

Our second, UN-Habitat Donor Brief features positive stories from beneficiaries in Burkina Faso thanks to European Commission funding, a recent donor assessment of the agency and our regular financial updates.



FEEDBACK

HIGHLIGHTS



Over 50 delegations visited the UN-Habitat pledging booth at the agency's 26th session of its Governing Council. Delegates welcomed the new feature on **UN-Habitat's Donor Relations website** which allows them to click on their country to view their contributions, programmes funded by them and those in taking place in their country. Member States showed commitment to the agency's normative work on sustainable urbanization by taking pledge forms and appeal letters to make it easier for them to contribute towards the biennial approved programme of work. The Governing Council passed nine resolutions including one on the Work Programme and Budget, which approves our budget for the 2018-19 biennium.

Also at the Governing Council, the Government of Malaysia formally announced its plans to host WUF 9 in 2018 with generous funding of US\$ 8 million.

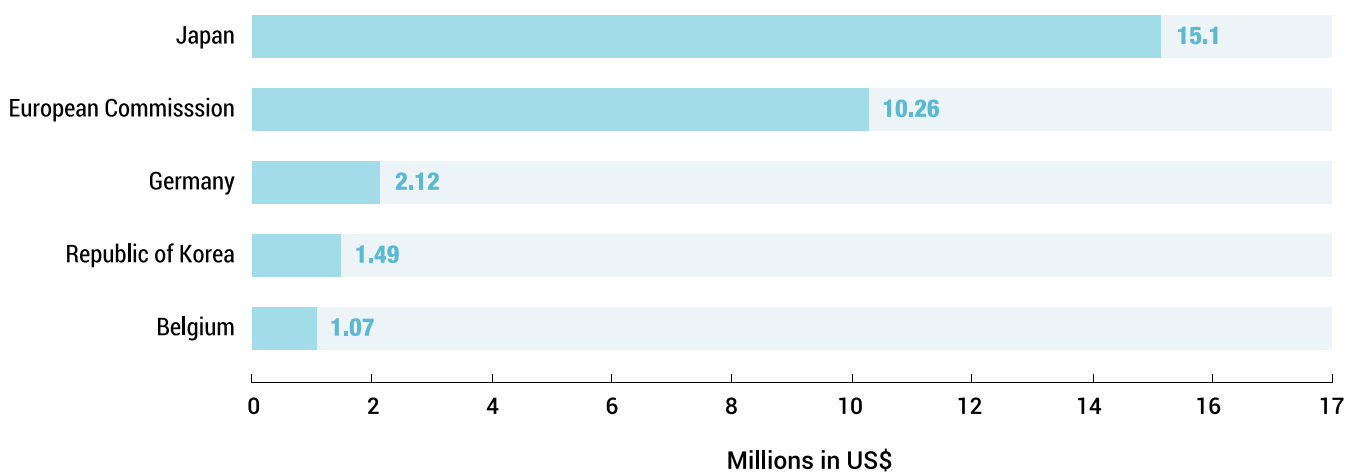
- We are pleased to report that an **assessment** of UN-Habitat by the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) commended the organization for providing strong leadership on sustainable urbanization, implementing programmes and interventions that achieve impressive results, and bringing innovative and creative approaches to its operations. Among the areas for improvement, the report highlights the inflexibility of UN systems, particularly relating to financial and human resources management, which pose key constraints to efficiency and effectiveness. The current MOPAN members are Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
- Annual joint consultations were held with the Governments of **Norway** and **Sweden**, major supporters of UN-Habitat's core normative work. The consultations included a site visit to Addis Ababa, **Ethiopia** of major initiatives on affordable housing, transformative rapid urban transport and public spaces. Sweden is providing UN-Habitat with almost US\$ 16 million over a four year period from 2016-2019 while a new agreement is being finalized with Norway to the tune of US\$ 3 million in 2017, of which US\$ 500,000 is unearmarked.

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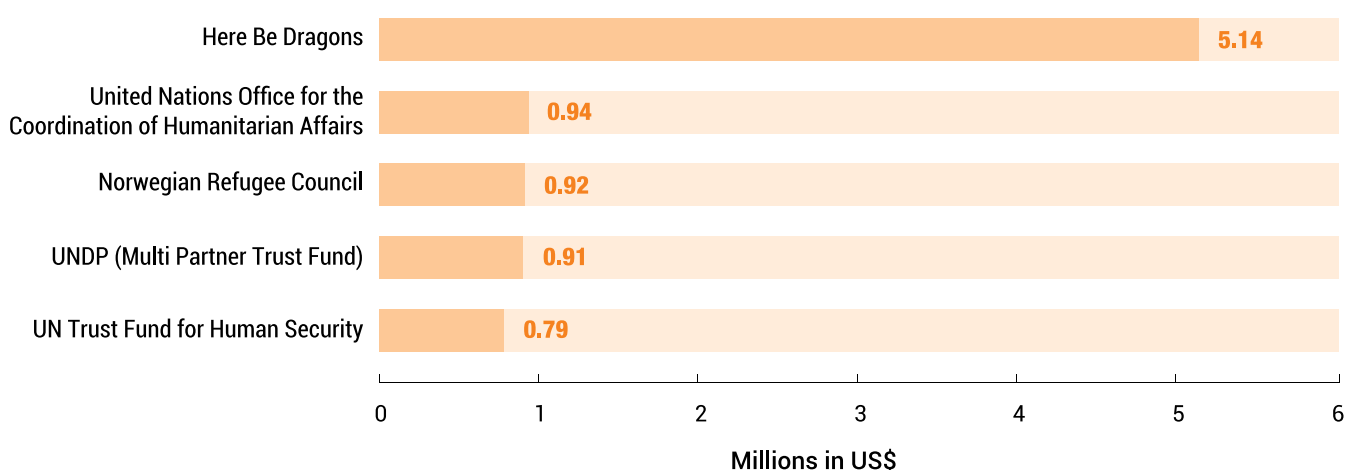
Launched in 2008, the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP) is a joint effort of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, UN-Habitat and the European Commission (EC), which provides the funding. To date, the programme has supported 35 ACP countries and 160 cities and improved the lives of at least 2 million slum dwellers. **The uplifting stories in this video** show how it has impacted the lives of people in Bissighin, Burkina Faso. Through neighborhood committees the programme has achieved inclusive planning, improved water, sanitation and the city's environment with communities planting trees, managing their solid waste and introducing solar energy. All these initiatives are supported by training of women and youth who now have better jobs. As a result, the living conditions for these residents have improved tremendously.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The earmarked support from **Japan** goes towards programmes on refugees, the internally displaced, planning, resettlement, youth and city resilience in **Afghanistan, Kenya, Iraq, South Sudan, and Zambia**. The **European Commission's** main funding is for green Afghan cities and improving security of tenure and resilience for Palestinian communities, and Germany's for climate resilience through better planning in **The Philippines**. Meanwhile, **Korea** is supporting capacity building for local governments, and Belgium, digital tools, human rights and public spaces in Gaza.

Much needed funding for UN-Habitat's core normative work was received from **Barbados, Haiti, Japan, Kenya** and **South Africa** but much more is required to complete planned activities for the 2016-17 biennium. We appeal for your urgent help.

UN-Habitat's strategy of diversify its funding sources is yielding fruit with 35% of our earmarked revenue this year coming from non-government sources. The highest value grant from other donors is from **Here Be Dragons Investment Group** to improve living conditions of the Roça Sundy Príncipe Island in **São Tomé**, while the **Norwegian Refugee Council** is supporting early recovery and durable shelter solutions for the long term internally displaced and refugee returnees. Our greater efforts to Deliver as One with the UN System includes grants for peace and development projects in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, local governance and decentralized service delivery in **Somalia**, rehabilitation of shelter and critical water, sanitation and hygiene services in **Syria**, and sustainable resettlement in **Zambia**.

We extend our deep appreciation for the support received for these and many other programmes that we cannot mention here.

