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COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN



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UN-HABITAT COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

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2. What UN-Habitat has Done: Highlights
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AGENDA

UN-Habitat's Responses to COVID-19 March

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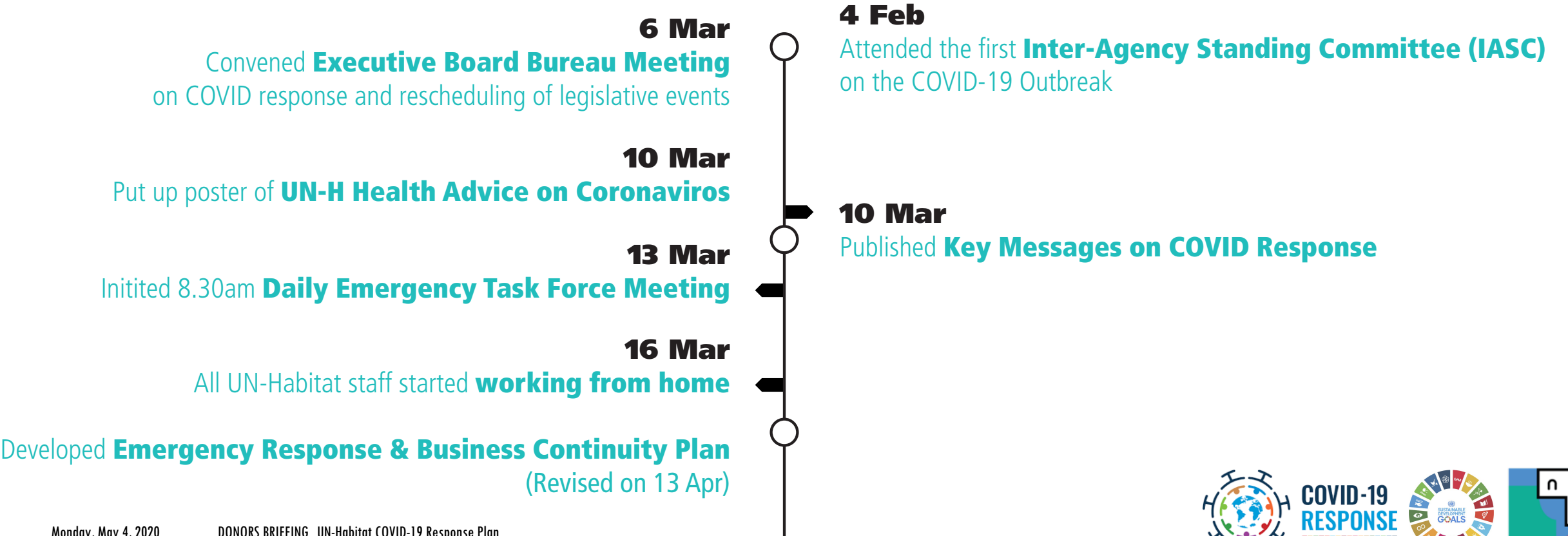
LEGENDS

UNHQ - Global - Regional - Local

UN-HABITAT

INTERNAL MEASURES

EXTERNAL MEASURES



18 Mar
Developed **Regional Emergency Plans**

20 Mar
Initiated **Global Weekly Updates on UN-H Responses**

Established **Core Humanitarian Programming & Coordination Team**

23 Mar
SG's Report on
Remote Working & Supporting Staff Mental Health

SG's Report on
Staying Healthy at Home: Advice for UN Staff

19 Mar
SG Remarks on COVID: **A Call for Solidarity**

23 Mar
SG's Letter to **G20 calling for Emergency Virtual Summit**

24 Mar
Released Analysis on **Impact of COVID on Kenya**
from Perspectives of Health, Economy and Planning

25 Mar
ED Participated in a live **interview with KBC**, a state-run media of Kenya to brief global, regional and local responses

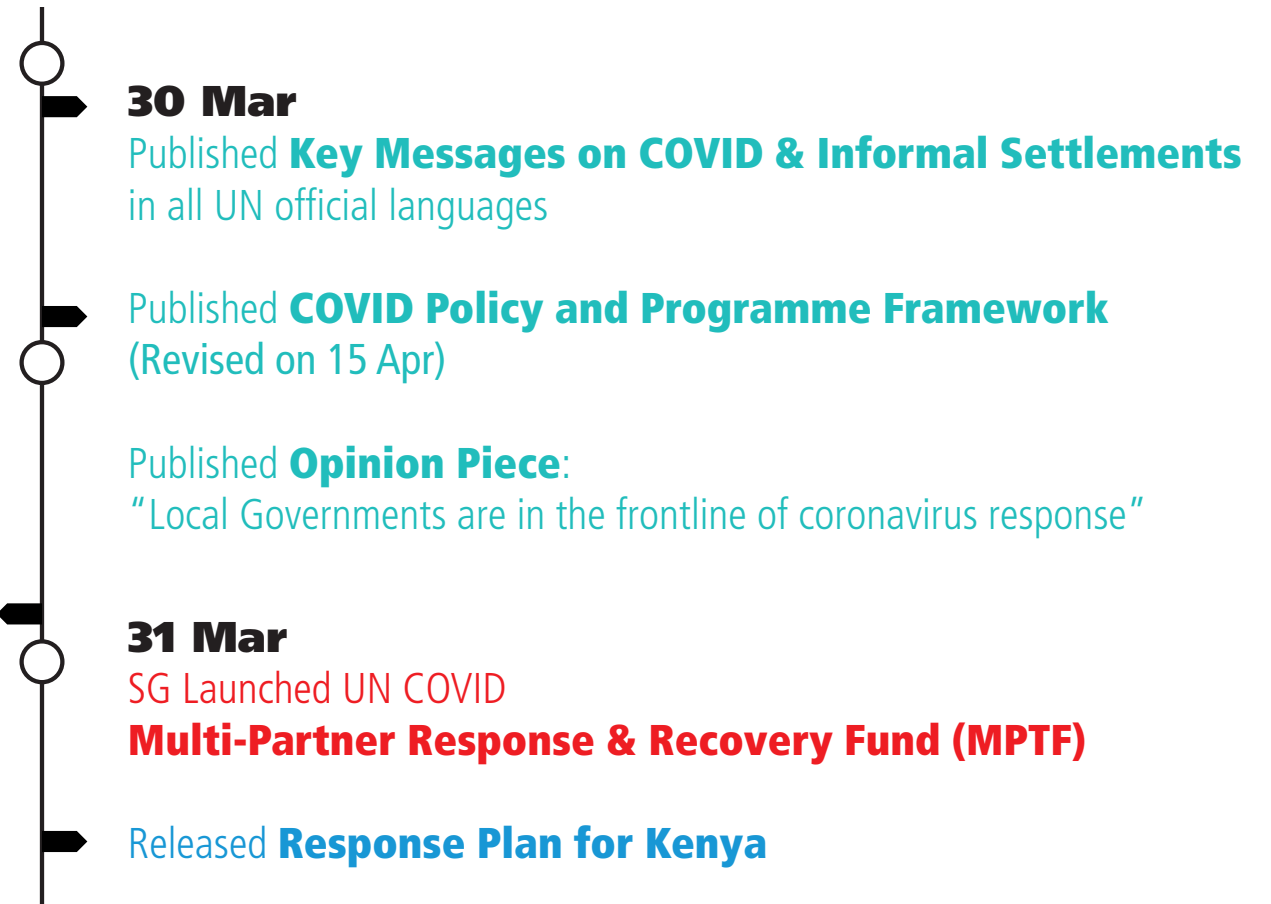
Initiated a series of **webinars with UCLG and Metropolis** for Local Governments to share experience on COVID responses

Opened a series of **webinars on Social Inclusion** during Crisis with World Enabled to protect the disadvantaged groups

27 Mar
SG's Report on **Socio-economic Impact of COVID**

Developed **Country Intervention Strategy**
for Kenya, Mozambique, Somalia, Ethiopia, Guinea, etc.

31 Mar
Briefing to Member States on Financial Situation
of UN-Habitat in the Context of COVID



UN-Habitat's Responses to COVID-19 April

LEGENDS
UNHQ - **Global** - **Regional** - **Local**
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INTERNAL MEASURES

1 Apr

Conducted **Townhall** for
Regional Office for **Arab States**

2 Apr

Conducted **Townhall** for
Regional Office for **Africa**

Conducted **Townhall** for
Regional Office for **Latin America and the Caribbean**

8 Apr

Issued the Inaugural **Journal "HabPost"**
on "**Life in the Time of COVID-19**"

EXTERNAL MEASURES

1 Apr

Published web stories on response in the field with
public hand-washing stations installed in informal settlements
in Mathare of Kenya and Sittwe of Myanmar

2 Apr

SG's Appeal for a **Global Ceasefire**

8 Apr

Counter-signed the **Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)**
to implement life-saving activities

9 Apr

SG's Policy Brief: Impact of COVID on **Women**
SG's letter to Member States calling for support to **COVID-19 MPTF**

Published COVID-19 **Socioeconomic Impacts on Africa**



15 Apr
SG's **Administrative Guidelines for Offices** on COVID

16 Apr
Conducted **Townhall** for
NY & EU Offices

22 Apr
Conducted **Townhall** for
Office of the **Executive Director**

Issued the third **Journal "HabPost"**
on **"Life in the Time of COVID-19"**

10 April

Developed COVID-19 **Response & Recovery**
for Sub-Saharan Africa

Published Ed-Op

"Why leaders must plan for cleaner, safer cities"

11 Apr

Issued **Donor Brief** on Reponse to COVID

12 Apr

Approved **UN-Habitat COVID-19**
Emergency Fund for Rapid Response

15 Apr

SG's Policy Brief: Impact of COVID on **Women**

Revised **COVID Policy and Programme Framework**

17 Apr

SG's Report on **COVID & Debt**

23 Apr

SG's Report on **COVID & Human Rights**

Launch of the UN-Habitat COVID-19
Response Plan and **COVID-19 Campaign**



24 Apr

ED's Interview with Thomson Reuters Foundation - Published
'**COVID Q&A: The crisis facing Africa's cities and slums**'

27 Apr

Published "A **UN Framework for the Immediate Socio-economic Response to COVID**"

Published UN-Habitat **Sub-Saharan Africa Atlas**

29 Apr

Interview on COVID-19 Rapid Response Plan with
Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC)

30 Apr

Published Opinion Piece by the ED
"Even During a Lockdown, **Public Transport** Can Be a Lifeline"

1 May

SG's Policy Brief:
The Impact of COVID-19 on **older persons**
Launched **Urban Thinkers Campus** COVID-19 Series
Conducted **Interview with Foreign Policy Journal**
"How will the coronavirus pandemic permanently change urban life,
the way we live in or organize our cities?"
Interviewed with Thomson Reuters Foundation on
Rapid Response Plan & impact on informal settlements in **Africa**

WHAT UN-HABITAT HAS DONE: HIGHLIGHTS



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Engagement & Leadership

Work with Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) to strengthen **humanitarian assistance** & Received **\$ 50,000** to support vulnerable urban communities in Lebanese cities

Invited to co-draft **SG's Policy Brief** on Impact of COVID-19 on Cities with DESA, UNDP & UNEP



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Contributed to **UN Framework for Immediate Socioeconomic Response**, particularly to section III on 'Delivering Socio-economic Support Under Emergency Conditions' & develop **UN-H Policy and Programme Framework**

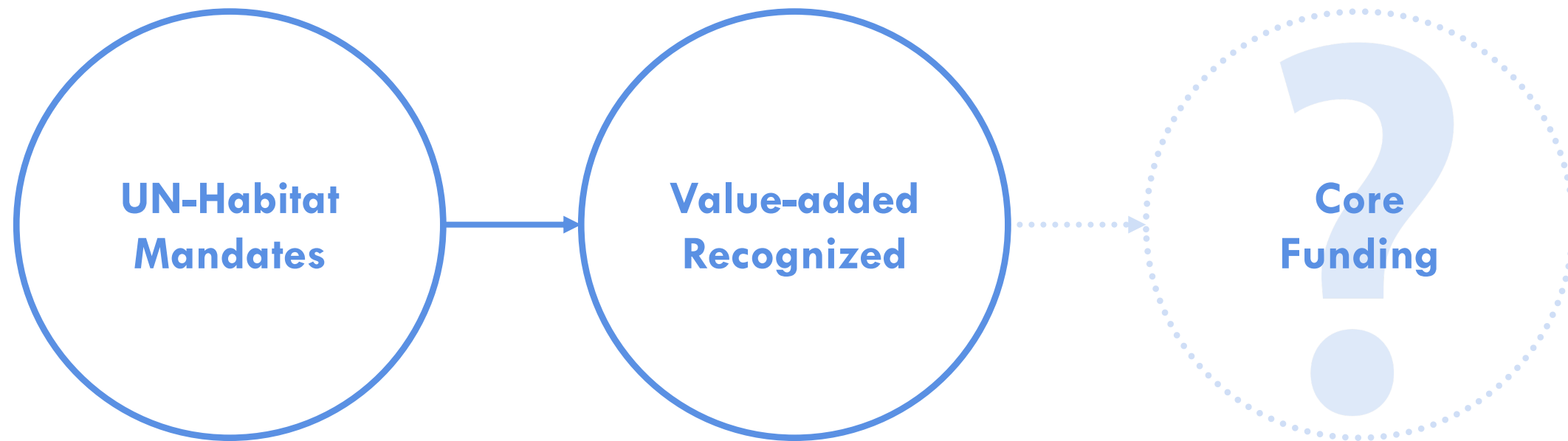
Webinars with UCLG/World Enabled/WEF to enable **experience sharing** between Mayors, local governments and all stakeholders

WHAT UN-HABITAT HAS **DONE**: HIGHLIGHTS



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Need for **Core-Funding** Support to Deliver Mandates



WHAT UN-HABITAT HAS DONE: HIGHLIGHTS

Immediate Response

USD 1.3 Million

Seed funding for scaling up projects in

13 Countries

Announced COVID-19 Key Messages



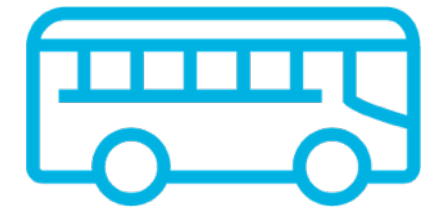
Overall Key Messages



On **Informal Settlements**



On **Housing**



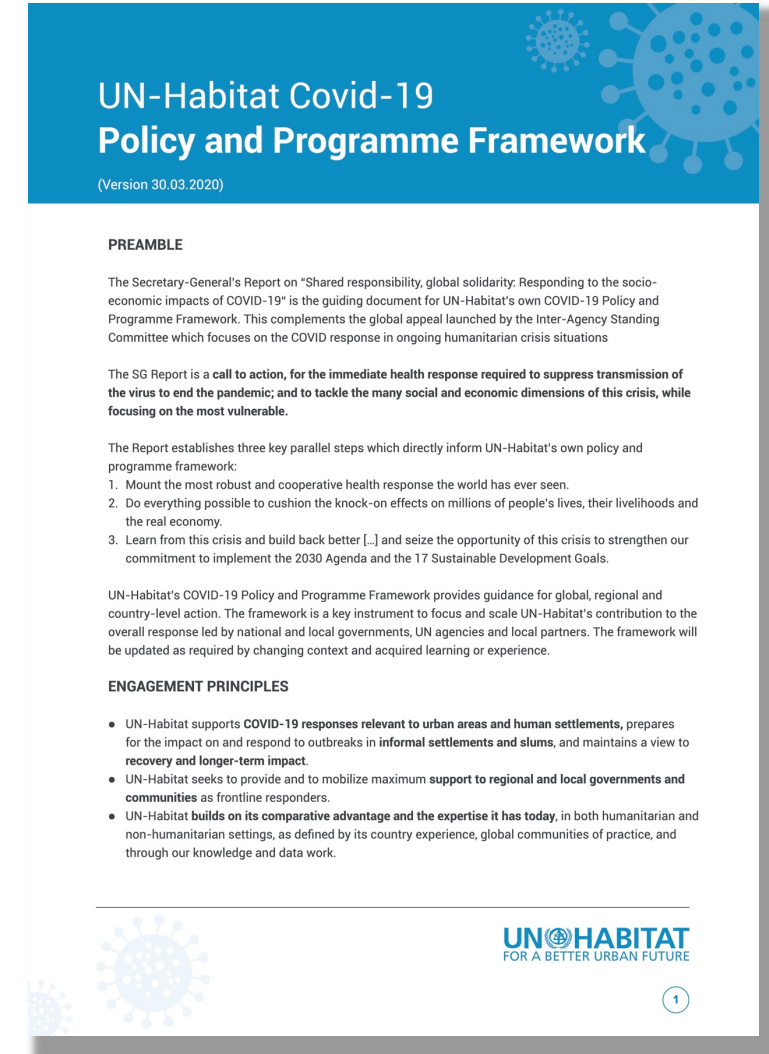
On **Transport**

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Policy and Programme Framework: Less but **Better**





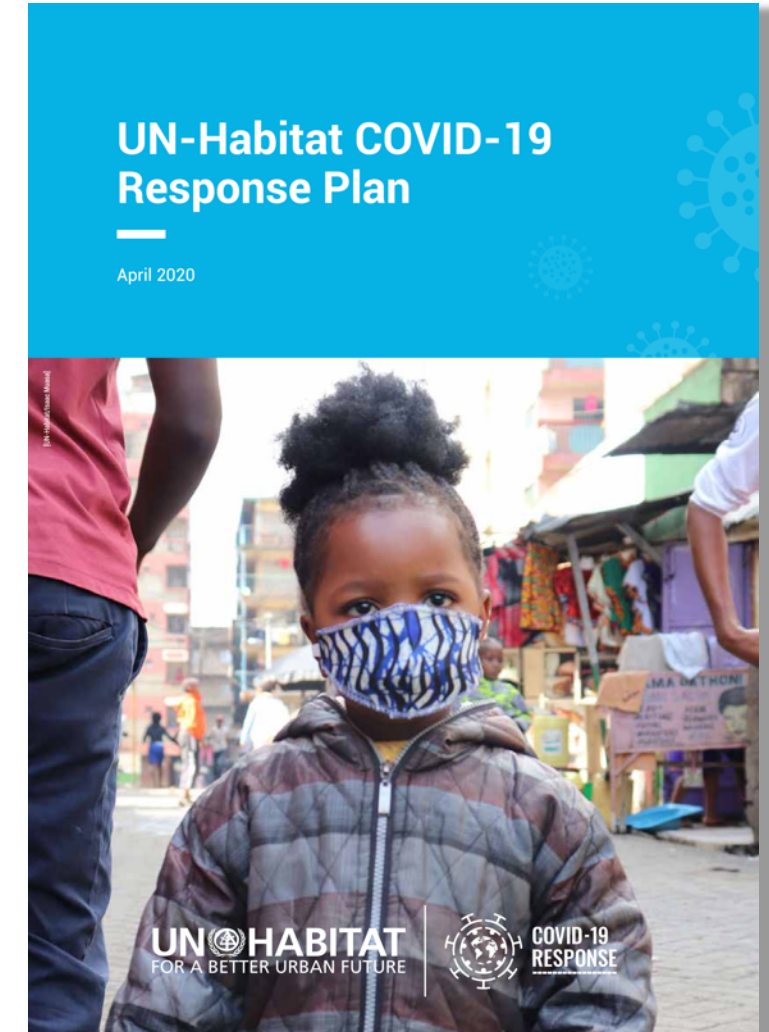
UN-Habitat COVID-19 Response Plan: 3 Main Focuses

Support local governments
and community driven
solutions in **informal
settlements**

Provide **urban data,
mapping & knowledge** for
informed decision making

USD 72 Million
in
64 Countries

Mitigate
economic **impact** &
initiate **recovery**



OUR AMBITION TO FURTHER COMBAT COVID-19

Country and Global Support

Africa

US\$ 33.3 M, 20 countries

Arab States

US\$ 17.5 M, 11 countries

Asia Pacific

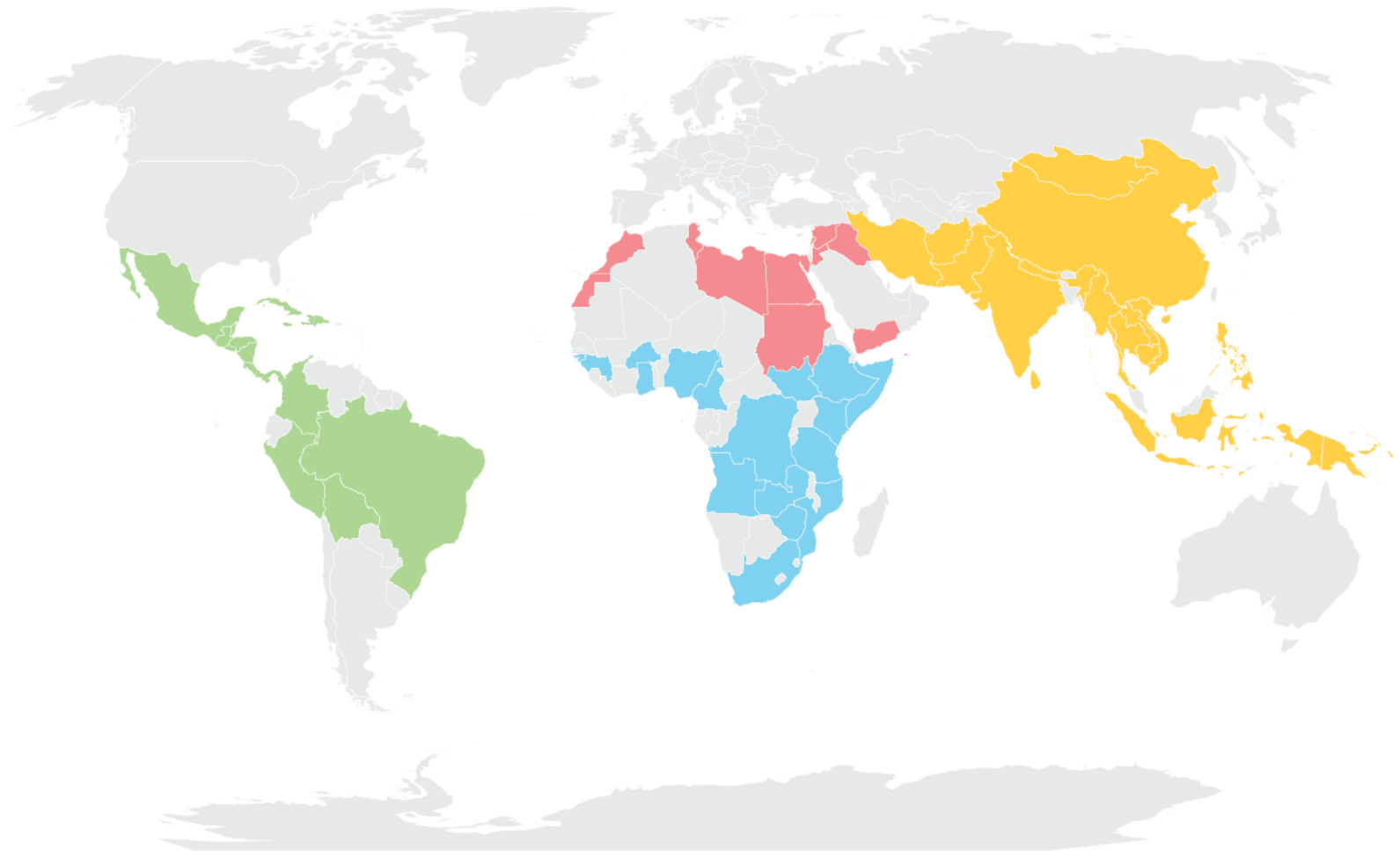
US\$ 10.4 M, 17 countries

Latin America

US\$ 8.3 M, 16 countries

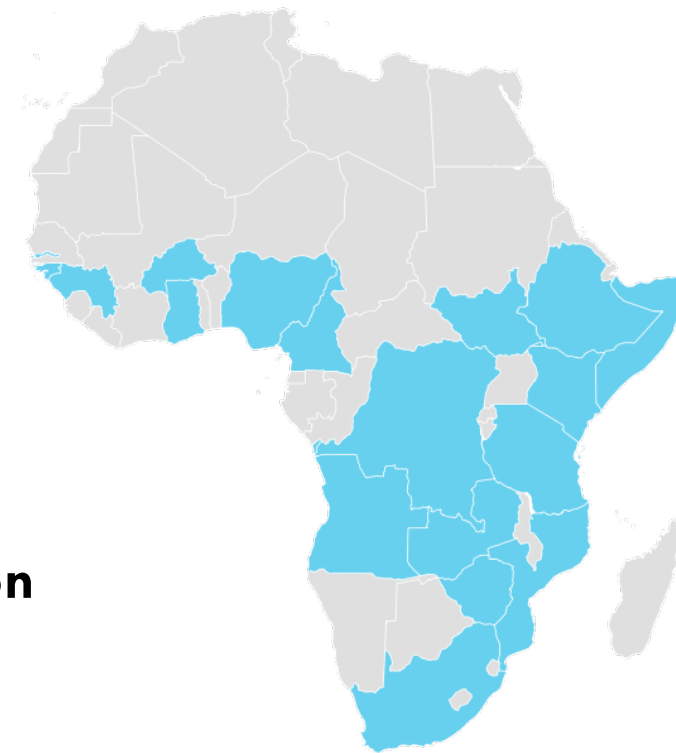
Global Response

US\$ 2.4 M



Examples of work in Africa

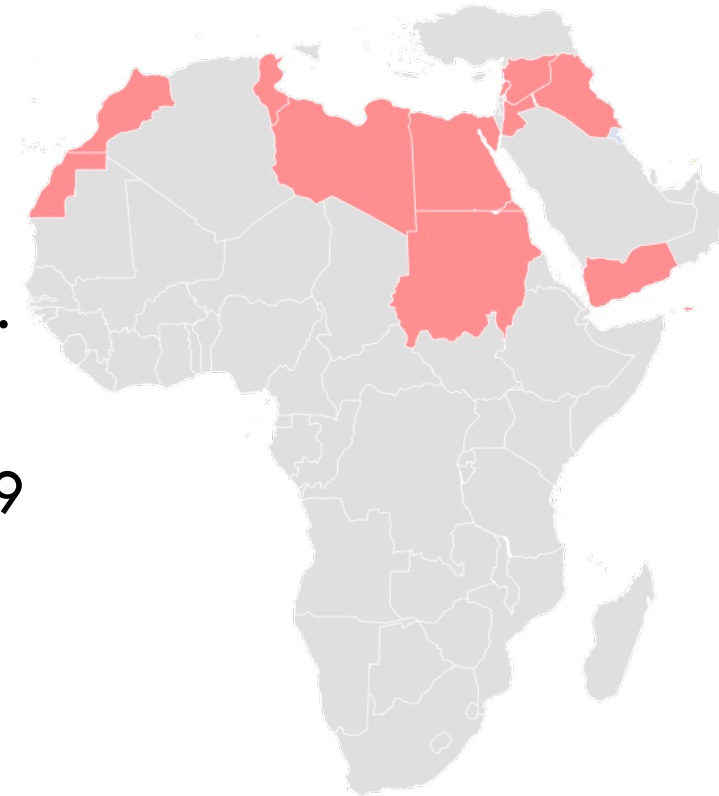
- **Kenya** – support improved access to **water and sanitation** in informal settlements, **urban transport** and with civil society for integrated coordinated responses
- **Ethiopia** - help supply **water to waster pickers** in Addis Ababa, conduct **rapid mapping** of community assets, spaces and vulnerable hotspots to for appropriate responses in informal settlements
- **Somalia** - **medical supplies and personal protection equipment** to front line health workers, support Mogadishu **local authority response** to ensure essential services and mitigate economic impact on most vulnerable



1. Angola
2. Burkina Faso
3. Cabo Verde
4. Cameroon
5. DR Congo
6. **Ethiopia**
7. Gambia
8. Ghana
9. Guinea
10. Guinea-Bissau
11. **Kenya**
12. Mozambique
13. Nigeria
14. Sao Tome and Principe
15. **Somalia**
16. South Africa
17. South Sudan
18. Tanzania
19. Zambia
20. Zimbabwe

Examples of work in Arab States

- **Iraq** - improve **water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter, job creation** and **public messaging**. **Online platform** with other UN agencies with government endorsed information on COVID-19.
- **Tunisia** - *Leave No One Behind* mobile app as **one-stop-shop information portal** on COVID-19 for easy access to essential services
- **Egypt** - Use riverbank filtration technology to extend **affordable access to clean water and sanitation** to vulnerable communities



1. **Egypt**
2. **Iraq**
3. Jordan
4. Lebanon
5. Libya
6. Morocco
7. Palestine
8. Sudan
9. Syria
10. **Tunisia**
11. Yemen

Examples of work in Asia & Pacific

- **Cambodia** – sanitation and hygiene and, communication and **training for and behaviour change** in communities on physical distancing, wearing masks
- **Sri Lanka** – support provincial councils and local authorities to establish **service provision database, online discussions with local authorities**, risk communication campaign
- **Myanmar** – **public hand washing stations** in key locations, work with community groups and small businesses distributing education and **communication** materials



1. Afghanistan
2. **Cambodia**
3. China
4. Fiji
5. India
6. Indonesia
7. Iran
8. Laos PDR
9. Mongolia
10. **Myanmar**
11. Nepal
12. Pakistan
13. Papua New Guinea
14. Philippines
15. **Sri Lanka**
16. Thailand
17. Vietnam

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Examples of work in Latin America and Caribbean

- **Central America** – support **eight countries** through **Central American Social Integration System** on COVID-19 mitigation measures to strengthen **socio-economic** and **health resilience**
- Scale up interventions in **Guatemala, Honduras** and **El Salvador** in informal settlements



1. Belize
2. Bolivia
3. Brazil
4. Colombia
5. Costa Rica
6. Cuba
7. Dominican Republic
8. **El Salvador**
9. **Guatemala**
10. Haiti
11. **Honduras**
12. Jamaica
13. Mexico
14. Nicaragua
15. Panama
16. Peru

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UN-Habitat COVID-19 Response Plan: Breakdown of 72 Million

| Response Areas | Africa | Arab States | Asia Pacific | Latin America | Global Programmes | Total |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 20 countries | 11 countries | 17 countries | 16 countries | | 64 countries |
| 1. Innovative community driven solutions | 25,890,000 | 16,160,000 | 9,000,000 | 700,000 | | 51,750,000 |
| 2. Urban data, mapping and knowledge | 910,000 | 1,090,000 | 910,000 | 890,000 | 2,200,000 | 6,000,000 |
| 3. Mitigating economic impact and initiate recovery | 6,500,000 | 300,000 | 480,000 | 6,740,000 | 230,000 | 14,250,000 |
| Total needs for 2020 | 33,300,000 | 17,550,000 | 10,390,000 | 8,330,000 | 2,430,000 | 72,000,000 |

How you can help

1. Financial contributions towards the Response Plan

- To COVID-19 **Response Plan** in general
- To particular **themes** in COVID-19 Plan
- To particular **regions** or **countries** in COVID-19 Plan

2. Allow UN-Habitat to **repurpose existing contribution grants** for COVID-19 priorities

USD 2 million kick-off funding received from the Alwaleed Foundation

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COVID-19 Mobilizing Support

UN-Habitat's catalytic role | policy advice, capacity development, technical assistance, demonstrating an sharing solutions

Funding sources

UN Global humanitarian plan, COVID-19 MTPF, UNCT, HCT
Governments
Business
Foundations
Crowd funding

Partner networks

Local govt
UN agencies
Professionals
Planners
Researchers
Grassroots
Women
Youth
WUC

Experience and value add UN focal point on urbanization, over **40 years accumulated knowledge**, programmes in over **90 countries**, work with vulnerable groups and informal settlements, expertise in urban planning, capacity development, urban data, **crisis and recovery programmes**, extensive **networks** of local governments urban professionals, community organizations

Communicate

Messages sent to over 14,000 partners

Working with **authority figures and influencers** to help mobilize support
Showing **Impact** using measurable results framework, data, testimonials, appreciation for support,
Channels: websites, social media, news media, targeted briefs, mail shots, appreciation letters, briefings

Communicate

Advocacy

Corporate messages, position papers on our website, op-eds
COVID-19 Campaign, World Urban Campaign, partnership networks, World Cities Day, World Habitat Day

Advocacy

Response plan

240 project proposals to support 64 countries
US\$ 1.3 M UN-Habitat funds reprogrammed for COVID-19

Donors and partners outreach Immediate responses: webinars, WASH, mapping vulnerable hotspots, community mobilization

Response framework

Local government and community driven solutions
Urban data, mapping and knowledge for targeted responses
Economic impact mitigation and response

Recovery priorities

Strengthen basic services and infrastructure
Mitigate economic impact
Knowledge - lessons, impact, good practice
Enhance policies, strategies for future resilience
Measure impact using performance indicators

Act

US\$ 17 million

US\$ 55 million

US\$ 24 million

Total **96 million***

Prepare and Prevent

Respond

Recover

Phases

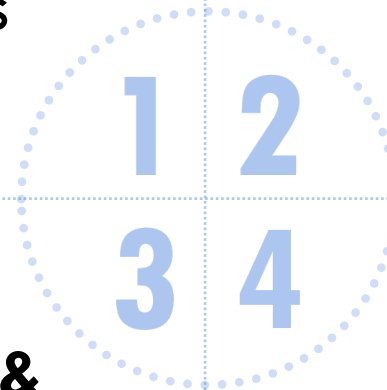
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* Please note that total figures will be revised over time as needs are further assessed and the global COVID situation evolves.

Priorities in the Post-COVID World

Rethinking the state,
re-organizing
local governance mechanisms

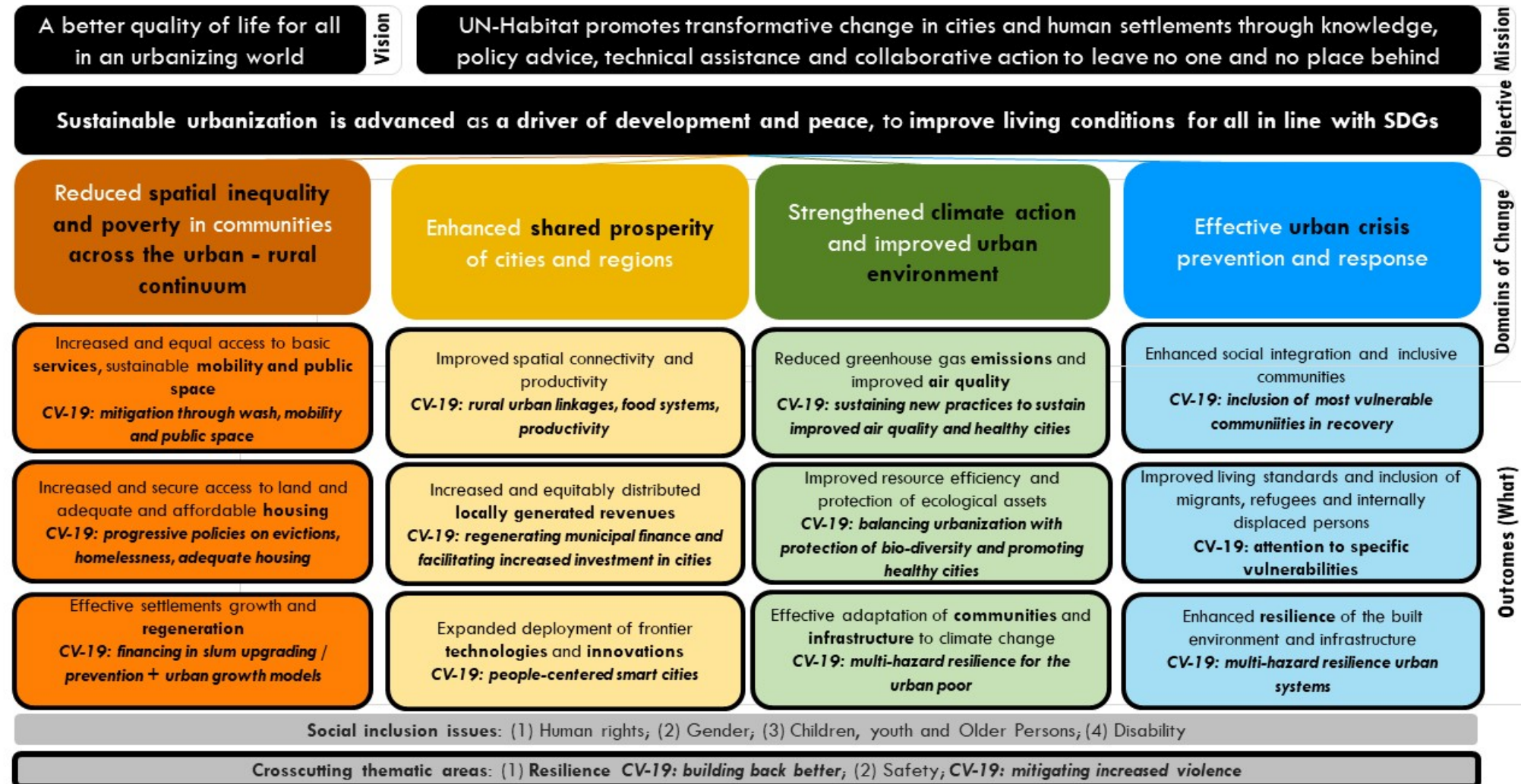
Addressing the increase of
poverty and the exacerbation of
inequalities in cities



Rethinking urban **morphology** &
typology, creating new evidence
on density and compactness

Reducing the risk of failure
of the current
urban economy business model

Alignment with UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023



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