

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME
STAKEHOLDER STRATEGY FOR THE UN ROAD SAFETY FUND
2022 CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

I. Overall approach to UNRSF 2022 Call for Concept Notes

UN-Habitat's overall vision is to promote transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action to leave no one and no place behind. UN-Habitat is making progress in its four interlinked Domains of Change as per its [Strategic Plan](#): 1. Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum, 2. Enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions, 3. Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment, 4. Effective urban crisis prevention and response. Road Safety is closely linked to all Domains of Change.

To address the urban mobility challenge in cities, UN-Habitat provides technical assistance on policy development, project implementation, advocacy and access to finance. UN-Habitat believes that promoting road safety calls for a paradigm shift in urban planning, encouraging compact cities and mixed-land use as a way to increase accessibility and to reduce the need for transportation altogether. This should be coupled with the provision of access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable public transport systems for all, integrated with walking and cycling, and embedded in the concepts of transit-oriented development and complete streets. In its projects, UN-Habitat encourages a shift towards multi-modal transport, and away from private motorization, which will not only make cities safer, but also reduces their carbon footprint. In addition, speed reduction measures for motorized transport in urban areas can further promote road safety, particularly for the most vulnerable. COVID-19 underscored long-standing inequity and unsustainability of urban mobility. UN-Habitat is supporting governments to radically rethink and help them make safe, accessible, inclusive and green transportation systems centered around multi-modal public transport a reality.

UN-Habitat's work focuses on building capacity of local governments, but also facilitates vertical integration of policies and governance frameworks. Through its support, UN-Habitat encourages multi-stakeholder partnerships and citizen involvement. UN-Habitat's approach to Road Safety is based on the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals – with a particular focus on [Goal 11](#) (SDG target 11.2 – Access to public transport) - and the New Urban Agenda, [Paragraph 113](#). Find more information on UN-Habitat's work on Urban Mobility and Road Safety [here](#).

In terms of the geographical scope, UN-Habitat works in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Arab States, with a strong focus on Low Income Countries and fragile states, of which most have high levels of road fatalities.

II. Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

UN-Habitat has presented the call to all its Regional and Country Offices, as well as substantive Branches, Sections and Units and has requested them to submit project ideas via email by 18 May 2022 taking into consideration the interest of Governments and NGOs to work with UN-Habitat in preparing these project proposals. UN-Habitat will take the opportunity to share the call for proposals through the Urban Basic Services Community of Practice and for example at the High Level Meeting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda taking place on 28 April 2022 in New York and the AfriCities Summit in May 2022 - so as to encourage partners to co-develop proposals.

In addition, UN-Habitat will accept applications of interest from external stakeholders including Governments, intergovernmental bodies, civil society (NGOs, academia etc.) and private sector. Interested external stakeholders are encouraged to reach out directly with their project ideas (title, location, objective & proposed activities) before 11 May via email to UN-Habitat's focal point (max. 300 words). UN-Habitat will assess these ideas, and if deemed appropriate, will forward them to respective offices to explore collaboration.

III. Contact information

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