



The 7th Spatial Planning Platform

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OUTLINE

I. UN-Habitat project in Asia and the Pacific Region

II. Public private partnership for project development/implementation



Common characteristics of UNH projects in Asia and the Pacific Region

- ✓ People's process: people/community centered approach
- ✓ Build Back Better
- ✓ Gender sensitive: Female participation and empowerment
- ✓ Capacity building for people (*e.g.* training of construction method)
- ✓ Utilization of local construction method & materials
- ✓ Integration of normative and operational elements

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UNH PROJECTS – integration of operational and normative activities

1. **Reconstruction from Natural Disaster**
2. Reconstruction from Conflict
3. Enhanced Resilience as climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
4. Slum upgrading through enhanced public service provision
5. Regional initiatives

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CAMBODIA: Project for Improving Living Environment and Disaster Prevention Capacity in Cambodia

YEAR: 2019 - 2020

REGION/CITY: Tboung Khmum

DONOR: Government of Japan



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Contexts

The 2018 **flooding** in the lower Mekong triggered the evacuation of 2,148 families from Tboung Khmum. The families evacuated without shelter kits, sufficient food, and access to clean water.

Key Achievements

- **202 affordable houses** were reconstructed using **the Build Back Better** approach
- **216 clean latrines** were installed to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.
- Nearly **10,000 people** indirectly benefited **from livelihood assistance**, etc.
- **172 carpenters and construction workers** have been trained.
- **70 national and sub-national government officials** build capacity on disaster risk management.

Appeal Points

- **The people's process:** The project promoted the participation of the community members in housing reconstruction.
- **Locally available resources:** Climate-resilient housing designs by using sustainable/affordable materials and local construction knowledge and skills.
- **Women's empowerment:** The project promoted women's empowerment and participation. (56% of Community Development Committee members were women)

References: [video](#), [photobook](#), [web story](#)

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PHILIPPINES: Rebuilding Marawi through Community-driven Housing and Livelihood

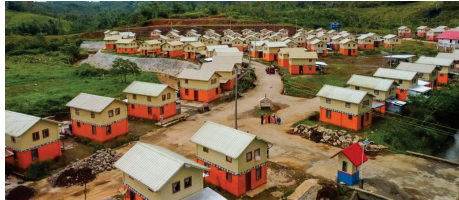


YEAR: 2018-2022



REGION/CITY: Marawi City

DONOR: Government of Japan



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Context: The five-month **conflict in 2017** left 24 of Marawi City's 96 barangays—almost its entire commercial district—completely destroyed and uninhabitable, affecting as many as 60,000 of the city's 201,000 residents who will not be able to return. The project aimed to help **conflict-affected and internally-displaced persons (IDPs) recover** by providing permanent shelters and livelihood support to those who cannot return to their previous homes located in government-declared no-build zones.

Achievements: **1,000 permanent houses** constructed for 1,000 families in five barangays/communities with supporting **community infrastructure** for basic services. 1,488 direct and 6,892 indirect beneficiaries of **skills training, livelihood programs** and livelihoods generated.

Appealing point: Low-cost housing that are sensitive to the Maranao culture. **People's Process** involved the affected community in all processes from site identification and planning to resilient house design, construction and monitoring as well as in the livelihood that they will establish. Livelihood established for community members to rebuild their lives. Tenorial rights digitally mapped in **Social Tenure Domain Model** database. Peace structures were established in the new communities with their host communities.

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YEAR: 2024 – 2028(ongoing)

REGION/CITY: Kampot and Koh Kong

DONOR: Adaptation Fund 



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Contexts

In project target areas, the majority of the houses incur damages on the roofs, walls, and foundations brought about by **strong winds**. They pose great threats to property, finances, and the lives of the poor and marginalized.

Key Target

- **60 resilient housing and toilets** will be constructed in the 2nd and 3rd year.
- **2,000 families** will attend the workshop and learn about resilient housing construction techniques.
- About **450 families** will indirectly benefit from on-site upgrading.

Appeal Points

- **Participatory Construction:** Unskilled and semi-skilled community residents will build their capacity on resilient housing construction techniques through capacity-building sessions, and the project recruit them instead of external construction companies.
- **Youth participation:** The project plans to promote **youth (10 young graduated architect students) participation** in housing design and construction.

References: [web story](#), [leaflet](#)

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MYANMAR: Building resilience through WASH and waste management support in informal settlements

Year: April 2021 - May 2024 (completed)

Region/City: Yangon

Donor: Government of Japan

Budget: Approximately 7.3 million USD

Total Beneficiaries: 273,277 people (102,500 citizens + 170,777 children and students)



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- The project was implemented in informal settlements, including schools, to **improve access to safe water, enhance sanitation conditions, and manage waste disposal**, to prevent the Covid-19.
- **The underground rainwater storage tanks**, commonly known as "Tame Totto" (by **Daiken Company in Fukuoka City**), was adopted.



Component A: Improving access to safe water and sanitation



Component B: Guidance on proper waste disposal methods



Component C: Activities to raise awareness about sanitation



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ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS) Project

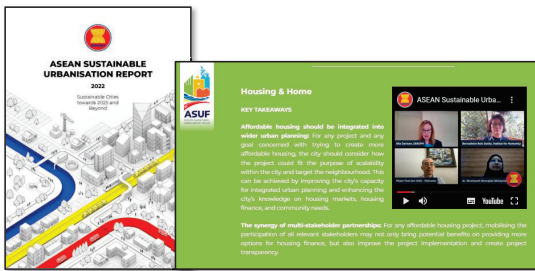
YEAR: 2020-2022 and 2024-2026

REGION/CITY: ASEAN

DONOR: Australia for ASEAN Future Initiatives



<https://asean.org/book/asean-sustainable-urbanisation-report/>



<https://connectivity.asean.org/asuf/>

Since 2020, UN-Habitat is supporting the ASEAN Secretariat to implement the **ASEAN Sustainable Urbanization Strategy (ASUS)**.

The project includes components on (i) **city technical assistance**, (ii) **training and capacity building** and (iii) **regional knowledge management and advocacy**.

Housing and Home is identified by ASUS as one of the key priority areas for ASEAN cities to foster sustainable urban development. Under this project, UN-Habitat developed **research and advocacy initiatives** on housing, including:

- ❖ A dedicated chapter in the **ASEAN Sustainable Urbanization Report (ASUR)** focusing on Housing and Home trends and practices in the region.
- ❖ A dedicated session within the **ASEAN Sustainable Urbanization Forum (ASUF)**, including speakers from the international organizations, private sector and INGO. (<https://youtu.be/GXNW9Lt8EBU>)

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Iraq: Japan Village Project

~All-Japan support for Iraq reconstruction and peacebuilding~

YEAR: 2024 - 2026



PROJECT AREAS: Mosul City, Ninewa Governorate (Northern part of Iraq)

DONOR: Japanese Government, TOYOTA/ Sumitomo Corporation



The Bab Sinjar housing complex (9 buildings, 324 units) in Mosul, which was completed in 2023 with support from the Japanese government, will be a best practice for sustainable development.

Context:

Since the conflict with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in 2014, over one million Iraqis have been living a difficult life as internally displaced persons. The biggest obstacles to returning home are housing, infrastructure, employment, and security.

Achievements:

- **Apartment complexes and public infrastructure and facilities** are built under an **all-Japan initiative**. The number of **beneficiaries is approximately 10,000**.
- Construction-related **vocational training** are provided to **200 returnees (of which more than 80 are women)** and they are **employed by local construction companies** contracted by the project.
- Awareness-raising activities on **climate change** are conducted for more than **2,000 people** in the local community (of which more than **800 are women**).
- **Capacity building** for the Iraqi government, including master planning and beneficiary selection.

Appealing point:

- **All Japan:** Implement reconstruction and peace-building projects by incorporating Japanese technology and know-how into the projects.
- **Integration of Hard and Soft:** Combine vocational training and employment promotion, awareness activities on climate change, and government capacity building with the construction of housing complexes and public infrastructure.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Provide vocational training, employment promotion, and awareness activities on climate change for women in Japan Village and neighboring communities.



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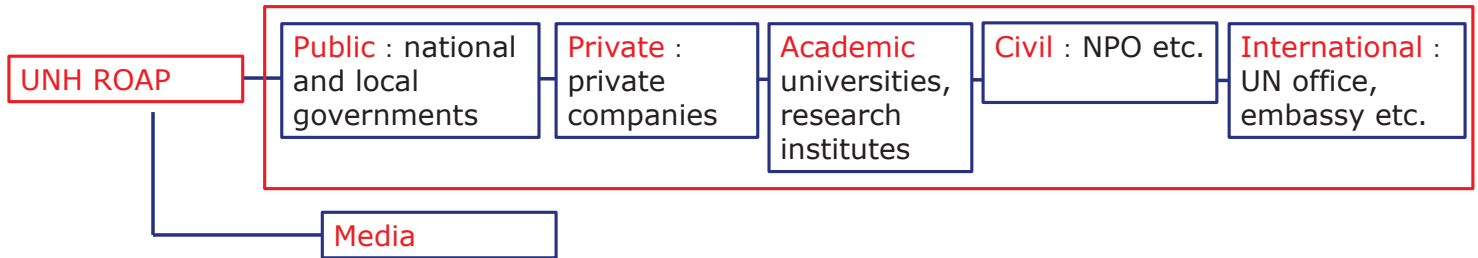
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Building a continuous partnership between the Japanese government, Japanese partner companies and NGOs, the Iraqi government, and UN agencies



Tokyo/Fukuoka Platform for Sustainable Cities in Asia and the Pacific
(Tokyo-SUSCAP, Fukuoka-SUSCAP)

- To raise awareness of the needs of sustainable urban development in Asia-Pacific region as well as UNH mission/activities.
- To facilitate partnership with cities in AP region.
- To enhance networking of public, private, academic and civil sectors in Japan to contribute to sustainable urban development in AP region.



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