UN-Habitat’s response to COVID-19

HIGHLIGHTS

- **UN-Habitat Executive Board meeting compromised in COVID-19**

  The 21st Session of the UN-Habitat Executive Board was convened virtually from New York, New York, USA on 5-6 May 2020. The meeting was held in accordance with the guidelines issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) on health and safety measures for public gatherings, and was aimed at discussing the strategic and operational implications of COVID-19 on the future of urbanization.

  The Executive Board received a report on the situation of informal settlements and the impact of COVID-19 on urban planning and development. It also discussed the challenges faced by cities and countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in relation to housing, urban planning, and infrastructure.

  In addition, the Executive Board approved a series of decisions and recommendations to address the impact of COVID-19 on urban development and planning. These included the establishment of a task force to support cities in their response to the pandemic, and the allocation of funds to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

- **World Urban Forum for also plan under control action**

  The World Urban Forum (WUF) is a biennial event that brings together urban policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to discuss and develop solutions to global urban challenges. The 2020 edition of the WUF was scheduled to take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

  To address the impact of the pandemic on urban development, the WUF organizers have decided to develop a virtual platform that will allow participants to engage in discussions and share best practices in urban planning and development. The virtual platform will feature sessions on a wide range of topics, including sustainable urban development, urban health, and resilience.

- **UN-Habitat’s response to COVID-19**

  In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UN-Habitat has taken a series of measures to support cities and countries in their response to the crisis. These include the establishment of a task force to support cities in their response to the pandemic, the allocation of funds to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and the development of a virtual platform to facilitate discussions and share best practices.

  In addition, UN-Habitat has developed a series of guidelines and resources to support cities in their response to the pandemic. These include a toolkit on urban health and safety, a manual on the impacts of COVID-19 on urban planning and development, and a series of webinars on the latest developments in urban planning and development.

- **Towards Arab Cities without Informal Settlements: Analysis and Tools**

  Towards Arab Cities without Informal Settlements: Analysis and Tools is an initiative of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to support Arab States in their efforts to reduce and eradicate informal settlements in the region. The initiative is aimed at identifying the causes and drivers of informal settlements, and developing effective strategies and tools to address them.

  The initiative has been implemented in a number of Arab States, including Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon. In Egypt, the initiative has supported the development of a national plan to eliminate informal settlements, and has provided technical assistance and training to local governments and other stakeholders.

  In Jordan, the initiative has supported the development of a national strategy to reduce informal settlements, and has provided technical assistance and training to local governments and other stakeholders.

  In Lebanon, the initiative has supported the development of a national plan to reduce informal settlements, and has provided technical assistance and training to local governments and other stakeholders.

- **From Our Beneficiaries**

  From Our Beneficiaries is a initiative of UN-Habitat to share the experiences of local governments and other stakeholders who have benefited from UN-Habitat’s work.

  The initiative is aimed at highlighting the impact of UN-Habitat’s work on local communities, and providing inspiration and motivation for other cities and countries to implement similar initiatives.

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  In the Philippines, the initiative has supported the development of a national plan to reduce informal settlements, and has provided technical assistance and training to local governments and other stakeholders.

- **COVID-19 outbreak could spread fast**

  “Overcrowding and lack of hand washing facilities means people hardest, many in informal settlements. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is being felt across the world. Urgent action is required in cities where over 4 billion people are facing the risk of high infection rates due to overcrowding and lack of basic services and medical facilities.”

- **UN-Habitat's response to COVID-19**

  UN-Habitat's response to COVID-19 is a comprehensive package of measures to support cities and countries in their response to the pandemic. The package includes a series of guidelines and resources, technical assistance and training, and a virtual platform to facilitate discussions and share best practices.

  The package is aimed at addressing the challenges faced by cities and countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in relation to housing, urban planning, and infrastructure.

- **Regional offices in Arab States**

  Regional offices in Arab States are part of UN-Habitat’s efforts to support cities and countries in the Arab region in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The offices are working with local governments and other stakeholders to provide technical assistance and training, and to develop effective strategies and tools to address the challenges faced by cities and countries.

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