

URBAN BASIC SERVICES

The Urban Basic Services Programme of UN-Habitat focuses on Urban Mobility; Urban Energy; Water and Sanitation; and Urban Waste Management, including drainage, as its four programmatic clusters. The Urban Basic Services Trust Fund, created in December 2013 supports implementation of projects and programmes targeted at achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to these four clusters.

THE CHALLENGE

- The **growing gap between demand and supply** in the provision of urban basic services and inaccessible or unaffordable services for significant segments of urban residents represents a major weakness in urban policy, planning, and legislation, as well as inadequate institutional capacity.
- In many developing and emerging economies, key challenges to provision and management of urban basic services are: a legacy of under-investment; poor operational and maintenance culture; inequitable distribution of services and infrastructure; outdated and inappropriate policies, business models, and sectoral approaches; and lack of comprehensive long term demand-based infrastructure planning.

UN-HABITAT'S APPROACH

UN-Habitat supports and promotes development and strengthening of appropriate policies and institutional frameworks, innovative financing arrangements, and implementation of field projects **targeting expansion of access to urban basic services for the urban poor**. Policy and technical assistance is provided to member states to:

- rehabilitate and expand urban infrastructure and services to keep pace with growing demand,
- enhance institutional efficiency and effectiveness in service provision, and
- provide the poor with adequate access to basic urban services.

Through the UN-Habitat Water and Sanitation Trust Fund and its successor the Urban Basic Services Trust Fund, UN-Habitat supports a combination of innovative normative and operational approaches, complemented by global advocacy and knowledge dissemination through platforms such as UN Water, UN Energy and the Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group on Transport.

Key Programmes:

- 1. Water and Sanitation for Cities Programme** - Supports national and local governments to develop and implement appropriate policies and legislative and regulatory frameworks, and to build capacity in water, sanitation and waste management. The Programme also supports a global monitoring mechanism for SDG 6, target 6.3 on wastewater treatment and water quality.
- 2. Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)** - Strengthens technical and management capacity of urban water and sanitation operators, through not-for-profit peer support partnerships.
- 3. Sustainable Energy in Cities Programme** - Promotes universal access to energy access by the urban poor; mainstreams energy and resource efficiency into the design and construction of buildings; and promotes market uptake of renewable energy technologies in cities.
- 4. Promoting Inclusive Urban Accessibility Programme** - Assists cities to develop and implement policies that support improvements in public transport, and better streets and public spaces; implements illustrative initiatives on public space and street design aimed at improving access for target communities, with a focus on the urban poor and vulnerable groups, including women; promotes the "Urban Electric Mobility Initiative" contributing to nationally determined commitments made at COP21 in Paris.
- 5. Waste Management Programme** - supports local governments to adopt and implement integrated waste management systems, including low cost waste disposal site designs, semi-aerobic landfills suitable for small towns, and landfill gas capture technologies.
- 6. Information and Communication**

Technology (ICT) Programme – works in partnership with ICT companies, universities and other research institutions, in harnessing the potential of ICTs to support achievement of urban basic services-related goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda.

- 7. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Programme** – supports national and local governments to integrate urban drainage into green infrastructure, including developing financial and business models that take into account the role of the private sector and revenues generated from joint use.

\$600 million

The amount of money that the UN-Habitat Water and Sanitation Trust Fund has leveraged through partnerships with multilateral development banks.

2003 The year in which the Urban Basic Services Trust Fund was created to support implementation of

- projects and programmes targeted at achieving the SDGs) related to:
- Urban Mobility
 - Urban Energy
 - Water and Sanitation and
 - Urban Waste Management, including Drainage

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The amount of money the Urban Basic Services Trust Fund plans to mobilise for implementation of Urban Basic Services Programmes in 40 countries, increasing access for over 1.5 million people.

2 million The number of people accessing safe drinking water and

sanitation services through the UN-Habitat Water and Sanitation Trust Fund.

IMPACT

- As a result of UN-Habitat's water and sanitation programmes implemented in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean 36 countries have adopted pro-poor water and sanitation policies.
- Through partnerships with multilateral development banks, the UN-Habitat Water and Sanitation Trust Fund has leveraged USD 500 million.
- Through various capacity development programmes, 200 operators and institutions providing water and sanitation services have been supported to deliver urban basic services to more than 500 million consumers.

CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



- Goal 6 and goal 7 are stand-alone goals for water and energy, respectively.
- Goal 11 and target 11.2 focus on access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women and children, persons with disabilities and older persons.
- Goal 3, target 3.6 is also on halving global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents by 2020.
- Municipal and other waste management goals are contained in goal 11, target 11.2 and goal 12, target 12.5.

BENEFICIARY VIEWS

“Lack of water and proper sanitation facilities in school affected my learning ability because I had to spend some of my time looking for water in the community for various uses particularly when I wanted to visit the toilet. Secondly, due to the use and consumption of unclean water and bad hygiene practices I was frequently attacked by water borne diseases especially diarrhea. Imagine a lady of my age visiting a toilet without water? I think that was terrible not only to me but to my colleagues and of course the teachers as well because they also used to face the same situation. Now that water is available at school I can devote all my time to studies and I am able to use the school toilets comfortably. Hygienically I feel transformed and as a young lady feel my dignity has been restored.”

Asha Ally – Form three student at Manzese Chakula Bora Secondary Sschool, Tanzania

“After my participation in UN Habitat’s hands on skills training in renewable energies, I have led training sessions in assembling solar lanterns with 104 young people... these skills and knowledge have been used by the trainees to repair solar lanterns for the locals in Bwaise and Kampala’s poorest slums at a small cost. Assembling solar lanterns has been added to our Electrical Installation and Repair training circular and our trainer will deliver sessions on my behalf to benefit more than 300 youth in the next 4 years.

Kisirisra Muhammed - Co-Founder, Action for Fundamental Change and Development (AFFCAD), Uganda

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