Surabaya, Indonesia

Successful Online Workshop Series #1 Surabaya Seismic Hazards: Key Findings, Challenges and Way Forward

The 1st online workshop series has demonstrated that a meaningful multi-stakeholders engagement has taken place and strengthened commitment of key decision-makers is progressively built upon, which is shown through the strong involvement of Development planning Agency (Bappeko Surabaya), Disaster Management and Social Protection Agency of Surabaya (BPB-Linmas), and Meteorological, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG). In addition to that, this online workshop is the first to be designed as inclusive as possible by involving the representative of vulnerable groups (Indonesia Women With Disability Organization) to be the discussant along with the national representative from BMKG, and by providing the live sign language interpreter and Indonesian-English interpreter.

The good news story of the successful online workshop has been covered by one of the top media agencies in Indonesia (Jawa Post), highlighting the key findings, challenges and recommendations for the Surabaya City government. This newspaper is read by 751,000
readers throughout Indonesia, with highest readers based in Surabaya.

**Surabaya, Indonesia**

**Signing of Acceptance Letter for Surabaya interventions**

The Mayor of Surabaya, Ibu Tri Rismaharini, has signed the Acceptance Letter on the 8th October 2020 for the two Global Future Cities South East Asia interventions; Surabaya, Urban Transformation and Earthquake Preparedness, as announced by the Indonesian Ministry of Planning and Development (BAPPENAS). This constitutes a major step forward in the leadership and ownership of the projects by the Local Authorities. It constitutes also an important milestone in the creation of a Steering Committee and of Technical Working Groups. Municipal elections in Surabaya will be held in just 5 weeks on the 9th of December 2020, and it will be important to discuss with the new team the establishment of the Technical Working Groups.

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Urban October Event: Surabaya Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Webinar

An International Webinar on Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion in Surabaya during COVID-19 was organized on the 27th October 2020, within the framework of the Urban Month and World Habitat Day promoted by UN Habitat. This year Surabaya was nominated as the host city of the World Habitat Day and the Global Future Cities (GFCP) SEA programme took this opportunity together with the local authorities to promote the work that is done in the two Surabaya interventions within the GFCP programme with a focus on Gender and Social Inclusion.

The Webinar was attended by more than 250 participants coming from 23 different countries, and benefited from the support of the City of Surabaya, the Executive Director of UN Habitat, the UK Ambassador in Indonesia and the Director of Housing and Settlements of the Ministry of Planning and Development (BAPPENAS), as well from the insights and expertise of MM GESI experts and of our key partners.

The event introduced a key feature: the continuous presence of a sign language expert. A report summarizing the key findings and conclusions on GESI coming from the Webinar is being prepared.
Iskandar, Malaysia

Inaugural Meeting of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Consultative Group

As part of the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) efforts, Delivery Partner Team in collaboration with IRDA (Iskandar Regional
Government of Malaysia, Department of Irrigation and Drainage (IRDA) has successfully held their Inaugural Meeting of GESI Consultative Group on 15th October 2020 at IRDA’s office. GESI Development is aimed to ensure the programme is gender-responsive and socially inclusive. It is also aimed to integrate women and the socially marginalised groups’ practical and strategic needs into the planning design, implementation and monitoring of the project intervention by considering the differentiated needs, knowledge, experiences and priorities. The meeting commenced with opening remarks and welcome note by the Technology & Innovation Lead of IRDA, Pn. Maimunah Jaffar, followed by the programme briefing by FCDO. Then, Delivery Partner Team presented the overall concepts and implementation strategies of GESI in relation to the Smart Integrated Mobility Management System (SIMMS). Following the presentation, GESI Consultative Group has been officially launched. This group will support the GFCP Iskandar Malaysia Project in terms of consultations on the issues related to transportation of the GESI Group. The group will also explore provision of employment in the project for persons belonging to the GESI group such as the urban and rural poor, persons with disabilities etc., and provide training for employment of persons belonging to the GESI Group.
Meet the team

Here are some of the lovely colleagues working on the Future Cities programme. If you would like to be showcased in this section, please use the GFCP newsletter – submission form to submit an entry.

Lwann Kay Khaing Phyo (Kay)
I am the Assistant Project Manager of Yangon, Myanmar Intervention. My role includes providing support for Country Lead, Team Lead in terms of project management, stakeholder communications and coordination work between team members of different sub-components. Being a member of this programme, I find myself fortunate to interact with people of different cultures and backgrounds. As the shape of the project is evolving day by day, I have learned so much from the project and team members. On a more
personal level in getting to know me, I love music. I stole the nickname “SJ singer” in my organization (Surbana Jurong) as I enjoy singing in company retreat parties and trips. Most times, I will usually miss out on the actual cohesion dinner and spend time and attention on singing instead. I also enjoy spending quality time with my friends over the weekends. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, I have been stuck at home for two months. Hopefully, things go back to normal and travel restrictions can be lifted soon.

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I am the Assistant Project Manager for New Clark City, Philippines. Aside from supporting the Team Lead and Project Managers, my work revolves around liaising with client and various stakeholders to achieve a participatory approach in the delivery of the project. Outside work, I often spend my leisure time with friends and enjoy watching live local bands, however this has been put to a halt due to COVID-19 restrictions. Lately, I have been spending more time at home watching documentaries and thriller genre movies during my off days and weekends.

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