



# Prosperity Times

Your news for the **Global Future Cities Programme**  
South-East Asia

04 April 2022

## PMO

### Commemoration of Women's History Month

In March, the world commemorated Women's History Month, which celebrates the remarkable achievements of women around the world. The GFCP SEA is committed to supporting women and promoting gender equality in Southeast Asia through our interventions.

The Global Future Cities Programme team celebrates the strength and diversity of our community in South-East Asia. We are pleased to promote gender equality, to deliver a better future for women in the region



Over the course of March, the various intervention teams have put together multiple articles to highlight GFCP's role in improving the welfare of women in Southeast Asia and the role of women in delivering this project. Summaries of these stories can be found in this month's newsletter

1. Surabaya Urban, Indonesia - Empowering Putat Jaya community youth through the creative industries

2. Surabaya Resilience – Empowering women with disabilities as agents of change in disaster risk reduction
3. Philippines Interventions - Making Filipino women's voices heard in Global Future Cities Programme implementation
4. Ho Chi Minh City Smart Ticketing System Intervention, Vietnam - Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) of Public Transport in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
5. Bangkok Transit Oriented Development Plan, Thailand - I am a woman too: Transgender women's experience of public transportation in Bangkok
6. Bangkok Decision Support System - Prioritising gender equality and social inclusion in decision making for flood management in Bangkok

We want to thank the intervention teams for supporting our efforts to showcase the programme's impacts, and we look forward to future support with other campaigns.

Content Owner: [Elliot Chan](#)

### **Bandung Transport**

#### **GFCP makes progress in driving Bandung's public transport system towards sustainability**

Entering 2022, the GFCP team aims to establish further communication with Bandung's City government. The team's efforts are a continuation of the latest audience meeting with Bapak Anton Sunarwibowo, Head of the City Planning Agency, and Ibu Tammi lasmini, representing the Head of the Steering Committee, concerning the updated progress of the intervention and the recommendation toward the implementation of an integrated public transportation system in Bandung. The critical aspects of the recommendations conveyed included the proposed development of integrated public transportation within the regional medium-term planning documents, the implementation of a pre-trial phase, and establishing a mutual

understanding with the existing operator leading toward the existing public transport transformation roadmap.

As part of the team's efforts to communicate with Bandung's City government, the team conducted a meeting with the City transport agency, which the steering committee appointed in the last meeting. The meeting attendees included Bapak Ricky Gustiadi, Head of the Transport Agency, and several officials from the Transport Agency. Forming a strong relationship and communication pathway with the City Transport Agency will be critical because the Agency will serve as the implementation unit of the proposed recommendation.

The screenshot displays a meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide titled "Integrasi angkutan kota (angkot)" is shown. The slide content includes:

- Rekomendasi Program GFCP**
  - Uraian rute prioritas
  - Uraian design infrastruktur, armada, sistem informasi penumpang, dan fasilitas pendukung
  - Penumpang pembayaran non-tunai, sistem transportasi cerdas) untuk semua golongan masyarakat
  - Pengembangan inisiasi (Total BLUD)
  - Kebijakan pendukung (ganjil genap)
  - Uraian skema tarif (rupiah/km, Model bisnis, model finansial dan skema pendanaan
  - Kerangka Kerjasama dengan operator eksisting (berangka SPM dan strategi negosiasi)
  - Strategi transportasi rendah Karbon
- Usulan langkah-langkah strategis**
  - Penguatan armada eksisting dan kebijakan pendukung**
    - Regulasi pengembangan transportasi angkutan umum massal
    - Penetapan BLUD angkutan sebagai Penyelenggara utama pelayanan angkutan umum - Perwali
    - Regulasi penyediaan subsidi layanan transportasi
    - Regulasi pendukung kebijakan penganggaran rencana implementasi
    - Regulasi pendukung kebijakan pembatasan kendaraan pribadi
  - Transformasi angkutan eksisting**
    - Kesepakatan dengan operator eksisting dalam kerjasama penyediaan layanan transportasi umum
    - Pendataan jumlah armada angkutan kota eksisting
    - Sosialisasi publik dan kampanye penggunaan transportasi publik
    - Melakukan kerjasama awal dengan mempertimbangkan pre-trial phase
    - Penyusunan kontrak Kerjasama operasional

On the right, a video call interface shows four participants: Kenny Kapuasiana, Hari kusharwanto, Dinas Perhubungan Kota Bandung, UPT Angkutan Dishub Kota Bandung, and Umar Dhani. The slide at the bottom indicates "Slide 15 of 24".

Screenshot from meeting with Bandung City Government

Based on the discussion, several points were captured. Namely, the Agency confirmed some of the programme recommendations to be

included in the annual revision of the city transport agency's strategic planning in 2023.

Read more about how the Bandung City Government responded to the recommendations [here](#).

Content Owner: [Kenny Kapuasiana](#)

## Surabaya Urban

### **Empowering Putat Jaya community youth through the creative industries**

Through the Dolly Kita Colabs programme, the Global Future Cities Programme (GFCCP), in collaboration with the Seventeen August 1945 University Surabaya, has hosted a range of workshops for young people, including young women and children, to encourage creative expression and equip them with valuable skills. The workshop series, which covers creative writing, photography, film and videography, and design illustration, has been running from November 2021 until March 2022. The objective of these workshops is to bring Dolly to life, leaving behind its past as ex-localisation and highlighting the possibility of positive change within a community with a difficult past to look ahead with a new future.



*Delya Oktovie Apsari invited young women and children for creative writing and practice reporting in Putat Jaya (GFCP)*

Delya Oktovie Apsari, a recipient of the Academic Excellence Scholarship from Bournemouth University in England, led and mentored the seven-day creative writing workshop. Empowering young women and children through writing will ensure a well-educated generation that will help set a path for gender equality and increase the literacy rate, leading to an overall productive economy while also promoting the voice and perspectives of women and girls. Highlighting social issues for empowerment through writing can also change society's perception. In total, there were 20 children and youths who participated in the creative writing workshop; 70% of participants were girls.

The workshop's output shed light on girls' perspectives on Putat Jaya, with honest, exceptional, and imaginative writings. In addition to creative writing, the workshop participants were taught reportage practices. They practised in the field and interviewed the Putat Jaya community, including local hero Lilik Sulistiowati, also known as Mami Vera. Vera provides a neighbourhood shelter called 'Abdi Asih' for women and children with HIV and survivors of human trafficking. By involving the local community, the workshop also helped change the

Dolly inhabitants' perception of their own neighbourhood and change the perception that people in Surabaya have of Dolly.

Read more about how the Surabaya Urban Transformation intervention has affected children in Dolly [here](#).

Content Owners: [Monique Suksmaningsih](#) & [Shaendy Widwaswara](#)

## Surabaya Resilience

### **Empowering women with disabilities as agents of change in disaster risk reduction**

As part of the Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP) Earthquake Resilience pilot project, the intervention team held workshops to strengthen school and community capacity in Surabaya City for earthquake preparedness.

As part of the piloting process, the capacity enhancement activities were conducted in June, September and November 2021 at YPAB. Approximately 17 teachers participated in the activities (53% were women), and 12 students participated (42% of them were girls). The activities were tailored to increase the participants' knowledge and skills in carrying out initial emergency responses independently, both as individuals and as a group, immediately after an earthquake or other disaster. The activities were also the first for people with disabilities in Surabaya City. Hence, both trainers and participants learned a lot from each other.



*Ms Siti Muhimmah getting ready to lead a group of teachers and students in an evacuation simulation at YPAB (GFCEP)*

We highlighted these activities to celebrate Women's History Month 2022 as they demonstrate that involving women in disaster risk reduction efforts, especially women with disabilities, empowers them and their community and their students. It is also in line with the UNDRR Strategic Framework 2022-2025, which pledged to leave no one behind by integrating human rights, gender equality, and the rights of persons with disabilities into disaster risk reduction.

Read more about how the Surabaya Resilience intervention promotes women with disabilities as agents of change in disaster risk reduction [here](#).

Content Owner: [Chandra Sugarda](#)

## Iskandar Malaysia

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Intelligent Transport Systems Capacity Building Training Session**

The third Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Training session took place on 1 March 2022 with Iskandar Malaysia and Melaka stakeholders. In a series of three sessions, the final session covered key areas in the ITS Tender Assessment Process/Criteria.

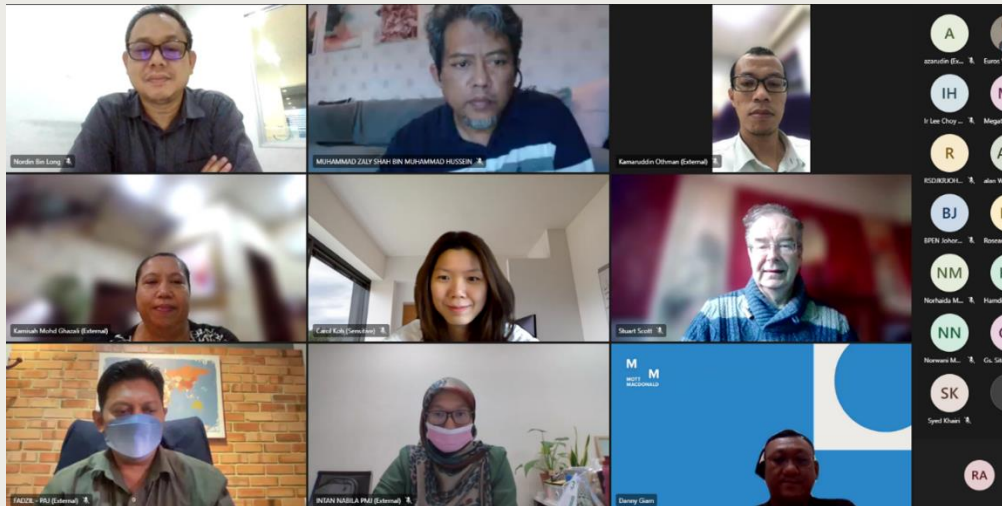
The focus for this third session included supplier engagement before issuing a 'request for tender' to highlight the key elements of the system that is to be procured to allow potential suppliers to gauge interest and plan resources should they decide to participate in the tender.

The session also described the stages of procurement, such as 'pre-qualification' to ensure the participating suppliers meet the criteria before the contract is awarded, followed by an invitation to tender. Once the supplier submits the required documents, the next step is to assess the responses received. This includes a preliminary examination, followed by a second and third stage evaluation process for those who qualify.

The session also covered assessment documentation, including the procedures, assessment model and risk model.

With the completion of the ITS training series, the GFCEP hopes that its stakeholders will be able to adopt the lessons learned and implement their own effective Intelligent Transport System.





*Attendees at GFCP Iskandar Malaysia's third and final Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Training session*

Content Owner: [Roseanne Clarice](#)

## Melaka

### **Bas Singgah-Singgah Launches in Melaka**

The GFCP Melaka team was invited to the Opening Ceremony of the Melaka State Bus Stop and the launch of the tourist bus, Bas Singgah-Singgah. The ceremony took place at Melaka Sentral bus station on 10 March 2022 and was officiated by YAB Datuk Seri Utama Dr Hj. Sulaiman Bin Md Ali, Chief Minister of Melaka.

The electric bus, operated by Panorama Melaka, will operate at famous attractions, including the Melaka Zoo, Stadhuys, Submarine Museum and Dataran Klebang, and will be free of charge until the end of May 2022.

As part of the Melaka interventions, the Green Bus Network (GBN) Implementation Plan has integrated Bas Singgah-Singgah within the proposed bus network, and Panorama Melaka's adoption of this electric bus aligns directly with the GBN objectives to provide a sustainable transport network for Melaka.

With the launch of Bas Singgah-Singgah, the project team hopes that the people in Melaka will embrace green transport and reduce the

usage of private motorised vehicles, especially when travelling to tourist attractions within the Heritage Area.



*The electric bus, Bas Singgah-Singgah*



*The interior of the electric bus, Bas Singgah-Singgah*

Content Owner: [Roseanne Clarice](#)

## NCC & Cebu

### **Making Filipino women's voices heard in Global Future Cities Programme implementation**

The meaningful participation of women, the elderly, the youth, people with disabilities and indigenous people can easily be overlooked in project implementation. Organising consultations with marginalised groups has become increasingly difficult during the pandemic, as restrictions in movement and assembly are strictly imposed.

The Global Future Cities Project Philippines delivery team provided spaces that allowed the voices of different community groups to be heard. A hybrid face-to-face/virtual approach was utilised while firmly observing health protocols. Transportation was provided to participants. The elderly, the youth, people with disabilities and indigenous people were invited, present, and active in the consultations, and 53% of participants were women.



*In Cebu, consultations were allowed to be held in person, ensuring a deeper level of engagement*

Discussions were held in the vernacular, and participants were asked questions to identify the barriers they faced and their concerns about the project. Participants' recommendations to increase their economic and social benefits from the project were considered and integrated into the strategies and designs for the housing and central park projects.

Read more about how recommendations were integrated into policy-making [here](#).

Content Owner: [Cecilia Fantastico](#)

## Cebu

### **GFCP delivery partner secures business continuity plan to aid in Cebu City's development**

After a landmark first visit in November 2021, the Cebu delivery team found themselves back in the City with one thing in mind: Progress. The primary purpose of the visit, held from 28 February to 2 March 2022, was to secure approvals for delivered outputs. Namely, the City Development Strategy (CDS), an Affordable Housing Strategy (AHS), and a Social Situation Impact Analysis (SSIA). On top of this, the team began exploratory planning with city authorities to continue the programme until the next financial year.

The team met with multiple key city and national-level authority figures, including Cebu City's incumbent Mayor, Michael Rama, the working group appointed by Mayor Rama, the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Department of Public Works and Highways. Each authority figure plays a key role in ensuring that the proposed plan produced by the intervention team gets put into practice, and it is pivotal to secure their buy-in.

During this recent Cebu city visit, the events that transpired prove that persistence is vital in development. From the delivery team's willingness to go above and beyond expectations, to the City's determination to change for the better, it is safe to assume that the City of Cebu and its people have a bright future.



*Discussion with Mayor Michael Rama, Engr. Suzanne Ardosa (City Administrator), Dr Anthony Aguhar (Assistant City Administrator), Cherrie Nuez (FCDO), Christian Lauron, Junisse Mercado, Allen Williams and Jerome Crockett (GFCP Cebu Delivery Team)*

*Source: GFCP Cebu City Intervention, 2022*



*Discussion with Cebu City Government stakeholders, Cherrie Nuez (FCDO), Christian Lauron, Jerome Crockett, Junisse Mercado, Allen Williams and Vince Docta (GFCP Cebu Delivery Team)*

*Source: GFCP Cebu City Intervention, 2022*



*Discussion with Cebu City Government Technical Working Group, Cherrie Nuez (FCDO), Jerome Crockett, Junisse Mercado, Allen Williams and Vince Docta (GFCP Cebu Delivery Team)  
Source: GFCP Cebu City Intervention, 2022*

Read more about how the meetings transpired and the insights from the meetings with the various city authority figures [here](#).

Content Owners: [Jerome Crockett](#) & [Jeron Miranda](#)

### **Bangkok Decision Support System**

#### **Prioritising gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in decision making for flood management in Bangkok**

Bangkok is a centre for trade and commerce for Thailand and the wider Mekong Region. From ancient times, Bangkok's location in the lower Chao Phraya River Delta has profited from fertile farmlands and strategic trade routes, but its location also makes it vulnerable to flooding. In recent decades, rapid urbanisation has increased the impact of flooding by interfering with natural watercourses and stormwater drainage systems. Sea-level rise due to climate change also poses a challenge to flood management in Bangkok. Unfortunately, climate change is likely to further increase flood risk due to higher intensity rainfall.



*Climate Change has resulted in increased flood risks due to higher intensity rainfall, negatively impacting the livelihoods of vulnerable groups.*

The Bangkok Decision Support System (DSS) for flood management engages with Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) to increase the city's ability to undertake planning for flood risk management as well as improve the existing rainfall forecasting system, also being enhanced by additional calibration of their existing rainfall radars to provide more accurate rainfall forecasts.

The inclusion of GESI principles in the flood modelling study provides space for vulnerable groups in Bangkok to voice their flooding experiences. These vulnerable groups include women, children, the elderly, migrants and people with disabilities. Hearing their thoughts provides critical insights that can be utilised to better inform the local government's decision-making system for flood management.

Additionally, the project engages government stakeholders to provide insight and recommendations to improve flood warning systems for vulnerable groups.

Drawing from discussions with relevant stakeholders, recommendations to improve flood warning systems have been grouped into four key areas: inter-agency collaboration,

interdisciplinary technology, proactive flooding emergency preparedness, and self-resilience building.



Read more about how the Decision Support System incorporated GESI principles to protect vulnerable groups [here](#).

Content Owner: [Nisane Chaiprakobwiriya](#)

### **Bangkok Transit-Oriented Development Plan, Thailand**

#### **I am a woman too: Transgender women's experience of public transportation in Bangkok**

When commuting to different destinations, Bangkok's residents must have access to safe and affordable transport options. As part of the UK Prosperity Fund's Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP), the Transit-Oriented Development Plan (TODP) team engaged with representatives from the city's most vulnerable groups to address gender inequality and social exclusion issues faced in the city that may impede their opportunity for economic empowerment.

The World Bank Group and Thai LGBTQI civil society network's researchers worked together to collect the opinions of 3,502 LGBTQI and non-LGBTQI Thais in Bangkok and both rural and urban areas in the North, Northeast, South, and Central provinces. The life experiences of 2,302 LGBTQI people were compared with those of 1,200 non-LGBTQI people in Thailand.

Results revealed that the LGBTQI community suffers from unequal opportunities and unabashed discrimination. LGBTQI people face exclusion in many areas of life, including education and health care, obtaining credit and finance (including life and health insurance), access to housing, job market access and even at work.



In consultations with transgender women living and working in Bangkok, they expressed similar concerns regarding commuting time and costs in Bangkok. Unlike others, their challenges are intertwined with compromised gender expressions and the level of stigmatisation they are likely to receive during their commutes. From group consultation, safety is the primary concern of transgender women. With their gender identity being the most visible of other LGBTQI individuals, verbal and sexual harassment is an everyday frustration. They reported that they experience being asked questions such as: "Do you still have your penis?", "Can I feel your breasts?". This unwanted attention they receive significantly impacts their choice of transportation. With an absence of affordability of current public transportation combined with the stigmatisation and harassment they face, the transgender women consulted work hard to ensure they can buy a car, as they feel more comfortable travelling with privacy and without judgement from their fellow commuters.



*Moymoy using public transportation in Bangkok*

Through the Transit-Oriented Development Plan for Klong Bang Luang and Bang Wa, there will be increased access to safe, affordable, and sustainable transport systems for women and socially excluded groups

in Bangkok. To achieve a GESI outcome through a more equitable society where everyone can have equal opportunities to thrive in Bangkok, improving access to a safe and affordable transport system for socially excluded groups in the city is essential. The GESI strategy acknowledges that time used for travel, lack of mobility and safety are the key factors hindering inclusive and sustainable urban development.

Read more about how GESI principles in the TODP resulted in recommendations to support the LGBTQI community in Bangkok [here](#).

Content Owner: [Nisane Chaiprakobwiriya](#)

### **Ho Chi Minh City Smart Ticketing System, Vietnam**

#### **Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) of Public Transport in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

With a population of 8.9 million and the largest city in Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City has embarked on an ambitious investment programme in new public transport infrastructure to supplement its existing city-wide network of public buses. Connectivity amongst modes and accessibility to all modes by residents and visitors to HCMC is critical to achieving the city's stated aims to significantly increase the mode share of public transport. Any imbalance in accessibility contributes to economic inequality and reduces access to opportunities among disadvantaged groups.

As part of a UK Government-funded intervention to deliver technical, contractual and institutional advisory relating to the future implementation of a Smart Ticketing System (STS), targeted surveys, consultations and focus group meetings of women and vulnerable groups were conducted over the period from June to December 2021. Consultee groups included people that were physically and visually challenged, the hearing impaired, and the elderly. This initiative revealed deep insights into travel behaviour and preferences.

However, it also revealed barriers to accessibility to public transport, some of which may be improved by applying an interoperable city-wide STS and a more sophisticated fare policy that would not be possible without the technologies and business processes that underpin STS.



*In-person focus group consultations were held to understand better the situation of vulnerable groups*

The ability to provide access channels to the vulnerable and the disadvantaged to articulate views, share critical insights and personal aspirations was paramount to the study. The recommendations will inform a more extensive public engagement, raise awareness of the benefits of smart ticketing, ensure a broad range of tickets for the unbanked and those that lack a smartphone or the Internet; broad-based capacity-building.

For the future of mobility in HCMC, the intervention team hopes that it has contributed to ensuring that no one will be left behind.

Read more about how the team utilised results from consultations to affect our policy recommendations [here](#).

Content owner: [Anh Le-Ha Phung](#)

## Meet the team

### Jannielynn Miguel

Hello everyone, I am the Assistant Project Manager and the former MREL officer for the Global Future Cities Programme, New Clark City intervention. Throughout the programme, I provided support and assistance to the Team Lead and the other consultants to successfully deliver the three interventions. It was an overwhelming role, but it was a very fulfilling experience to be part of an impactful project and to be able to connect to established consultants from different industries. Also, I graduated from the University of the Philippines Clark, an extension campus of Diliman, so it was a rewarding experience to work for the development of the city where I grew up.



I have worked with EY Philippines for three years under the Government and Public Sector team. Before working with the Future Cities project, I previously worked with different government agencies to provide change management, roadmap exercise, current state assessment, and other business development engagements. Outside work, I love to go around coffee shops with my friends and watch K-dramas before bed.

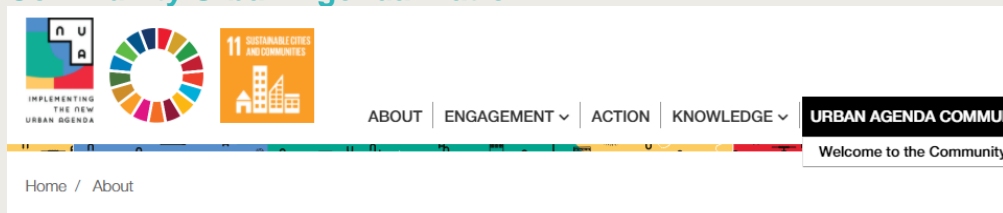
Content owner: [Jannielynn N Miguel](#)

## Newsletter

### Submitting your news

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

[Contact us](#)

*Disclaimer: The material and information contained within this publication are for general information purposes only. You should not rely upon the material or information within the publication as a basis for making any business, legal or any other decisions. This publication (or any part thereof) may not be reproduced in any form without the express permission of Mott MacDonald.*

