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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABA Alexandria Business Association

AIMF Association Internationale des Maires Francophones / Association of Francophone Mayors

APG Guayaquil Port Authority

BNDES Brazilian Development Bank

CBE Central Bank of Egypt

CCG Guayaquil Chamber of Commerce

CCL Lima Chamber of Commerce

CECORE Centre de Coordinació de la Resposta Econòmica / Coordination Centre for the Economic

Response, Barcelona

COE Emergency Operations Committee, Guayaquil

COVID-19 2019 novel coronavirus disease

CRGP UN-Habitat City Resilience Global Programme

CSO(s) Civil Society Organization(s)

CZI Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries'

EPRP Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

FAE-Mype Fondo de Apoyo Empresarial a las Micro y Pequeñas Empresas / Business Support Fund for

micro and small businesses, Lima

FNPF Fiji National Provident Fund

GAD Gobierno Autónomo Descentralizado / Decentralized Autonomous Government, Guayaquil

G2G Government to Government

GBV Gender-based violence

GDP Gross Domestic Product

ICU Intensive Care Unit

IESS Ecuadorian Social Security Institute

IGF Internally Generated Fund

ILO International Labour Organization

IMF International Monetary Fund

INEC Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas y Censos / National Institute of Statistics and Censuses,

Guayaquil

JSC Joint-stock company

LAC Latin America and the Caribbean

Acronyms and Abbreviations

MINSANTE Ministère de la Santé Publique / Health Ministry of Cameroon

MEF Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas / Ministry of Economy and Finance, Peru

NADMO National Disaster Management Organization

NGO(s) Non-Governmental Organization

NUA New Urban Agenda

OPEC Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

PCR Polymerase chain reaction

PPE Personal Protective Equipment

SDG(s) Sustainable Development Goal(s)

SMEs Small and mid-size enterprises

SOP(s) Standard Operating Procedure(s)

SCC Suva City Council

UNCDF United Nations Capital Development Fund

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNECA United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

UNECLAC United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

UNECE United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

UNESCAP United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

UNESCWA United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

UN-Habitat UN Human Settlements Programme

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

VAT Value Added Tax

WHO World Health Organization

YCC Yaoundé City Council

Introduction



1. Introduction

1.1. Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting cities far beyond its commonly associated health impacts. Urban areas produce over 80% of global economic output, but with over 95% of COVID-19 cases located in these areas, much of the economic activities in cities have been placed at a standstill due to the measures needed to control the pandemic. This has resulted in severe urban economic and financial impacts such as massive loss of jobs and rising unemployment, dwindling local government revenues, and enormous losses in productivity and business activity. The crisis has set back the progress from the fight against poverty. An estimated 71 to 100 million people have been pushed below the extreme poverty line in 2020, and inequality has increased particularly in developing countries.

While the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have hit urban areas particularly hard, cities as engines of growth are still expected to play a leading role in the recovery from the crisis. The United Nations developed A UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19 ¹, which highlights the need to 'empower local governments; scale community and city level resilience' as core components in attaining better recovery that strives for the achievement of the sustainable development goals of UN's 2030 Agenda. This ensures that no one is left behind in the process of recovery, and orients policymakers at all levels towards 'the transition to a healthier, resource efficient green and circular economy, founded on sustainable consumption and production patterns anchored to sustainable value chains'. The UN Secretary-General's Policy Brief on COVID-19 in an Urban World ² also highlights the importance of pursuing a resilient, inclusive and green economic recovery moving forward.

Taking off from these directives, the UN Regional Economic Commissions—United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia (UNESCWA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)—together with the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) are collaborating on a joint UN project on Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19. This project promotes the "recovering better" principle of the UN framework by developing measures for planning and building resilient cities; advocating for an approach that is multi-hazard, multi-sectorial, and multi-stakeholder; promoting the green and circular economy; overcoming inequalities; and assisting the most vulnerable groups.

The project focuses on strengthening the capacities of local governments globally—starting with 16 partner cities—to design, implement, and monitor sustainable, resilient, and inclusive COVID-19 economic responses, recovery, and rebuilding plans. It aims to contribute to planning for more resilient cities and local governments that are better

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