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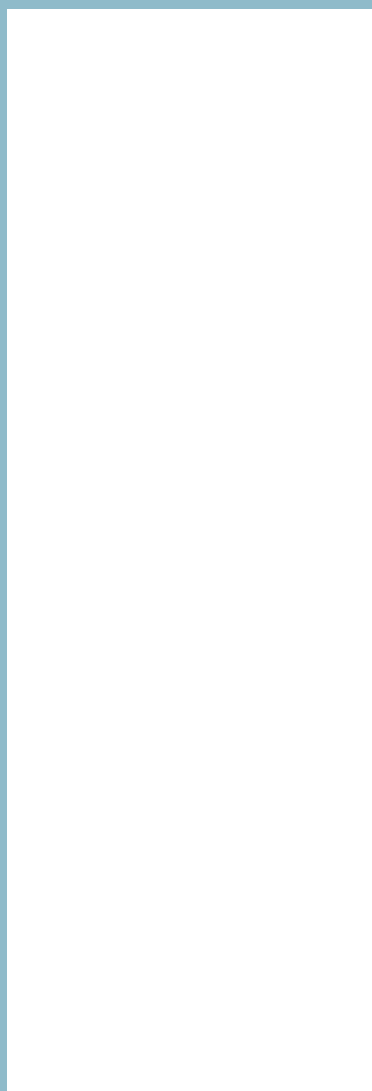
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The Resilience Enhancers developed under the City Resilience Profiling Tool (CRPT) isolate the cross-cutting themes that underpin UN-Habitat's resilience building methodology into an advocacy and training tool.

The Enhancers provide both an understanding of the relationship between the topic in focus (i.e. Gender, Climate Action, Humanitarian Action among others) and development, global agendas, resilience and the CRPT. In the case of the latter, the indicators related to the topic have been extracted from the global CRPT and are included in the Enhancers. They can provide a first approach to the resilience related matter, taking into consideration the systemic, holistic and comprehensive understanding of urban resilience that moves away from assessment in silos.

The objective of the Enhancer is to help governmental actors or other partners to assess the resilience of their urban settlements but while putting a special focus on certain topics that need to be addressed such as gender or climate Action. They can be used as a starting point to assess resilience and the matter related to urban settings, and to discuss how to take it further.

The Upgrading from Informality Enhancer firstly explores the links between informality, urban development and resilience before detailing the specific indicators from the CRPT that can be applied to obtain a snapshot of the city from this same perspective.

As for the CRPT, the Upgrading from Informality Enhancer indicators are mapped in parallel with the targets of global agendas such as the Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda.

## **Using the Enhancers**

The Enhancers can be used as training or advocacy tools within a city by local governments actors or partners. The Enhancers also serve to existing tools, approaches and methodologies that are being implemented in the city. The objective can therefore be 1. initiate discussion and thinking around the issue in focus and/or resilience building, 2. generate a snapshot of the city on the issue in focus and/or resilience, 3. counter-check that existing tools are fully capturing the issue in focus.

### **1. Initiate Discussion**

The indicators extracted from the CRPT (Indicators in the CRPT) can be used to start the discussion around resilience and the issue in focus within the city. An initiating body, such as a specific department within the municipality, can initiate the collection of data for the indicators and call for a half-day workshop to validate or complete the responses. Other departments within the municipality should be invited as well as NGOs working in the city, utilities, civil society groups, among others. The Enhancer can as such become a shared project to initiate discussion on resilience. Once the exercise has been completed, contact us to find out how to take it further.

### **2. Snapshot**

The outcome of the workshop is a partial snapshot of the city focused on the issue in question. This can be shared among all stakeholders and used to inform initial decision-making and priority setting. Knowing which are the strengths and the weaknesses in relation to a certain topic within the city is going to allow local governments to think about the appropriate measures to make the city more resilient. All of the cities that have completed this exercise are invited to share their findings on the City Map on UN-Habitat's Urban Resilience Hub. Sharing these findings will be useful to locate other cities facing similar challenges and to start a discussion on how to tackle them.

### **3. Counter-check**

Many cities are already implementing tools and methodologies to build resilience. The Questionnaire within the Enhancers serves as an approach to evaluate how well the tool is capturing the issue in question. Applying the Questionnaire to existing tools will provide a similar snapshot on the city. Therefore, it will allow cities to assess if their tools need some adjustments or if they are already capturing well the issues in questions. Having a preliminary idea on the resilience of the city is going to be helpful to take the appropriate measures and to counter-check the efficiency of the ones that have been taken.

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The Enhancers are under continual development and should not be taken as complete or comprehensive resilience tools. They serve to increase engagement, validate approaches and lead to further engagement of resilience building through the CRPT.



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