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Sustaining the PLGS Focus Areas: A Multidimensional Approach

1. Uptake of Tools at Country Level

Phase II of Korea-Funded National Urban Policy Programme | Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Egypt, Mozambique, and Paraguay

In continuing its robust partnership with the Government of the Republic of Korea, UN-Habitat (PLGS) began the implementation of Phase II of the programme “People-centred Smart Cities through National Urban Policy” in five additional countries:

Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Egypt, Mozambique, and Paraguay in November 2022. The three countries that participated in Phase I are also taking part in Phase II in various capacities.

Global level achievements:

At global level, the programme participated in the second session of UN Habitat Assembly by hosting side events: “Promoting people-centred, smart cities for inclusive and sustainable futures leveraging digital cooperation”, “Multilateral governance through Korea’s national urban policy programme in eight countries”, and the “African Ministerial

Session on National Urban Policy”. In these sessions, participants shared inspiring country experiences in developing their national urban policies, which realized a synergistic exchange of knowledge and further enhanced awareness on national urban policy and its potential benefits.

At country level, several milestones were accomplished:



> **Azerbaijan** held its second national urban forum and hosted the World Habitat Day 2023. Aghdam city was selected to participate in the [K-City Network](#), a platform hosted by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT) in the Republic of Korea to enhance the sustainability of cities through smart approaches.





> **Cambodia** translated the existing land management and land-use policy from Khmer into English, and consulted with authorities of Preah Sihanouk Province on the modalities of the implementation plan.



> In **Egypt**, the NUP, which was supported by UN-Habitat, was approved by the Supreme Council. In addition, Badr city was selected to participate in the **K-City Network**. The Government approved additional funding to support two outcomes as part of implementing the NUP under this second phase of the programme.



> In **Mozambique**, the NUP development was fast-tracked owing to significant government mobilization and support, as well as participation by other partners. The final draft NUP was presented to the leading and supporting government entities for their validation. On the partnership front, the project secured partnership with the World Bank, GIZ and Catalanian regional government (Spain) support through funds and human resources.



> In **Paraguay**, a proposal for cooperation with learning institutions to support project implementation was issued. Furthermore, UN-Habitat held a technical mission in Asuncion to brief the Government on the programme and mobilize more government commitment and buy-in.



As a result of the Korea-funded national urban policy programme's achievements, Iraq expressed interest in joining the programme. Consultations are currently ongoing between Iraq and the Republic of Korea Ministry of Economy and Finance.

The proposal seeks to support "development of a national urban policy towards a sustainable and equitable Iraq".

