



Her City Toolbox

Our five years impact story



...cities for girls, are cities for all.

Key message 1

Multi-level, multi-sector and multi-stakeholder cooperation is key for gender sensitive planning, design and implementation and is more likely to lead to long-term inclusive and sustainable urban development

Key message 3

Gender is acknowledged as a part of all major global agendas and agreements and is a main pillar of human rights, hence a duty to be mainstreamed in all activities, every time, everywhere, without any exception

Key message 5

A consolidated and global toolbox is needed to assist urban actors in efficiently mainstreaming gender and intersectional perspectives into current sustainable urban development practice, no matter where in the world, or at what stage of the process

Key message 7

The growing body of knowledge on the application of gender and intersectional perspectives in practice, shows that the method improves green areas, urban agriculture and ecosystem services, public transport and mobility, social meeting and educational places, water and sanitation, market places, and safer spaces

Key message 9

Any urban actor involved in urban decision-making, governance, assessment, planning, design, construction or management has a role to play and can integrate gender and intersectional perspectives by using our tools to contribute to a more inclusive, prosperous and sustainable urban environment

Key message 2

In a predominantly urban world, with over a billion in unplanned informal settlements, young women and girls are the most vulnerable. They are rarely engaged nor heard, and we fail to meet their needs when we plan and design the cities of tomorrow

Key message 4

An intersectional gender sensitive perspective helps to understand, engage and give agency, by collecting disaggregated data to make well-informed decisions guiding urban governance, planning, design and management

Key message 6

Practical experience shows that mainstreaming gender and intersectional perspectives is applicable worldwide, in any urban context and that it is a most efficient way to produce inclusive and sustainable visions, plans and designs for sustainable cities

Key message 8

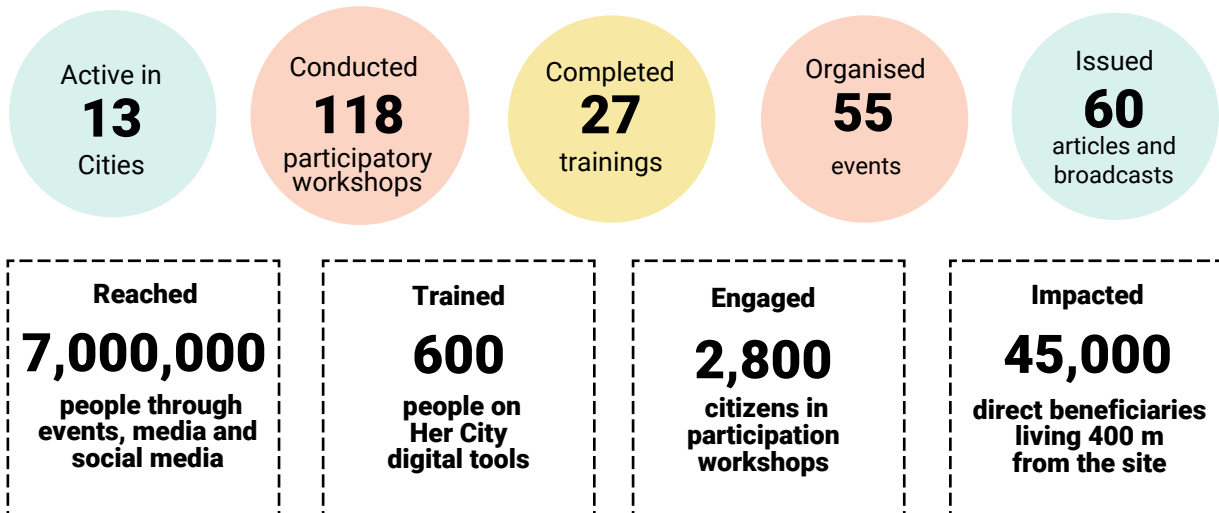
There are a range of actions that urban actors can take to implement cities with and for girls. By simply integrating and mainstreaming it into their everyday work, it is not demanding nor requires considerable resources in terms of personnel or direct investments. It is above all a change in mindset among professionals

Key message 10

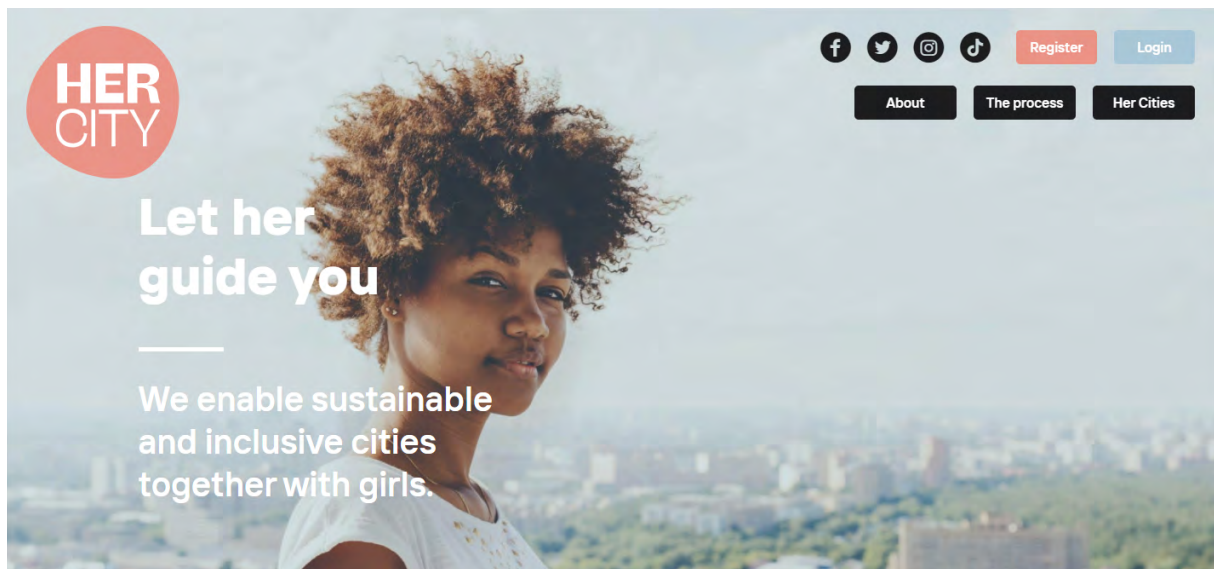
Cities for girls are cities for all, because they indirectly benefit a larger population than the primary target group. They are more likely to provide improved accessibility, mobility, air quality, well-being, social inclusion, conditions for economic activities, digital competence, resilient ecosystems, reduced distances and a strengthened local community



Her City Impact numbers



The programme has resulted in 8 products, such as the digital Her City Toolbox, the Her City Guide, an academic syllabus, and the final Cities for Girls, Cities for All report. The results from the projects show that regardless of geographical context, the priorities and solutions are similar. In the short term, these processes result in for example new or improved green areas, libraries, public transport, meeting places, water and sanitation, marketplaces, urban orchards, playgrounds, ecosystem services and lighting. In the medium term, it leads to improved accessibility, mobility, air quality, well-being, socializing and social inclusion, conditions for economic activities, digital competence, resilient ecosystems, reduced distances and a strengthened local community. In the long run the programme is likely to have impact on basic services, environment & climate, economy, health & well-being, mobility, political participation, social inclusion and safety.



Her City is the result of the Urban Girls Movement launched in **2017** financed by Sida, with the purpose to map methods and tools for increased equality and inclusion in urban development. In a second phase **2018-2019**, with support from the Swedish innovation agency Vinnova, the tools were tested in a pilot project in Sweden. Vinnova's Innovations for Gender Equality, supported Global Utmaning and UN-Habitat in a third phase **2019-2021**, to develop the digital toolbox and making it available globally. The programme has had a total budget of **812K USD** over **5 years** with only a yearly average budget of **162K USD**. Funding is mainly from public sector but with some additional co-funding from private sector.

Our participatory and inclusive process targets particularly, but not only, girls, adolescents, and young women. Together with urban professionals and other multi-stakeholders they re-think and co-design their local environment through the use of digital and innovative tools. In a finalised Her City project, a place that previously didn't work for girls, is redesigned to fit all members of the community.

"Her City is our way to make solutions and tools available for everyone from activists, decision makers and private sector. By working together our future will be her future."

United Nations Under-Secretary General
Maimunah Mohd Sharif

In the light of the COVID pandemic, the team developed a digital toolbox for cities to accelerate the inclusion in sustainable urban planning and design despite the current crisis. The Her City Toolbox was launched on International Womens Day in **2021**, together with over **2000** stakeholders. Through locally and regionally adapted online trainings, the team has built global capacity in the use of the toolbox.

Throughout the project period, Her City have been implemented in **13** partnership projects on all continents together with UN agencies, local governments, NGOs, private sector and universities. In the projects in Botkyrka, Beirut, Chania, Delhi, Gaza & West Bank, Helsingborg, Huddinge, Johannesburg, Kakuma & Kalobeyei, Lima, Nairobi, Thailand and Weimar, over **2800** participants has been engaged in **118** participatory activities. The finalised projects so far impact **45.000** beneficiaries if we calculate the population directly benefiting from the interventions living within **400 m** from the site. However, the indirect impact of the wider population goes far beyond that.

Her City Toolbox Registered accounts



Global agendas SDGs and NUA

In the long run, Her City is likely to contribute to the local implementation of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda through a more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable societies. Projects particularly highlight the contribution to SDG 5, 10, 11, 16 and 17 but also the local implementation of other SDGs and several principles in the New Urban Agenda:



Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Target 11.3 Enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries

Indicator 11.3.2 Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically

Target 11.7 Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities

Indicator 11.7.1 Average share of the built-up area of cities that is open space for public use for all, by sex, age and persons with disabilities



Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Target 5.2 Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation

Indicator 5.2.2 Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by age and place of occurrence



Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

Target 10.3 Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard

Indicator 10.3.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed within the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law



Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Target 16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere

Indicator 16.1.4 Proportion of population that feel safe walking alone around the area they live after dark

Target 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

Indicator 16.7.2 Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group



Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Target 17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships...

Indicator 17.17.1 Amount in USD committed to public-private partnerships for infrastructure

Target 17.18 Enhance capacity-building support to developing countries ... to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location...

Indicator 17.18.3 Number of countries with a national statistical plan that is fully funded and under implementation, by source of funding



New Urban Agenda

Relevant paragraphs 29, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 53, 55, 56, 67, 92, 100, 109, 149, 155, 156, 157, 160 etc

Plan a city for girls, and it
will work for everyone.

Let Her Guide You.

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