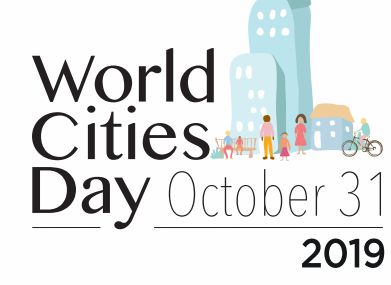


UN-HABITAT DONOR BRIEF



This month's Donor Brief features an impact story from Uganda, provides updates on upcoming key events, progress on our change reforms and the financial status.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Urban October highlights innovation for cities**
 This year, Urban October starts with **World Habitat Day** on 7 October 2019 under the theme of **"Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth"** with the Global Observance being held in Mexico City. Throughout the month, partners will hold events on sustainable urbanization culminating in **World Cities Day** celebrations on 31 October 2019, hosted by Ekaterinburg in Russia under the theme **"Changing the world: Innovations and better life for future generations"**.
- UN-Habitat Executive Board to meet in November on UN-Habitat's programme of work**
 The first UN-Habitat Assembly in May 2019 established an UN-Habitat Executive Board to enhance oversight by Member States of UN-Habitat work. The Board will hold its second meeting from 19 to 20 November 2019 to primarily review and approve the organization's annual programme of work for 2020. Executive Board members are Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America and Uruguay.
- Ensuring implementation of UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan is results focused**
 Following the approval of UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 during the UN-Habitat Assembly in May this year, the organization has developed a results framework to ensure that implementation of the plan is focused on delivering results. The results framework outlines the performance indicators, with baseline and targets, that will be used to monitor progress in achieving the desired outcomes under each of the four domains of change of the plan to reduce spatial inequality and poverty; enhance share prosperity; strengthen climate action; and prevent and respond to urban crisis. The results framework will be presented to the UN-Habitat's Executive Board in November.
- New agile robust organizational structure proposed**
 UN-Habitat launched major change reforms in January 2018 to make the organization more focused, relevant, transparent, accountable, trusted and efficient, delivering services that are valued and in demand. One major achievement was development and approval of the organization's 2020-2023 strategic plan by the UN-Habitat Assembly. Another is the development of a proposed organizational structure, reviewed by senior management in August, that is more flexible, agile and robust to enable the organization to support Member States and partners to implement, monitor and review the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda in a more impactful manner. Financial contributions to help implement the reforms came from the governments of Norway and Sweden.



- Governments commit to funding urban SDGs at UN-Habitat's first partnership and pledging conference**
 Around 150 people attended the very first **UN-Habitat partnership and pledging conference** during the UN-Habitat Assembly. Over **USD152 million** in contributions and commitments were announced to finance UN-Habitat's work to support implementation of the urban dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. The funds came from 38 governments, 10 local governments, and 32 other organizations including 7 companies, in a show of commitment for achieving urban related SDGs. Countries that spoke in favour of partnerships for sustainable urbanization and pledged financial support during the Assembly include **China, Colombia, Republic of Congo, France, Gambia, Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, Sweden and Switzerland**.

 The **UN-Habitat Assembly** convenes every four years to discuss global norms, trends and coherent strategies to implement the urban dimensions of the 2030 Agenda. The first Assembly attracted more than **2,900 delegates** from 127 countries. They included **four Heads of State**, over **40 ministers**, over **60 Mayors**, and hundreds of delegates from **non-governmental organizations, academia, and the private sector**.

FROM OUR BENEFICIARIES



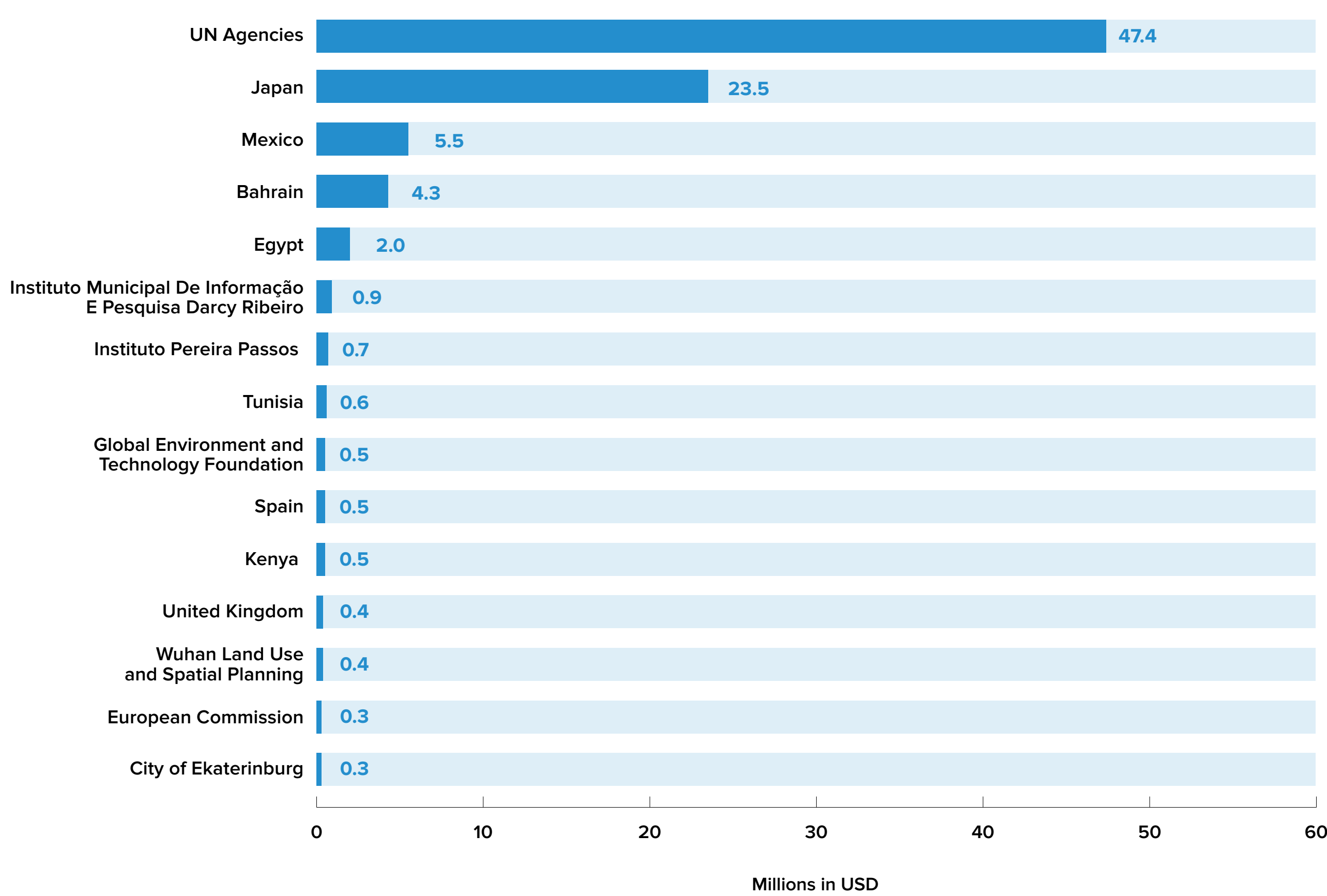
"My grandchildren are protected, and they will not be sent away from this land by anybody"
 Marietta, a beneficiary from Adjumani, Uganda narrates.

Uganda has one of the fastest growing populations, currently it is at 40 million. Over 75% of Ugandans live in rural areas, with 80% of the rural population living on customary land and most of this land is undocumented and unmapped. In the past, there have been many conflicts over land in Uganda with women, widows and orphans being deprived of resources and left destitute.

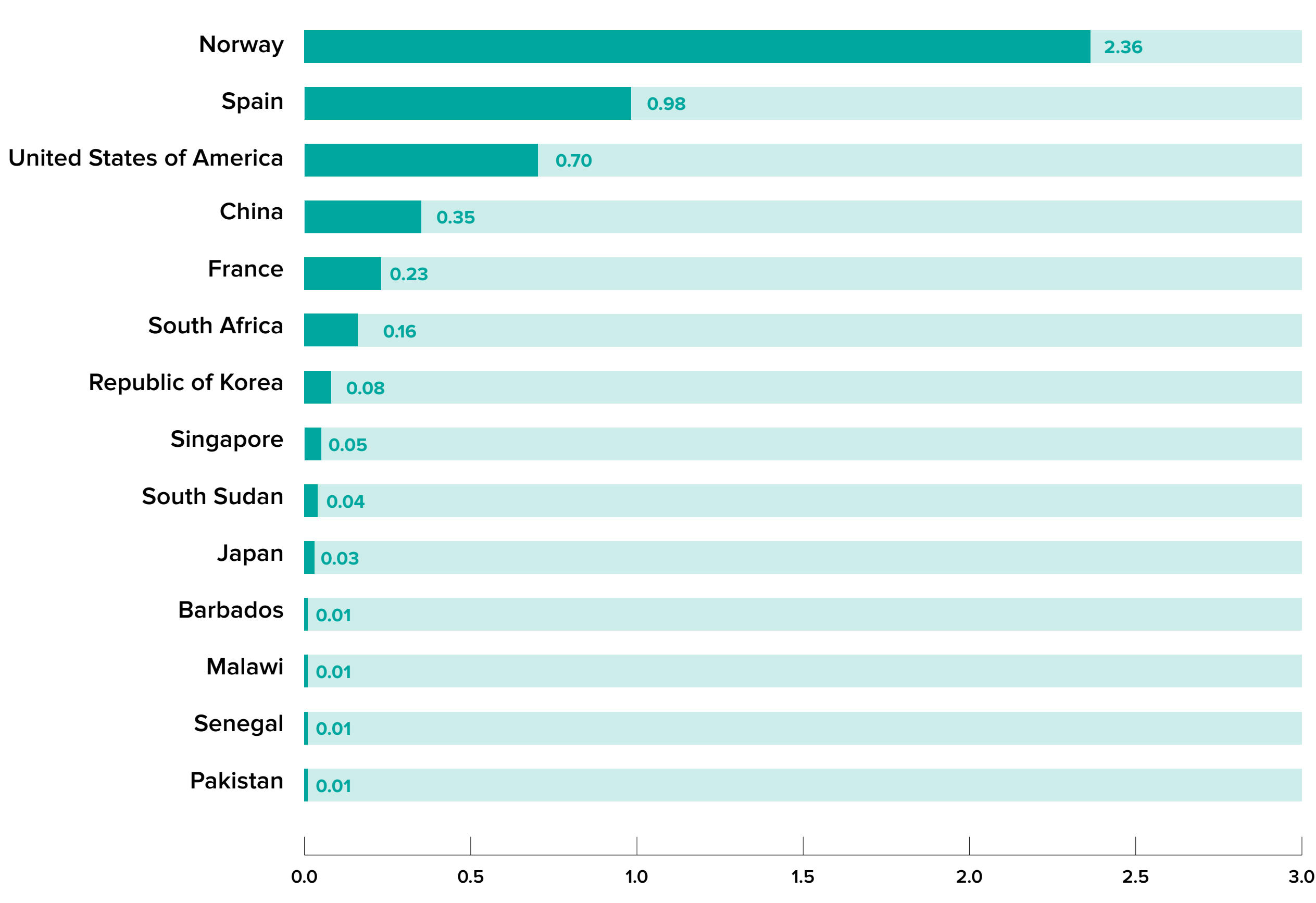
With funding from the governments of Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland UN-Habitat's Global Land Tool Network programme worked with the government of Uganda and other partners to help undocumented land owners gain land tenure. As a result, in July 2019, over **1300 Certificates of Customary Ownership** were Issued in Butaleja and Adjumani Districts in Uganda. The project will go into a second phase which will consist of 30,000 certificates. An affordable mapping tool, developed by UN-Habitat's Global Land Tool Network programme, helped reduce the cost of land mapping and surveying while the digitized certification process helped speed up applications and facilitate archiving of applications. Local land administration institutions were also trained to enable them to map land by themselves. [Click here](#) to watch.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Highest value grants from January - August 2019



Non-earmarked core contributions top donors in 2019



* Contributions do not include 2019 pledges that are yet to be confirmed

Since our last Donor Brief in April, UN-Habitat appreciates new earmarked support from the Governments of **Egypt** for strategic urban plans for small cities in the country, **Japan** for improvement of solid waste management in Myanmar, **Kenya** for supporting the UN-Habitat Assembly in May, **Mexico** for urban and territorial integrated development strategy for the southeast region in the country, **Spain** for strengthening urban-rural linkages in Africa and **United Kingdom's** support for the Global Future Cities Programme. We also acknowledge with thanks the support of the **European Commission** for monitoring and reporting of the urban and territorial dimensions of SDGs.

UN-Habitat also appreciates earmarked support from other donors including the **City of Yekaterinburg** in Russia for global observance of World Cities Day 2019, **Global Environment & Technology Foundation** for innovation in water and sanitation in Egypt, **Instituto Pereira Passos** for vulnerable urban dwellers in Rio de Janeiro, **Instituto Municipal De Informaçao E Pesquisa Darcy Ribeiro** for sustainable urban and social prosperity in the municipality of Maricá and **Wuhan Land Use and Spatial Planning** for people oriented urban public spaces for China.

Barbados, China, France, Japan, Malawi, Norway, Pakistan, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain and Republic of Korea and United States of America. Current contributions amount USD5 million while 2019 pledges to be confirmed amount to USD412,800. This a shortfall of USD7.6 million to reach the 2019 target of USD13 million for the approved work programme. UN-Habitat appeals for your support reach this target by end of 2019.