



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

City Changer Room – Urban Library – Agora – One UN events

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Reporting Format for Partners
(Networking Events, Side Events, Training Events, City Changer Room, One UN Room, Urban Library, and Agora Room)

Name of Reporter:	Joyati Das
Event title/number:	An Evidence-based framework contributing to just cities for children
Date:	08/04/2014
Venue:	City Changer Room
Time:	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	World Vision International
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Australia
Approximate number of participants:	100

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

Over the last two years, World Vision International’s Centre of Expertise for Urban Programming in partnership with the UN Global Compact Cities Programme (UNGCCP) have developed measurable, scalable and flexible research methodology to evaluate World Vision’s urban pilot initiatives across Cambodia, Indonesia, India, South Africa, Lebanon and Bolivia. The pilots have focused on addressing different urban issues, including secure land tenure, child protection, urban livelihoods, and youth empowerment.

The networking event explored these issues and methodology, drawing on case studies, and encouraged a robust discussion on multi-sectorial and multi-disciplinary collaboration and community engagement to address urban poverty.

The session had several objectives including:

- Highlight the importance of multi-sectorial and multi-disciplinary engagement in development work
- Explore the role of INGO’s in an urban century - showcasing alternative forms of development partnerships between academia and INGOs government and private sector
- Demonstrate how urban studies is strengthening urban development frameworks being used by World Vision (validation of action-research outcomes)
- Highlight the challenges and potential for scale-up of child focused development projects in the urban context

All reports received will be included in the WUF7 final report to be published after the closing of the Forum. We kindly urge you to send the report of your session to us **before 30 April 2014** following this format. Please be aware that not delivering the report within the deadline will be taken into consideration when applying for future events at the World Urban Forum.





Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat's thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues

- Urban land, legislation and governance;
- Urban economy;
- Research and capacity development;
- Youth;
- Human rights

Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The discussion covered the emerging evidence based from the five years of urban action research and learning initiatives gained from the meta-review across six urban pilot projects.

Various topics were explored:

- The varying roles development agencies can play in supporting local capacity development
- Effective ways to tell the complex story regarding impact
- Implications of dense, diverse and dynamic urban environments on current programming and funding models
- Aspects of policymaking and community engagement that can be targeted to address issues of urban inequity
- The successes and challenges faced in promoting community-led policy actions to ensure social inclusion resulting in citizens' voice and action
- The empowerment of children and youth in taking lead roles as city changers

The panellists presented a 'Cities for Children' framework, informed by the meta-review, consisting of four interrelated sectoral domains that contribute and promote just and inclusive cities where children thrive, especially the most vulnerable.

The event included presentations by the Centre of Expertise for Urban Programming, pilot country representatives, technical experts, and an external academic partner..

The Centre of Expertise for Urban Programming launched two reports: *Just Cities for Children*, which presents the overview of evidence from a five-year urban action research and learning initiative; and *Urbanisation, Economic Growth and the Wellbeing of Children*, which examines the state of urban child well-being after parallel periods of sustained urbanisation and economic growth.

2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:





- *Habitat III*
- *POST2015*
- *A New Urban Agenda*

The event demonstrated that examples of local ownership, capacity building and influence are important for community-led sustainable urbanism and development.

- Voices of the most vulnerable, especially youth and children, positively impact on the liveability, resilience and sustainability of the cities they live in. These voices need to be included in Post 2015 and Habitat III
- A New Urban Agenda will require multi-disciplinary collaboration between various sectors in order to strengthen local government to design sustainable city development planning processes and policies

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

(e.g. policy direction, good/best practices, resource mobilization, innovative funding mechanism, etc.)

World Vision made the following recommendations, informed by the meta-analysis:

- NGOs need to undertake institutional and operational adaptations, as well as have multi-disciplinary and integrated approaches, to evolve from the current rural-influenced methods of operating within a city.
- NGOs are required to have multiple roles – facilitator, partnership broker or enabler – supporting and partnering with other organisations and community groups.
- Flexibility and adaptation are key to contributing to successful programmes, as well as shorter time frames and more flexible allocation of resources.
- Livelihoods are vital in an urban context and therefore a non-negotiable necessity for urban programming.
- Partnerships and networks with diverse stakeholders, especially local communities and municipalities, are essential to the scale-up and sustainability of the interventions
- A key driver of urban equity is the participation of local communities in decision-making forums and policy implementation mechanisms.
- NGO staff need a better understanding of risks that play out in urban contexts and develop risk mitigation strategies rather than ignore the emerging political dilemmas.

4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat

In March 2013, World Vision signed an MOU with UN-Habitat to jointly progress the urban agenda and partner in several thematic areas that are key areas of focus for both agencies. UN-Habitat has also invited World Vision to contribute to Global campaigns and processes such as World Urban Campaign, Post-2015 agenda and Habitat III.





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UN-Habitat Thematic areas

All events are identified by UN-Habitat priority substantive areas as below.

URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE

Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

Regional & Metropolitan Planning, City Extensions & Enlargements, Market Town & Intermediate City Planning

URBAN ECONOMY





URBAN BASIC SERVICES

Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management

HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING

Housing, Slum Upgrading, Shelter Rehabilitation

RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION

Urban Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, Resilience

RESEARCH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Global Urban Observatory, Flagship Reports, Capacity Development

Cross-cutting issues:

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