Forum 9, UNISDR GETI and UN-Habitat organised a session focussed on implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the New Urban Agenda and SDG11 on resilient cities and communities. The event saw the launch of the 2017 printed version of the [Making Cities Resilient Campaign Handbook for Local Government Leaders](#), which aims to support local governments to understand risk and take actions towards resilience.

A full-day training was also attended by more than 80 people from across the globe (How Resilient is Your City?), and as an outreach activity, participating cities created a snapshot on the [Urban Resilience Hub](#) city map.

The [Trends in Urban Resilience](#) flagship publication was also launched during a session at the World Urban Forum.

Korean Cities

Government officials from Incheon Metropolitan City participated in the first hands-on training on how to use the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities to support their work in Korea. The city has its own plan on safety and security and highlighted the availability and application of good standards and codes for building construction and technology. The tool will support analysis to inform Incheon City plans towards reducing risk. During the workshop, participants identified the need to better understand the Sendai Framework and its implications for local authorities. Similar workshops will be held with other Korean cities in the months to come. The [Resilience Scorecard for Cities in Korean language](#) is now available.

Arab Region

UNISDR GETI together with the Regional Office in Arab States conducted a two-day joint preparatory workshop on Making Cities Resilient Quick Risk Estimation and Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities Tools with Resurgence and Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI) in London. With the support from the European Commission, the training will be replicated to ensure that at least 25 Arab Cities have enhanced understanding on resilience building and complete the self-assessment for making their cities more resilient in the months to come.





Visibility

Raising awareness of the Action and the impact is a key priority for the implementing organizations. The newly launched [Urban Resilience Hub by UN-Habitat](#) now reinforces the ongoing efforts of UNISDR to increase visibility.

Talking with Mayors and local governments

During field visits, local leaders and Action partners were interviewed to gather their perspective on the Action in their city. The Resilience Cities Series includes over 10 interviews with more being added.

[Watch the interviews](#)

Good practice highlighted in Asunción

Implementation of the CRPT in Asunción was featured by the World Water Council as an exemplary case of good practice in their flagship publication, [Start With Water: Putting Water On Local Action Agendas To Support Global Change](#). The publication was released at the World Water Forum in Brasilia and features only 10 examples of good practice.

Press coverage

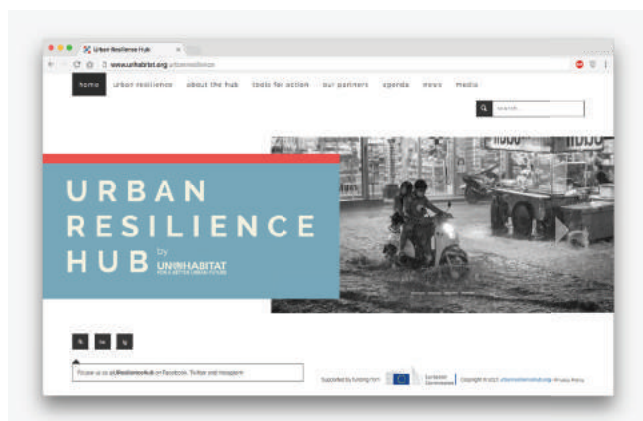
Some of the latest press coverage of the Action can be found on the [In the news](#) section of the Urban Resilience Hub.

New partners

Satellite data for resilience

One of the main challenges for local governments to plan out risk is accessing the right information and data on the city. In many contexts, there is simply no data or it is not scaled-down to the local level. To help support local governments access critical data for the CRPT, UN-Habitat is collaborating with the European Commissions' GLORIOUS project to gather satellite data related to climate change in the Action's pilot cities, providing climate trends models to better understand how to plan the city for the future. The collaboration is still in its early stages but data on flooding models and history are already [available online](#).

Latest resources



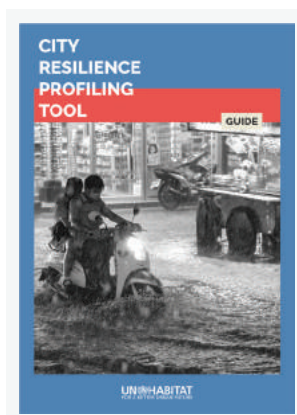
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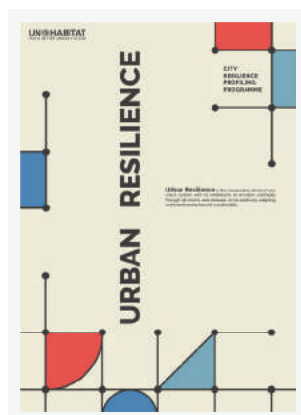
Urban Resilience Enhancer Series: Gender Equality



Urban Resilience Enhancer Series: Climate Action



CRPT Guide:
Full guide to the CRPT



Urban Resilience Flyer



Annual Report: The City Resilience Profiling Programme Annual Report 2017



Making Cities Resilient Campaign Handbook for Local Government Leaders. *English - Arabic - Korean - Spanish*

Upcoming milestones

Experience Sharing Workshop

Making Cities Sustainable and Resilient in Asia and Pacific at the Americas Regional Platform. Cartagena, Colombia, 19 June 2018

Barcelona Resilience Days

Based on previous editions of World Cities Day and Barcelona Resilience Week, the Barcelona Resilience Days have been conceived as a series of events to showcase outreach, technical cooperation and knowledge actions in urban resilience.

Outreach: World Cities Day, October

Technical Cooperation: Barcelona Resilience Week, November

Knowledge: International Forum on Urbanism, December



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