GC26/4: Promoting safety in cities and human settlements.

UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme

Global Network on Safer Cities (GNSC)
Outline of the UN Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements

• Introduction
• Vision
• Conceptual Framework
• Basic Principles
• Organisation, Methods and Approaches
• International Cooperation and Partnerships
• Follow-up and Review
Preparatory Process

• Documentation of the normative and technical cooperation activities of UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme since 1996.
• Consultation process involving partners and cities in the Global Network on Safer Cities (GNSC) engaging a diverse range of stakeholders drawn from major groups and different regions, including city administrators, practitioners, NGOs, the private sector, international and community-based women’s and youth organizations.
• Integration in the Habitat III preparatory process, in specific with the Inter-agency Task Force on the Issue Paper on Safer Cities.
• UN and Stakeholders Expert Group Meeting on the Guidelines on Safer Cities in New York
• Inputs were formally made in a letter by the Executive Director of UNODC to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat.
• Internal final review process - October 2018
• Submission by Executive Director to Heads of Agencies
• Validation Expert Group Meeting to take place on 1st and 2nd November 2018
• Formal submission of Guidelines to Member States through the CPR Sub-committee on 5th November 2018
The Role of the City in addressing Crime, Violence, Insecurity

Implementing the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda
Several relevant targets to safer cities, in particular Target 11.7:

*By 2030 provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities*
Sustainable Development Goals (Vision 2030)

The Safer Cities approach provides for this **Goal 11** to be read together with:

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

5 GENDER EQUALITY

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development
The New Urban Agenda Para 39 and 42

We commit ourselves to promoting safe...and secure environment in cities and human settlements enabling all to live, work and participate in urban life without fear of violence and intimidation, taking into consideration that women and girls, children and youth, and persons in vulnerable situations are often particularly affected.

We support subnational and local governments, as appropriate, in fulfilling their key role in strengthening the interface among all relevant stakeholders, offering opportunities for dialogue, including through age and gender responsive approaches, and with particular attention to the potential contributions from all segments of society...
Focusing on the criminal justice system (police, tribunals, prisons)
• Focusing on major crime, leaving petty crime and ‘incivilities’ without response
• Targeting effects instead of causes - reactive instead of preventive
• Often short term and non sustainable results

Safety as ‘common good’ and key to good governance & to sustainability
• A role for everybody in building local safety, respecting everybody mandates
• Need to target causes to reach lasting results
• Prevention is better than cure
• No one size fit all solutions
If a process of equipping municipalities with tools to create citywide crime prevention and urban safety programmes is developed and implemented in partnership with civil society and citizens, then citizens participate in the co-production of safety and security for all, prevention of crime and violence is addressed proactively, safety perceptions are improved, expanding citizens exercise of their right to the city and their enjoyment of the urban advantage.
Safer Cities Programme Toolkit

to assist cities to develop and implement crime prevention policies in cities
Basic Principles

- Government Leadership
- Decentralisation of security policies
- Local Governance and Partnerships
- Safety as an integral part of urban planning
- Human Rights and a Culture of Lawfulness
- Gender, Age and Identity
- Citywide scale
- Citizens as key actors: Young people as agents of change
- Sustainability
Local Government as the Coordinator

From ‘Safe” to ‘Safer” Cities

Ensure the mainstreaming of safer cities principles across all programmes and service delivery initiatives;
Ensure evidence informs policy formulation and implementation;
Ensure prevention policy is sustained across city administration terms;
and ensure the co-production of safety for all.
City Lab will connect cities to new and inspiring sources of knowledge that can be adapted to the local contexts to inform more effective policy responses as well as practice.

Providing learning opportunities for the urban practitioner - using existing context specific practices; action-learning seminars; city to city learning through structured exchange visits and other means.

Testing innovative approaches in cities in a range of areas and validate their applicability (tools and prototypes).

Provider of high quality technical expertise and facilitator of change within cities. Drawing on partner networks and network cities – arranging and sequencing support and processes to provide a sustainable solutions.
LAW ENFORCEMENT & REFORMS
1. Targeted visible police patrols;
2. Conflict resolution;
3. Neighborhood watch by-law enforcement;
4. Improve relationships and accessibility

SOCIAL PREVENTION
1. Youth empowerment;
2. Victim support;
3. Recreational facilities to occupy youth;
4. Others

URBAN DESIGN
1. Supporting street layout;
2. Improving street lighting;
3. Designing streets, buildings, parks etc. to reduce opportunities for crime;
4. Reorganize markets or terminals;
5. Other environmental design interventions

Outcome: Safer City with citizens-centered interventions
Safer Cities Process: Key elements for effective implementation

A security diagnosis
- Challenges
- Risk factors
- Community resources

A strategy and action plan
- Establish priorities
- Identify model for practices
- Target actions on risk factors
- Balance short & long term actions

A COALITION
- With leadership
- Assembling all key partners
- Sensitive to age, gender & cultural differences
- Supported by a secretariat
- Engaging citizens
- A communication strategy

Evaluation & Feedback
- Process evaluation
- Impact evaluation
- Tools development

Regional and (inter)national networks for exchange and replication

Implementation
- Training
- Co-ordination of partners
- Actions
Global Partnership Framework of Cooperation on ‘Safer Cities’

Anchored as an implementation mechanism to support the implementation of UN system-wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025

Post 2015 - SDG 11: “Making Cities and Human Settlements Safe, Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable” – Safer Cities in the New Urban Agenda (Safer Cities 2.0)

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