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Surabaya, Indonesia

Successful Podcast Session with Telkomsel on Surabaya Urban Intervention

The Surabaya Urban intervention developed a Podcast with Telkomsel, an Indonesian wireless network provider at Untag Surabaya Studio on Surabaya Urban Transformation project experience focusing on the community level. Three sessions were conducted altogether. First session with Mrs Vera (Dolly Activist) and Mr Andy Matullesy from Psychology team, second session with Mr Jarwo and Mr Nirwono (Local Champion), and third session with Mr Pengky (local MSME batik) & Mr Slamet (mural and handicraft), all facilitated by our team. These sessions are great opportunity for two neighbouring communities (Jarak and Dolly kampung communities) to understand each other's perspective and exchange ideas.

These representatives of the kampung community in the Dolly area shared stories about their experiences before and after the closure of Dolly's red-light district. They are now confident to share that they are a part of Dolly's community in their stories. Appearing on the podcast was one of their ways to celebrate Dolly's inclusiveness, as felt by many. Through this event, they

have shared their visions of Dolly and this is a valuable input for improving the quality of this programme intervention.



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Surabaya, Indonesia

Lessons learned sharing and replication opportunity for Surabaya Earthquake Resilience Intervention in East Java Province, Indonesia

This early February 2021, GFCP Indonesia – Surabaya Resilience Team been requested by the Vice Governor of East Java Province's Special Staff, Mr. Heribertus Ramaputra, to share information on Surabaya Earthquake Preparedness and Resilience intervention project. This opportunity came about during our team's (communication expert, Mr. Aulia Rahman) networking effort to open communication channel with the Information and

Communication Agency of Surabaya City (DINKOMINFO) regarding the collaboration to develop the Surabaya Earthquake Gender Responsive & Inclusive Communication and Public Awareness Strategy, and Secondary Benefit proposal on Surabaya Disaster Preparedness Information Centre (ISYANA) application improvement.

Based on the preliminary discussion, The Vice Governor Team would like to have further discussion on the possibility to facilitate sharing of lessons learned to and potential replication in other cities and districts in East Java under the Prosperity Fund Global Future Cities Programme. Currently, both sides have agreed to wait for the inauguration process of the elected Mayor to be completed, before formalizing the communication. The team is maintaining close communication with the Vice Governor Special Team and will provide key updates as needed.

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Melaka and Iskandar, Malaysia

The Malaysian Perspective – Global Future Cities Programme City (GFCP) to City Dialogues

UN-Habitat organised the “GFCP City to City Dialogues: Sharing data-oriented experiences and knowledge among cities within the Global Future Cities Programme” on 28 January 2021. This well-attended virtual session shared short presentations from various GFCP cities, including Brazil, Thailand, and South Africa, as well as expert and partner presentations. Representatives from the Malaysian Intervention City Partners, Iskandar Regional Development Authority and Unit Perancang Ekonomi Negeri Melaka gave insightful presentations on data sharing, and how they manage and collaborate on data collection while working on the GFCP interventions. YBhg. Datuk Salhah binti Salleh, Deputy State Secretary (Development) from Unit Perancang Ekonomi Negeri Melaka also gave an informative session on the needs and management of big data in the context of the Melaka Government.

Puan Maimunah Jaafar, Director of Technology and Innovation at the Iskandar Regional Development Authority shared his expertise on the future

of smart cities, the Iskandar Malaysia Urban Observatory (IMUO) as a central data centre, the challenges in developing a Smart Integrated Mobility Management System and engaging with GESI groups as a new way of data collection.

Knowledge-sharing initiatives such as this will not only align the overall objectives of the GFCEP cities but also provide a guiding light for improving the performance of the programme by approaching change in a different way.



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Melaka, Malaysia

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

Active community participation in early project planning phases will improve project design through the use of local knowledge; increase project acceptability; produce a more equitable distribution of benefits; promote local resource mobilisation and help ensure project sustainability. As part of the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) efforts, the Global Future Cities Programme (GFCEP) Melaka project team has successfully conducted a virtual Inaugural Meeting of GESI Consultative Group on 18 and 19 February 2021, with attendees dialling in from 11 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) within Melaka.

The goal of GESI is to ensure that the programme is gender responsive and socially inclusive, with the intention of incorporating the realistic and strategic interests of women and socially marginalised communities into the preparation, execution, and monitoring of the project; taking into account differentiated needs, expertise, experience and priorities. The meeting commenced with opening remarks and a welcome note by the Chief Assistant Secretary of State of Economic Planning Unit Melaka (UPENM), Muhammad Shahrul Hafidz, followed by an introduction from the group of NGOs. Subsequently, the GFCEP Melaka team presented the overall concepts and implementation strategies of GESI in relation to the project interventions, as well as a brief overview of the pilot project. Our GESI Specialist, Rita Reddy, discussed the numerous GESI issues widely presented in the fields of education, economy, health & survival, and politics. Rita also highlighted the social marginalisation issues in transportation involving women, persons with disabilities, the elderly and the Indigenous, as well as the effects of the interventions and the interrelationship between the improvement of mobility and the results of GESI.

Following the presentation, the GESI Consultative Group has been officially launched. The team received constructive suggestions and feedback from the participants, which will be incorporated into our future planning. These include inviting more organisations to participate such as the commercial transportation agencies, disabled groups, and migrant workers organisations; raising public awareness of the project; and the importance of engaging with small and medium-sized enterprises within Melaka to gather the latest data and status. The appointment of the chairpersons for the GESI Consultative Group was also established, with nominees from 5 different GESI groups. Further appointments are to be confirmed from the persons with disabilities and migrant worker organisations.

The group will explore the provision of employment and aims to address the challenges encountered by the local population in Melaka, especially the women, the poor, and the marginalised communities.



Melaka, Malaysia Inaugural Meeting: GESI Consultative Group

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Cebu, Philippines

Delivery Team Collaborates with On-the-Ground Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) for Social Situation and Impact Analysis

Among the Cebu Delivery Team's (CDT) key outputs under the Intervention 1 is to undertake a Social Situation and Impact Analysis (SSIA). The purpose of the SSIA is to inform the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Cebu City Government about the overall context and situation in the city. It provides the baseline data and socio-economic information necessary for the development of the City's affordable housing and integrated urban development city strategy. To complete the

SSIA, the CDT has conducted targeted surveys in 15 barangays as well as qualitative interviews for targeted participants comprised of 8 Homeowners' Associations, 6 female-headed households, 2 persons with disabilities (PWDs), and 1 indigenous people's (IP) community, particularly those who are living in danger zones, affected by infrastructure development, facing eviction, and living within informal settlements.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, travel restrictions were imposed throughout the country, which prevented the CDT to conduct face-to-face consultations. To work through these conditions, the CDT successfully facilitated data gathering sessions by engaging with Pagtambayayong Foundation, a local Cebu-based NGO that has focused on the city's housing sector since year 1982, to organise and identify participants for three focused group discussions (FGDs) and seven key informant interviews (KIIs). While the CDT provided the guide questions and composition of stakeholder groups to be consulted, Pagtambayayong Foundation transported participants from their homes to the NGO's office where a computer was set up for a virtual consultation that was facilitated by the SSIA delivery team. On the other hand, selected respondents were visited by the NGO staff to conduct the virtual KIIs onsite via mobile phones. Through the conducted FGDs and KIIs, the CDT was able to gather insights that will support the development of the Affordable Housing Strategy and City Development Strategy, subsequent outputs as part of the CDT's work programme. The issues, concerns, aspirations, and recommendations collected through these hybrid modes of consultations will be presented in the Cebu City SSIA.

This innovative mechanism of harnessing technology platforms as well as having key contacts on the ground has proven to be a viable solution for allowing stakeholder participation amidst the limitations brought by the pandemic.



SSIA specialist and G&I specialist run a Focused Group Discussion with Homeowners' Association members

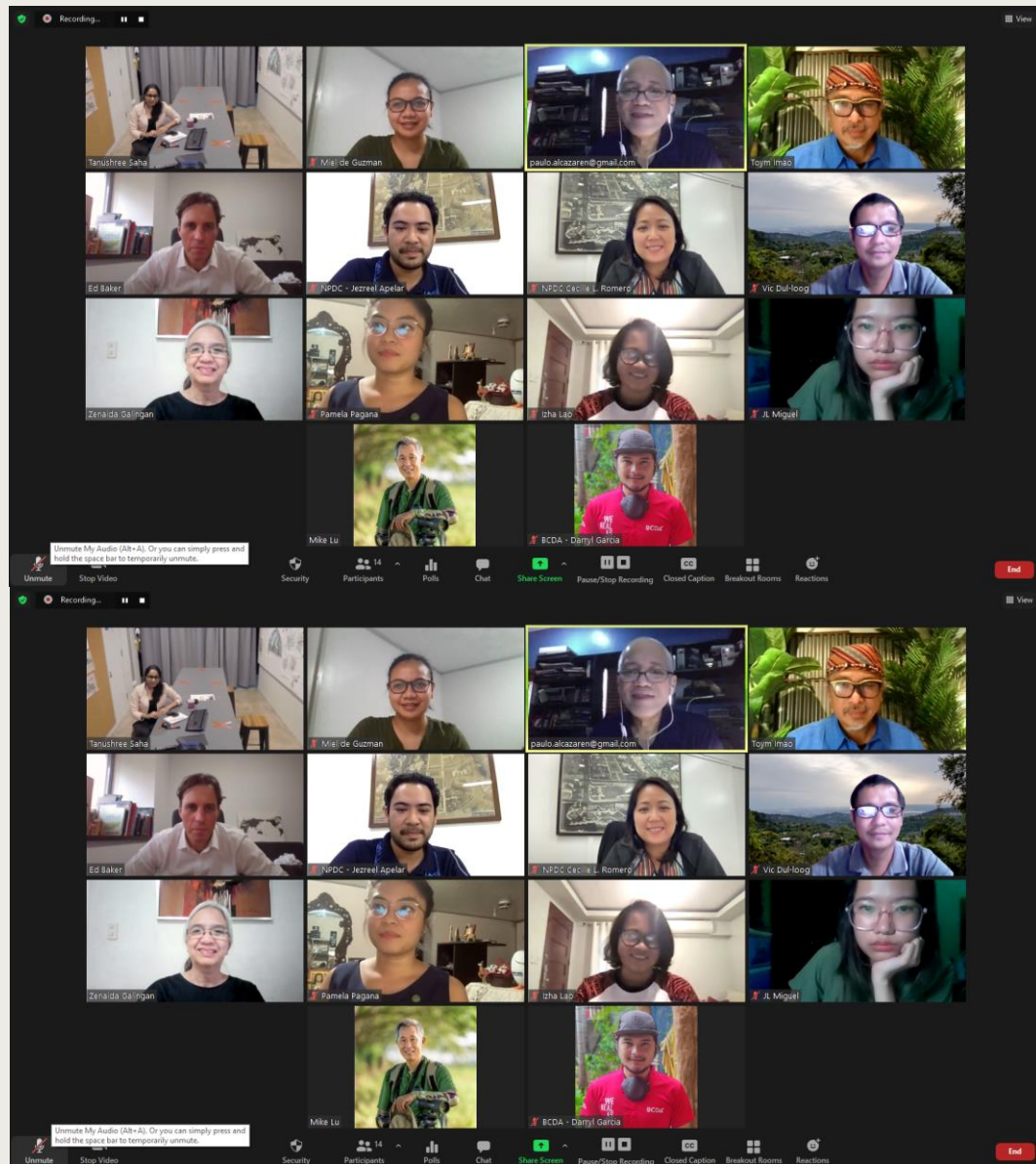
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New Clark City, Philippines

New Clark City Delivery Team Meets with Local Arts and Culture Groups for the Design of the Central Lake Park

The New Clark City delivery team held a two-part focused group discussion (FGD) with various local arts and cultures group in the Philippines – known for their knowledge and experience in public park maintenance and operations in January and February. The delivery team presented the initial concept design and features of the central park as well as the open space strategy recommendations. The team received positive feedback from the participants, emphasising the importance of establishing public open spaces to regain personal balance, environmental awareness and as an integral part of urban resilience.

In addition, the main objectives of the FGD is to collate the different points of views of the participants on the localization of the naming and identity of the park, tree conservation strategy, security, park usage and park maintenance.



NCC Central Park Focus Group Discussion Sessions

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Bangkok, Thailand

Positive Feedback on Integrated Data Hub Deliverables from UN-Habitat Team

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) shared positive feedback from UN-Habitat Team towards Bangkok, Thailand: Integrated Data Hub (IDH) deliverables (for example, Background Report and IDH Framework) as part of their support to FCDO in conducting a review of Delivery Partner's deliverables. The feedback received from UN-Habitat is:

“The IDH Framework Report presents a detailed approach on the rationale of the IDH as a well-structured information and data communication system, and reveals, among other actions, a thorough logical framework for settling a highly integrated inter-departmental data within BMA. It also expresses adequately the expected convergence promised in previous deliverable (IDH Background Report). It is very explicit how a highly detailed and articulated series of schemes and sub-frameworks involving data governance and management, information architecture and operation models have been satisfactorily presented.”,

“The deliverable is a high-quality technical document that presents a dynamic and highly adaptable data architecture framework, aligned to what is expected as an integrated data hub for Bangkok. Usually, deliverables in other cities have presented some significant gaps or misunderstandings, but in the case of Bangkok, both deliverables so far have been exemplary, very detailed and coherent.”

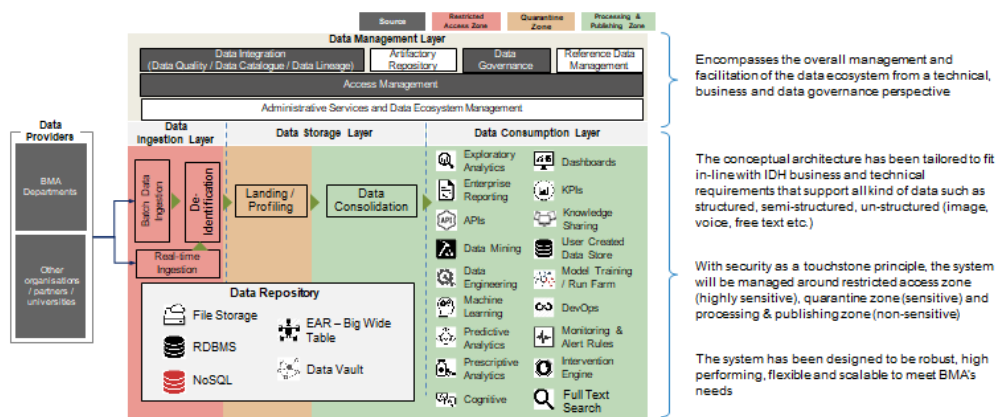


Extracted from Integrated Data Hub Background Report

The Integrated Data Hub

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The integrated data hub is expected to provide consolidated, clean and harmonised data to users in an easy, quick and secure manner. It will enable users to build the identified and future use cases



Extracted from Integrated Data Hub Framework

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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.



Arthur Benjamin “Benny” Adapon

I am the Assistant Project Manager for the Cebu City intervention. I support the Country Lead and Team Leader in day-to-day tasks and broader client-facing and programme-facing tasks to deliver the project's outputs. As my interests are in urban planning and development, I have enjoyed working with and learning from the experienced team of consultants we are working with in the Philippines, Singapore, and elsewhere. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time outdoors, taking in fresh air and getting good time under the sun when I can. Before the pandemic, you would have found me planning trips around the

Philippines (eventually: other parts of Southeast Asia!) and picking up words and phrases of new languages I am fortunate to be exposed to.

Please reach out to me if you are interested in learning languages together (other than English, I speak Tagalog and Spanish, and have dabbled in Bisaya and French. I just started a Duolingo course on Mandarin Chinese).

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Cynthia Huang

I am the secondary benefits lead for the programme supporting the delivery of the secondary benefits scope from the programme level. This includes identifying and facilitating opportunities to build sustainable economic relationships between the cities we work in and international businesses. I also support on the digital aspects of the programme promoting best digital practice. My role includes supporting the delivery teams to resolve digital issues and improving delivery teamwork efficiency through smarter digital solutions. I was really

looking forward to traveling to the different countries in the programme to meet and work with the team, this obviously didn't happen. However, I am very glad to be working virtually with a wide range of colleagues in the various teams and organisations on this programme. Hopefully we will meet in person one day! Before that happens, I'm planning to do some cycling to explore more of Singapore in my free time as I've recently just joined the Brompton club!

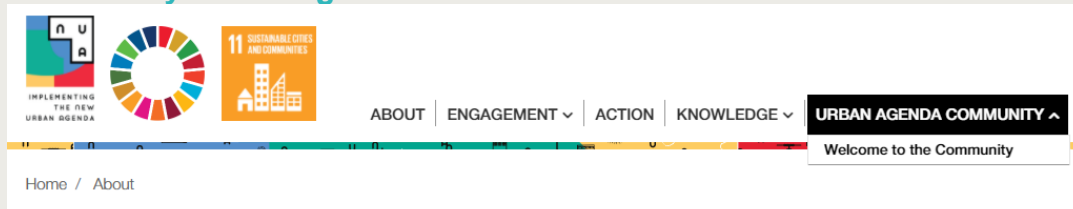
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Newsletter

Submitting your news

Please use the [GFCP newsletter – news submission form](#) to submit any announcements to be included in the next newsletter.

Community Urban Agenda Platform



The New Urban Agenda Platform is the knowledge portal for gathering voluntary reports, best practices, and data - both quantitative and qualitative, for reviewing the progress made in implementing the New Urban Agenda to achieve the 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This platform is for national governments, subnational governments, local authorities, civil societies, UN entities, private sector, regional organizations and all other key stakeholders to voluntarily share their contributions to the implementation of the global agenda from the global, regional, national and local level.

As a one-stop shop for both reporting and learning, the platform supports knowledge exchange, encourages interaction, and supports capacity development to establish communities of practice for sustainable urbanization development.

We encourage you to sign up [here](#) and join the various groups for GFCP and post links to good news stories developed and published on the UN-Habitat knowledge platform to encourage discussions on relevant topics and promote engagement! This is a growing initiative aimed at creating and reinforcing partnerships among all relevant stakeholders and fostering collaboration, for transformative urban solutions and mutual learning.

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