

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)

Support to the AU/NEPAD (Period of July 2010 to June 2011)

The dialogue on sustainable urbanization in Africa remains UN-HABITAT entry point into the debate on Africa's development. It provides the rationale to the Agency's support to the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

All relevant indicators as highlighted in the 2010 State of African Cities Report published by UN-HABITAT a few months ago show that Africa is one of fast urbanising continents in the world. The rapid rate of urbanization of Africa and its impact on the quality of life of citizens in many African cities remains a challenge to be addressed in a concerted and coordinated manner.

UN-HABITAT continues to devote considerable human and financial resources to address the challenges related to this phenomenon. Both UN-HABITAT's advocacy and operational activities in Africa are carried out through its Regional Office for Africa and Arab States (ROAAS) supported by a number of Habitat Programme Managers (HPMs) recruited among national and local practitioners posted in several countries within the region. Over the past two years, UN-HABITAT has been implementing various projects and programmes of relevance to the NEPAD objectives based on its operational, political, normative, institutional, and monitoring and implementation mandates.

1. Collaboration with other UN Agencies in support of NEPAD

As an active member of "Cluster 4" on "Environment, population and urbanisation" within the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) on the NEPAD, UN-HABITAT has supported and participated in all relevant activities of the Cluster, including teleconferences and mail consultations with other Cluster's members to provide its inputs as the City Agency of the United Nations.

Further, the Agency has participated actively in the 11th RCM deliberations held recently from 14-15 November 2010 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia under the leadership of the Deputy Secretary General, Asha Rose Migiyo. During the 11th RCM, UN-HABITAT provided its active support to the Cluster Convener, UNEP, and other members in the preparations of the Cluster's activities report and during the presentation of the Cluster's business plan.

The agency also held strategic consultations with sister Agencies, including UNEP, UN-ECA, UNFPA, NEPAD Secretariat and other members of the Cluster to pave the way towards a strengthened collaboration in key areas of the interagency collaboration on the NEPAD.

2. Financial support to NEPAD

UN-HABITAT continues to spend a considerable amount of financial resources, including US\$ 31, 805 181,- (during the current reporting period) to support and facilitate the implementation of the NEPAD in Africa. Almost all activities in this context have been carried out by UN-HABITAT's Regional Office for Africa and Arab States (ROAAS), which through its various programmes naturally supports the Africa's development. A table highlighting the ongoing projects and programmes, including the total budget allocated to support them is annexed to this report for information.

3. Institutional support to the NEPAD Secretariat

The collaboration with the NEPAD Secretariat has always been crucial in UN-HABITAT's in support of the NEPAD. Through various at different levels consultations and a regular exchange of knowledge and information, UN-HABITAT has been able to involve the Secretariat of the NEPAD in the development of the NEPAD Cities Programme, which become a key achievement of the Cluster 4 of the RCM.

There has never been a direct transfer of financial resources to the NEPAD Secretariat or vice versa, as both Agency's are regulated by different operating mechanisms and rules, including in the fund-raising matters. However, possibilities have been contemplated to joint efforts to improve the two Agency's collaboration also in this context. As much as the NEPAD Secretariat needs a support from UN-HABITAT as an institution within the UN family, it goes without saying that such collaboration would be mutually beneficial as UN-HABITAT obviously need to consolidate its partnership with the NEPAD Secretariat, which has been integrated into the Africa Union (AU) structure, for a successful advocacy in support of the dialogue on sustainable urbanisation.

4. Advocacy work in support of Africa's development

From the UN-HABITAT's perspective, the debate on Africa's development is inseparable from the dialogue on sustainable urbanisation. Since the inception of the NEPAD, UN-HABITAT has embarked on campaign aiming at putting sustainable urbanisation as a prerequisite of Africa's development on the agenda of the NEPAD. Over the past decade, the Agency has made it a priority to mobilise all relevant decision-making organs and constitutional elected leaders by raising awareness of the rapid rate of urban growth in Africa and its worse consequence when it is related to the formation of slums and informal settlements.

It is officially estimated that – at least 72 percent of the urban dwellers in Sub-Saharan Africa, spend their lives in life-threatening slums, which have become like a “time-bomb”. “Urbanisation of poverty” has becoming the single largest obstacle to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals for Africa.

4.1. NEPAD Cities Programme:

In connection with the above, UN-HABITAT and selected partners cities in collaboration with the NEPAD Secretariat developed the NEPAD Cities Programme, which since 2007 is led by the City of Durban (eThekweni municipality), South Africa. The agreement of cooperation signed by UN-HABITAT with the elected representatives of the City of Durban (eThekweni municipality), provides a modality for sharing of responsibilities in order to increase synergy and speed up the ownership of the programme at the local level. Under this agreement, the leading role of UN-HABITAT in developing the programme was recognised, and it is expected that the Agency will continue to provide substantive backstopping and technical support for three areas of intervention: (i) monitoring of progress of African cities in the attainment of the MDGs in urban areas; (ii) the exchange of knowledge, lessons learned and best practices in pro-poor housing and urban development; and (iii) technical support for the implementation of pilot demonstration initiatives.

5. Challenges and constraints

The NEPAD remains a cross-cutting programme, which needs to be strengthened at the institutional level in order align the Agencies priorities with the need for more concrete actions to advise national governments as well as to empower African cities to strive for solutions, which are adapted to their concrete problems.

As indicated in previous reports, the lack of funding to bring policy and capacity-building activities to scale remains the major challenge facing UN-HABITAT in its support to the NEPAD. Practical arrangements with donors institutions and other international, as well as domestic financial institutions need to be forged to ensure follow-up investment in areas of governance and decentralization, land, infrastructure, transport and urban mobility, urban energy, local economic development, and climate change etc.

S/N	Country	Project Title	Programmatic Areas	Cumulative Budget (USD)
1	Benin	Development Strategy for Greater Cotonou	City Development Strategies	330,000
2	Burkina Faso	Integrated Recovery and Reconstruction in ouagadougou	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	60,000
3	Burkina Faso	Integrated Recovery and Reconstruction in ouagadougou	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	288,600
4	Burkina Faso	Integrated Recovery and Reconstruction in ouagadougou	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	50,000
5	Burkina Faso	Strengthening Urban Safety in Ouagadougou, Burkina-Faso	Safer Cities, Safety and Disaster Prevention/Management	1,514,950
6	Cape Verde	Programme De Developpment Urbaine Local Du Cap Vert Dans Le Cadre Du "One UN Programme"	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	391,860
7	Central African Republic	Development Poles Programme in Central African Republic	City Development Strategies	878,018
8	Chad	Urban Development and Improvement of Housing in Chad (Phase II)	Shelter & Housing and Infrastr. Develop.for Poverty/Vulnerability Reduction	1,973,721
9	Democratic Republic of Congo	HLP Interventions in Eastern DRC to Facilitate Returns of IDPs and Refugees and Improve the Land Administration Phase I	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	1,153,225
10	Democratic Republic of Congo	HLP Interventions in Eastern DRC to Facilitate Returns of IDPs and Refugees and Improve the Land Administration Phase I	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	480,769
11	Democratic Republic of Congo	HLP Interventions in Eastern DRC to Facilitate Returns of IDPs and Refugees and Improve the Land Administration Phase I	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	929,171
12	Democratic Republic of Congo	HLP Interventions in Eastern DRC to Facilitate Returns of IDPs and Refugees and Improve the Land Administration	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	69,240
13	Democratic Republic of Congo	Strengthening Citizenship Participation in Urban Local Governance, Zimbabwe	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	408,952
14	Eritrea	Provision of Shelter Related Technical and Material Assistance to Returned IDPs/Expellees	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	400,000
15	Gabon	Support for the formulation of a project document on housing and urban development policy in Gabon	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	30,000
16	Kenya	Chief Technical Adviser for Korogocho Slum Upgrading Programme	Shelter & Housing and Infrastr. Develop.for Poverty/Vulnerability Reduction	527,380
17	Kenya	Mombasa Slum Upgrading Programme	Shelter & Housing and Infrastr. Develop.for Poverty/Vulnerability Reduction	200,000

18	Kenya	Korogocho Slum Upgrading Programme	Shelter & Housing and Infrastr. Develop.for Poverty/Vulnerability Reduction	143,316
19	Lesotho	Sustainable Maseru City Programme	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	115,320
20	Liberia	Support to establishment and initial functioning of the land commision	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	750,000
21	Liberia	Strengthening Country Institutional Capacity for Service Delivery	Decentralization and Municipal Capacity Building, Strengthening & Training	600,000
22	Madagascar	Gouvernance Urbaine et Securisation Fonciere	Community Services	1,385,424
23	Malawi	Urban Household Sanitation Improvement Project, Lilongwe City, Malawi	Shelter & Housing and Infrastr. Develop.for Poverty/Vulnerability Reduction	175,000
24	Mali	Formulation of a City without Slum Programme for Mali	City Development Strategies	360,000
25	Mozambique	Slum Upgrading And City Development Strategy for Nampula City, Mozambique	City Development Strategies	60,000
26	Mozambique	Joint Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Preparedness, Mozambique	Safer Cities, Safety and Disaster Prevention/Management	894,031
27	Mozambique	Joint Programme on Environment Mainstreaming and Adaptation to Climate Change - Mozambique	Environmental Planning and Management	1,180,000
28	Mozambique	Joint Programme - Support to Decentralization & Integrated Local Development, Mozambique	Decentralization and Municipal Capacity Building, Strengthening & Training	554,811
29	Mozambique	Supporting Innovative Local Mitigation Interventions for Reducing Vulnerability to Floods and Cyclones in Mozambique	Post Conflict/Disaster Rehabilitation, IDPs, Refugees	507,504
30	Mozambique	Supporting Local Mitigation Intervention for Reducing Vulnerability to Cyclones and Earthquakes in Nampula and Manica Provinces, Mozambique	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	345,835
31	Namibia	Sustainable Cultural Tourism in Namibia	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	877,507
32	Nigeria	Establishment of HAPSO Abuja, Nigeria	Decentralization and Municipal Capacity Building, Strengthening & Training	611,271
33	Nigeria	Preparation of Structure Plans for Four Urban Areas in Nasarawa State(cities Lafia,Doma,Karu and Keffi)	City Development Strategies	519,201
34	Regional	Support for the completion of Cities Development Strategies in Cotonou (Benin), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Dakar (Senegal)	City Development Strategies	75,000
35	Regional	2010 State of African Cities Report	Other Normative & Technical Advisory Services, including Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert Bodies (UNDAF, AMCHUD, GCs, etc.)	20,000

36	Regional	Support for the Development of City to City Cooperation between China and Africa	City Development Strategies	30,000
37	Regional	State of the Regions' Cities Reports - ROAAS Part	Other Normative & Technical Advisory Services, including Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert Bodies (UNDAF, AMCHUD, GCs, etc.)	145,000
38	Regional	State of Region's Report, Series 2010 to 2012	Other Normative & Technical Advisory Services, including Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert Bodies (UNDAF, AMCHUD, GCs, etc.)	959,040
39	Regional	Capacity Building for Local Participatory Planning, Budgeting and Gender Mainstreaming Programme	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	1,977,275
40	Regional	Participatory Slum Upgrading in ACP Countries	Shelter & Housing and Infrastr. Develop.for Poverty/Vulnerability Reduction	6,283,938
41	Regional	Creating the Conditions for Establishing a Disaster Mitigation and Sustainable Recovery Centre for the South East African and South West Indian Ocean Regiona	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	655,160
42	ROAAS	Support To Activities Of The Regional And Technical Cooperation Division	Other Normative & Technical Advisory Services, including Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert Bodies (UNDAF, AMCHUD, GCs, etc.)	
43	Rwanda	Progrmme de developement urbain du Rwanda dans le cadre du-Joint Programme - UNDAF	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	789,927
44	Rwanda	Joint Programme - UNDAF	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	590,696
45	Senegal	Greater Dakar Urban Development Strategy	City Development Strategies	380,000
46	Senegal	Adapting to Climate Change Risks in Costal-urban Areas, Saint-Louis, Senegal	Environmental Planning and Management	35,000
47	South Africa	Eastern Cape Provincial Spatial Development Plan (ECPSDP)	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	534,667
48	Tanzania	Action Plan to Upgrade all Informal Settlements in Dar es Salaam by 2015	City Development Strategies	359,999
49	Tanzania	Tanzania Urban Housing Sector Profile	Other Normative & Technical Advisory Services, including Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert Bodies (UNDAF, AMCHUD, GCs, etc.)	30,000
50	Uganda	UN Joint Programme on Gender Equality in Uganda		74,900
51	Zimbabwe	Support To Zimbabwe Local Government Association and Strngthening Citizen Participation in Urban Local Governance	Urban Governance, Management and Institution Building	99,470

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