

UN-HABITAT DONOR BRIEF

This month's Donor Brief features an impact story from Egypt, provides updates on major governance and institutional developments, key events and the financial situation.


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HIGHLIGHTS

- **General Assembly approves UN-Habitat governance reforms** – The UN General Assembly approved a new governance structure for UN-Habitat as part of a resolution to strengthen UN-Habitat and implement the outcomes of Habitat III, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development. This is a major milestone in the organization's history and is expected to strengthen the organization's performance and funding. The new structure consists of a UN-Habitat Assembly, focusing on sustainable urbanization matters, and an Executive Board. The first meetings of the UN-Habitat Assembly and Executive Board take place in May 2019.
- **UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan 2020-2025** – Member States endorsed UN-Habitat's six-year strategic plan for the years 2020-2025 on 6 December 2018. The plan will be presented to the UN-Habitat Assembly in May 2019 for approval. The strategy focuses on supporting implementation of the urban dimensions of the SDGs and other global agenda such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement on Climate Agenda and the New Urban Agenda. Its main goal is to advance sustainable urbanization to drive development and peace, and improve living conditions for all, leaving no one behind.

World Urban Forum 10 to be held in February 2020 in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Abu Dhabi Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities signed an Agreement in October 2018 with UN-Habitat to host the [World Urban Forum \(WUF10\)](#) in Abu Dhabi in February 2020. Other key partners involved in organizing the world's premier conference on urban issues include the Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism, Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, and General Secretariat of the Executive Council.



Blue Economy

Over 15,000 participants from around the world attended the first ever global [Sustainable Blue Economy Conference](#) from November 26-28, 2018 in Nairobi. In her address to the Governor and Mayors' Convention, UN-Habitat's Executive Director Ms Maimunah Mohd Sharif expressed her commitment to support countries and highlighted the linkages between cities and the blue economy. She underscored the important role of local governments for the sustainability of cities and urged national and regional governments, mayors, regional development organizations, UN entities and other development partners to read UN-Habitat's newly published report on [Blue Economy and Cities](#).

Topics covered by the report include integrated urban planning and marine spatial planning, mitigating the impacts of climate change, green and blue job creation, among others. She praised the creative and action-oriented recommendations of the [DeclarACTION](#) adopted by 300 youth at the Youth and Blue Economy Conference. During the Leaders' Commitment Segment, she focused on how marine resources can transform livelihoods and develop of coastal cities and communities. Her presentation to the Cities, Tourism, Resilient Coasts and Infrastructure session highlighted innovative technologies, financing and partnerships for oceans, seas, lakes and rivers for the benefit of all, including women and youth.

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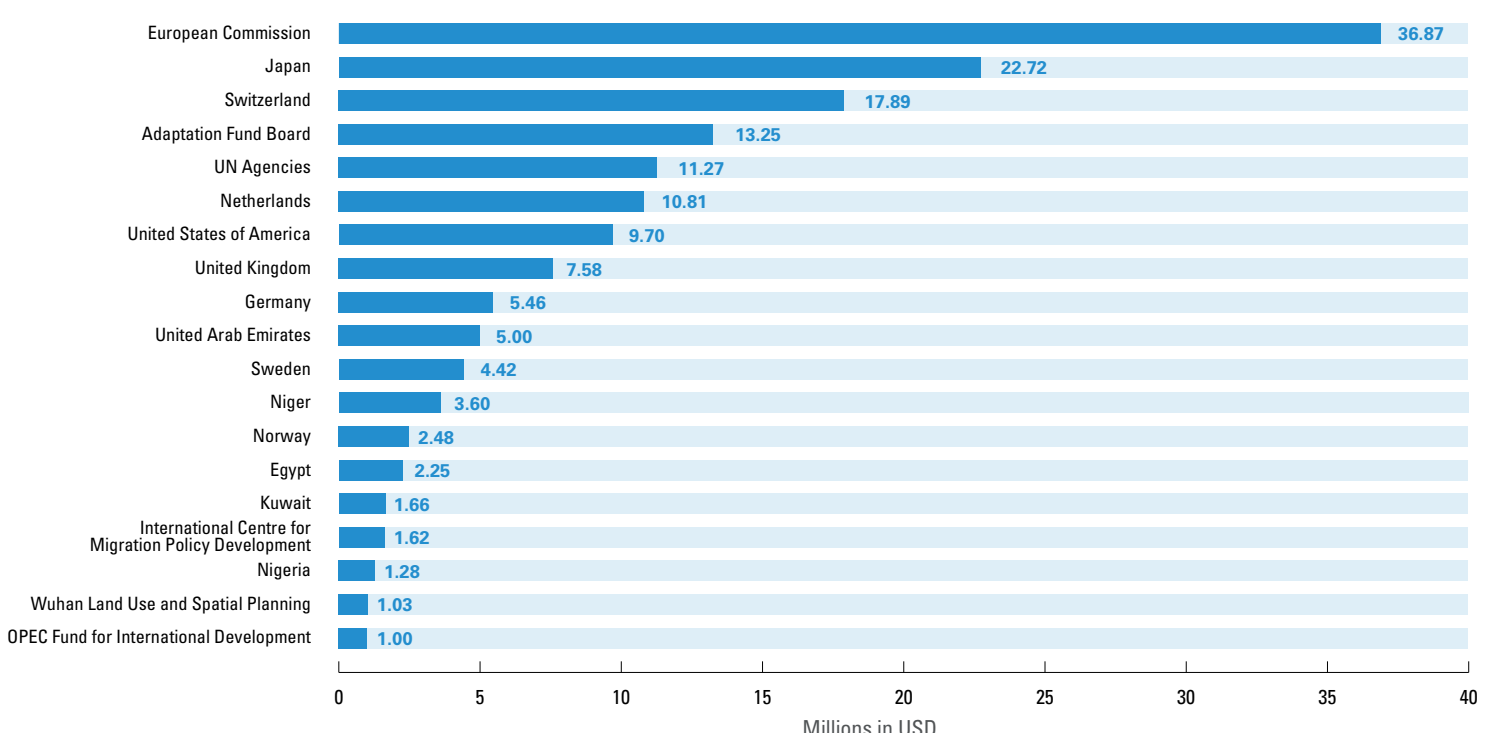
Access to clean water was a major problem facing the residents of Al-Minya, Al Giza, Sohag and other governorates in Egypt. The lack of water affected their living conditions and placed a financial burden on the community who were forced to buy barrels to store water and travel neighbouring villages to get water. UN-Habitat in partnership with Minya Drinking Water and Sanitation Company responded by providing clean drinking water using low cost, environmentally friendly technology '[Riverbank Filtration Technology \(RBF\)](#)' a technology that operates by pumping out water from bore wells drilled along the banks of a river.

As a result, over 150,000 inhabitants in Edwa and Maghagha cities now have access to sustainable clean drinking water. This was achieved in a period of less than six months and at a cost of less than 5% of the cost of water delivery using traditional technology. The RBF technology is also being implemented in five governorates including Giza, Bani Sowef, Al Minya, Sohag and Qenna with others in the pipeline such as Qalyoubeya, Al Gharbeya, Ismailia, Port Said and Al Sharqeya.

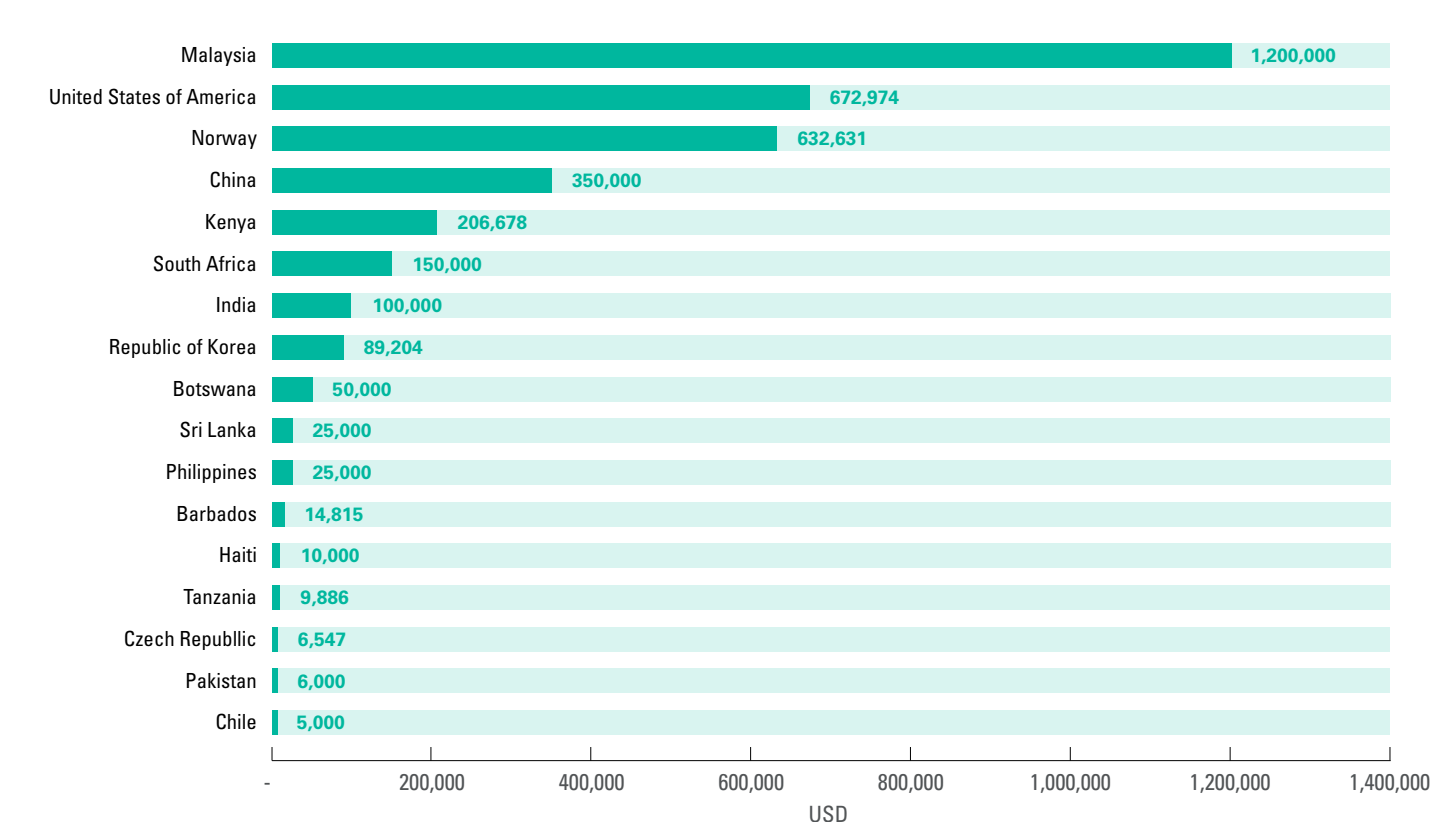
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Foundation General purpose Top Donors 2018 in USD



Since our last Donor Brief in September, UN-Habitat is most grateful for the support from the **European Commission** for Sustainable Human settlements in urban areas to support reintegration in Afghanistan. We also appreciate support from the Governments of **Germany** for securing access to land in Uganda, Laos and Philippines, **Japan** for Rebuilding Marawi in the Philippines, **Kuwait** for operations of the UN-Habitat Kuwait Office, **the Netherlands** and **Switzerland** for Urban Safety and Security in Afghanistan, **Sweden** for the UN-Habitat Country Programme for Ethiopia, **United Kingdom** for sustainable development of the Hawassa city in Ethiopia and the **United States of America** for the clean and green cities programme in nine strategic cities in Afghanistan.

UN-Habitat also appreciates support from other donors. This includes **The Adaptation Fund Board** for flood resilience in Ulaanbaatar and Ger Areas in Mongolia, **International Centre for Migration Policy Development** for the Mediterranean City-to-City Migration in Libya, Morocco and Tunisia. **OPEC Fund for International Development** to promote water operators' partnerships in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Malawi, Samoa and Vietnam and **Prosperity Fund Global Future Cities** for the global future cities programme.

UN-Habitat is most grateful for voluntary non-earmarked contributions received in 2018 for its core normative work from **Botswana, China, Czech Republic, Haiti, India, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and United States of America**. Thanks to these Governments, UN-Habitat's voluntary non-earmarked revenue increased by 28% to USD 3.6 million but this is still short of the annual target by USD 9.4 million. UN-Habitat appeals for your support to increase this level in 2019.

