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# BACKGROUND

In 2012, UN-Habitat launched its Global Public Space Programme which is now active in more than 30 cities across the world with a focus on the Global South. The programme's objective is to promote public spaces as a keystone for sustainable cities in order to ensure good quality of life for all. This is done through policy guides, capacity building, knowledge sharing, carrying out advocacy work and actual implementation. The Programme assist cities to determine their needs for public space through mapping exercises and city-wide public space strategies as well as urban development frameworks. Together with local government and civil

society partners, the programme has to date implemented around seventy-five concrete public space upgrading projects selected through annual expressions of interests. Our work have been proven to be effective in achieving social, economic and environmental benefits. The good policy and practices that we have on a global level is shared through a network of more than hundred partner organizations.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SPACE FOR GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE

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*We commit ourselves to promoting safe, inclusive, accessible, green and quality public spaces, including streets, sidewalks and cycling lanes, squares, waterfront areas, gardens and parks, that are multifunctional areas for social interaction and inclusion, human health and well-being, economic exchange and cultural expression and dialogue among a wide diversity of people and cultures, and that are designed and managed to ensure human development and build peaceful, inclusive and participatory societies, as well as to promote living together, connectivity and social inclusion.*



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