

Her City is a joint urban development initiative by UN-Habitat and the Shared City Foundation. We provide city professionals, urban actors and local decision-makers with a solid toolbox for mainstreaming inclusion by strategically involving girls and young women in urban planning and design.



We have implemented gender-transformative projects in cities across five continents. Our 30 city projects have resulted in reconstructed and regenerated public spaces in Palestine, Lebanon, India, Nepal, Thailand, Peru, Jamaica, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, South Africa, Sweden, Italy, Germany and Greece.

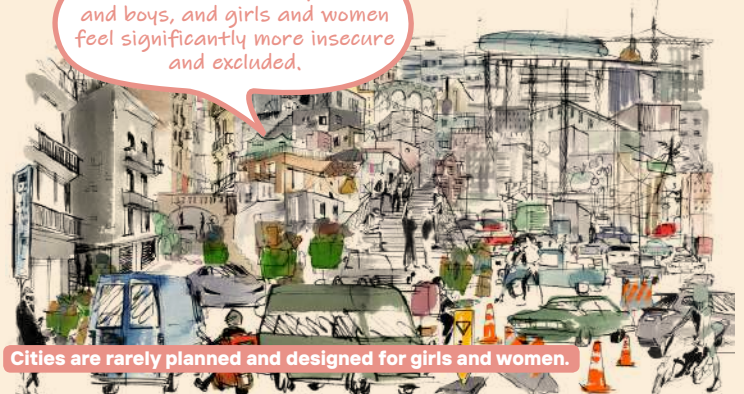


We invite you to discover the impact of the Her City toolbox and the results of our partnership projects worldwide. You will also find links to resources providing guidelines for gender-transformative and participatory planning, design and implementation to support urban actors in building cities for all.

## Impact numbers

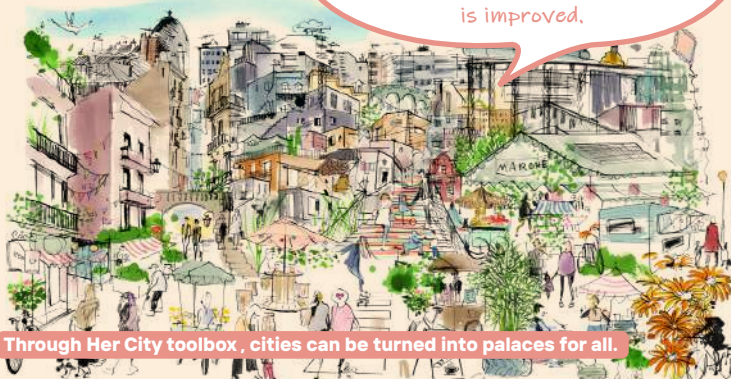
- 1500 registered users, from 430 cities in 120 countries
- 350 independent city initiatives and 20 UN partnership projects
- 30 gender-transformative city projects benefiting close to 1,000,000 people
- 150 participatory workshops engaged 3000
- 30 capacity building trainings trained 1500
- 100 gender related events informed 8000
- 8,000,000 media and social media reach
- 1 USD dollar invested, 1 USD co-funded

Public spaces are often dominated by men and boys, and girls and women feel significantly more insecure and excluded.



Cities are rarely planned and designed for girls and women.

In Her City, girls and women feel welcome and thrive, communities are more resilient, and the environment is improved.



Through Her City toolbox, cities can be turned into palaces for all.

## Women-Led Cities

Aligned with United Nations Habitat Assembly Resolutions 'Achieving gender equality to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements', and 'Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals', Women-Led Cities is identified among the High Impact Initiatives bringing SDG solutions to scale. The joint UN programme will make use of Her City Toolbox to support women's economic, political and territorial empowerment. Until 2030, the ambition is for 100 women-led cities to catalyse investment of 1 billion USD.

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## REFUGEE - HOST COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

**Location:** Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kalobeyei Town, Turkana, Kenya

**Partner:** UN-Habitat, UNHCR, Kounkuey Design Initiative, Japan

**Time:** April 2021 – December 2023

The “Ensuring accessibility and a strengthened conflict resolution strategy for refugee host community integration in Kalobeyei, Turkana County” programme supports inclusive accessibility to public spaces through a series of engagements with host and refugee members. Through engaging women, children, men, youth, and people with disabilities, accessible, inclusive, safe, and comfortable public spaces were co-created. The community-driven approach emphasised the importance of children’s play and recreation, spaces for women to meet and conduct business, shaded zones for respite from the extreme heat, and multifunctional sports and games areas. 100 multi-stakeholders contributed to 1 site, potentially impacting 5,000 daily lives.



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## AFRICA

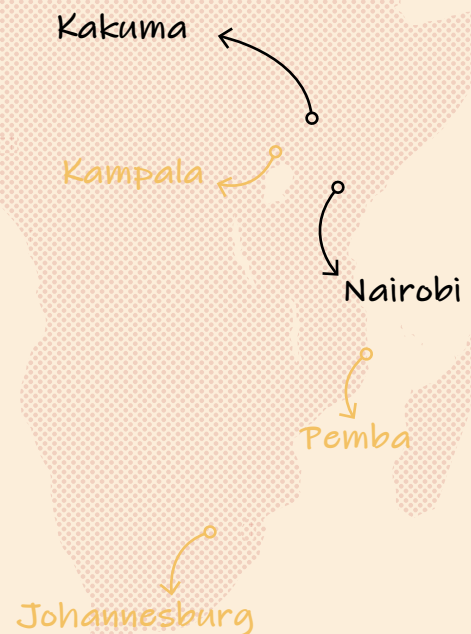
4 countries

5 cities

5 places

500 participants

25,000 beneficiaries



A settlement level analysis based on girls and young women's observations



Girls, women and professionals negotiate ways forward for implementation and potential impact of the project



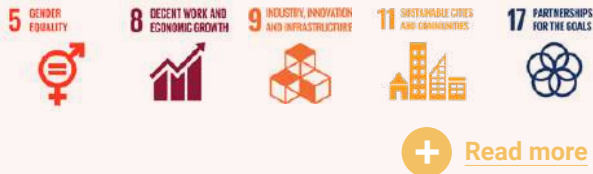
## HER CITY HER STREETS

**Location:** Dunga road and Dundori road, Industrial Area, Nairobi County, Kenya

**Partners:** GoDown Arts Centre, UN-Habitat, Global Utmaning, Planning Systems, White Architects

**Time:** June 2021 – December 2023

'Her City - Her Streets' by the GoDown Arts Centre aims to improve the Dunga and Dundori streets around the upcoming New GoDown Cultural Arts Complex in Nairobi together with UN-Habitat and partners. It aims at more accessible streets and inclusive public spaces, accommodating a diversity of shared commercial, social, and cultural activities and inviting all Nairobians to become a part of the new cultural hub. 100 multi-stakeholders contributed to 1 site, potentially impacting 5,000 daily lives.



Children giving their vision of Her City in Nairobi industrial area



Collecting quantitative and qualitative data by girls and young women on the state of the space

*"I had never considered that such small things like a wall have such a great impact on how we view a road or a space."*



Sheila Chepkemai, Her City GoDown project in Nairobi



The new Godown designed in Minecraft by the participants

**Journal of Public Space**  
The 'Let Her Guide You' special issue with research from young female scholars

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## INDELA YABAFAZI WOMEN'S WAY

**Location:** Diepsloot township, Johannesburg, South Africa

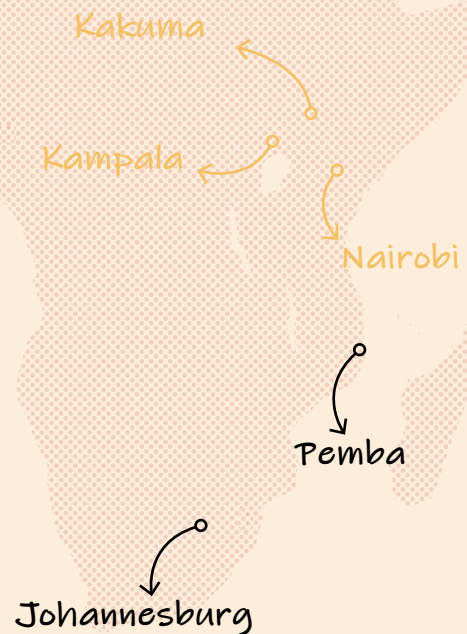
**Partner:** Johannesburg Development Agency, Block by Block Foundation, Iyer, Sticky Situations, Wot-If? Trust, UN-Habitat, Global Utmaning

**Time:** June 2020 – December 2022

In Diepsloot township, the Johannesburg Development Agency, UN-Habitat and partners initiated the "Indlela Yabafazi – Women's Way" project. It aimed at creating safe routes, improving mobility and connecting safe public spaces in the informal settlement. Through participatory planning and community engagement, 100 multi-stakeholders made proposals and developed a tactical urbanism intervention, for a redesigned site with a focus on accessibility, affordability, safety potentially impacting 5,000 daily lives.



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Girls collecting data in the township streets



Tactical urbanism intervention engaging girls

"It was interesting to see how angry girls got about sewage overflowing, children having no way to play..."



Gail Styger, Executive Trustee at the Wot-if trust



Murale produced during the tactical urbanism intervention



## GENDER-SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR IDPs

**Location:** Mahate neighbourhood, Pemba, Cabo Delgado Province, Mozambique

**Partner:** UN-Habitat, International Organization for Migration, High Commission of Canada in Mozambique

**Time:** July 2022 - ongoing

In Her City Pemba, UN-Habitat's country office in Mozambique is fostering inclusion and cohesion among internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities in the Mahate neighborhood in Pemba. The upcoming Mahate Action Plan will transform this neighborhood, with a special focus on women and girls fostering locally-owned infrastructure, by empowering local communities, IDPs and host communities. 100 stakeholders contributed to 1 site, set to impact 5,000 people.

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10



11



16



17



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*"We are capable and we make a difference, we always respect everyone, and it works."*



Participant in the Mahate Her City project in Mozambique



Mahate neighborhood before Her City project



Gender-focused active observation of public space walks in units A and B resulted in identifying 52 potential areas of intervention

### Her City film

Hear the voices behind Her City and watch the earliest pilot projects

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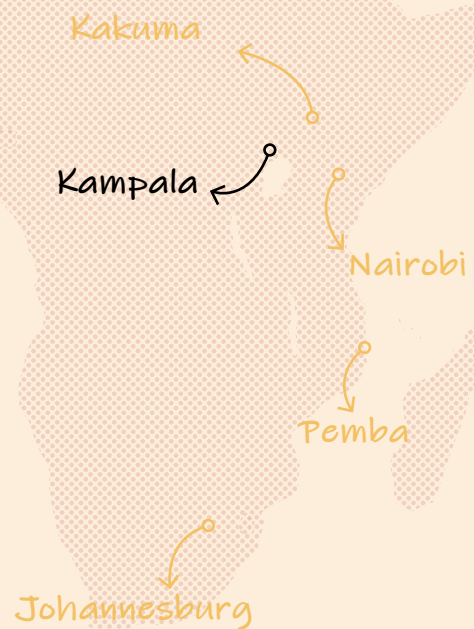
## HER CITY KAMPALA

**Location:** Kamwanyi settlement, Kampala, Uganda

**Partner:** Holistic Action for Development and Empowerment, Dreamtown, CISU, Footmarks Initiative Uganda, Saromio Foundation, African Fibre Innovation Hub, Psychological Resilience Services, Center for Green Cities, UN-Habitat, Shared City Foundation, DANIDA

**Time:** April 2023 - December 2023

HADE and Dream-town create spaces with and for women and girls using Her City Toolbox. They co-designed a new space for women in Kamwanyi including community spaces, safe green rooftops, market-places and improving livelihood and economic opportunities, combining productive social meeting spaces and income generating opportunities for women. 100 multi-stakeholders contributed to 1 multi-function site, impacting 5,000 daily lives.

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"Kobo toolbox played a major role in gathering data directly from the people of Kamwayni from identifying challenges to documenting daily life."

Ronah, from HADE



Her City mural in Kampala during the project activities



Ronah from HADE on the co-designed urban roof garden



## New Urban Agenda



"Girls and boys, young women and young men are key agents of change in creating a better future and when empowered they have great potential to advocate on behalf of themselves and their communities. Ensuring more and better opportunities for their meaningful participation will be essential for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda." (NUA§72)

Her City also relates to the following transformative commitments for sustainable urban development of the New Urban Agenda: §36, 42 (marginalised groups), §32, 35, 92, 101, 114, 151, 113, 155 (gender equality), §28, 42, 48, 104, 31, 36, 113, 148, 156 (migrants, ethnic minorities, disabilities), §34, 39, 62, 113, 114, 148, 155 (age responsive), §29, 36, 37, 53, 67, 92, 99, 100, 109 (public space).

## 2030 Agenda

"Her City localizes a range of SDGs - besides 5, 10, 11, 16 and 17 - depending on the solutions developed."



### SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

**Target 5.1** End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.

**Target 5.b** Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women.

**Target 5.c** Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.



#### Key message 1

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 integrated in all activities, every time, everywhere, without any exception. However, gender mainstreaming is still highly overlooked in practice.



#### Key message 2

There are a range of actions that urban actors can take to implement gender-sensitive cities. Simply integrating and mainstreaming it into everyday work, it is not difficult nor requires considerable resources. It is above all a change in mindset among professionals.



### SDG 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.



#### Key message 3

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.

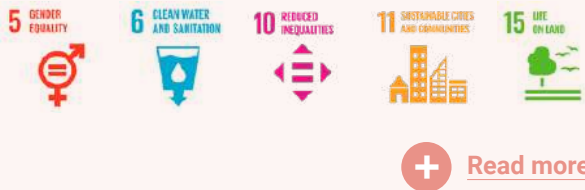
## YOUTH LED, NATURE-CULTURE LIVING LABS

**Location:** Badshahpur Forest Corridor, Wazirabad channel, entry area to Gurugram, Anath Road and Ghazipur settlement, Delhi, India

**Partner:** Beyond Built, Care Earth Trust, Red Dot Foundation, UN-Habitat, Global Utmaning, Swedbio

**Time:** December 2021 – December 2022

The 'Youth led, Nature-Culture Living Labs in India', are carried out in the Badshahpur Forest Corridor, Wazirabad channel, entry area to Gurugram, Anath Road and Ghazipur settlement. The projects are utilising local culture and knowledge as a foundation for implementing nature-based solutions. The project is a joint partnership between Sida and Swedbio, local partners and UN-Habitat. Approximately 100 stakeholders contributed to 5 sites, potentially impacting 25,000.



## ASIA

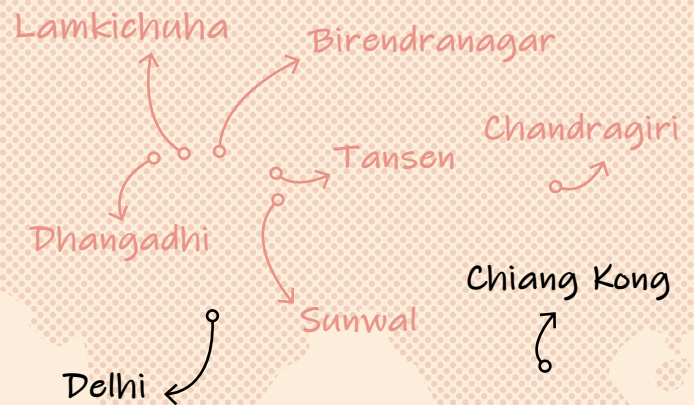
3 countries

8 cities

12 places

450 participants

60,000 beneficiaries



The public space before Her City project



Girls appreciate the seating space in the greenery



## HER CITY THAILAND

**Location:** Chiang Khong District, Chiang Rai Province, Thailand

**Partner:** UNFPA, UN-Habitat, local community groups

**Time:** October 2022 - December 2022

In the Her City Thailand pilot project, UNFPA and UN-Habitat conducted neighbourhood assessments with the community in the Chiang Khong district. Adolescent girls and youth from ethnic minority and migrant groups participated in activities using the Her City Toolbox including exploratory walks and comparative analysis. The pilot is expected to be scaled to other cities in Thailand. Approximately 50 stakeholders contributed to 1 site, potentially impacting 5,000.



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*"The girls and women acknowledge that people from other parts of the world are interested in them. Some have never experienced it before."*



Thitipa Lamsri, Wiang Chiang Khong municipal public relations



Public space assessment through exploratory walks



Girls presenting their public space ideas to local authorities and urban practitioners

**Her City Tutorial** provides an introduction to the Her City Toolbox

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## CITIES 4 WOMEN

**Location:** Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan city, Lamkichuha municipality, Birendranagar municipality, Sunwal municipality, Tansen municipality, Chandragiri municipality, Nepal

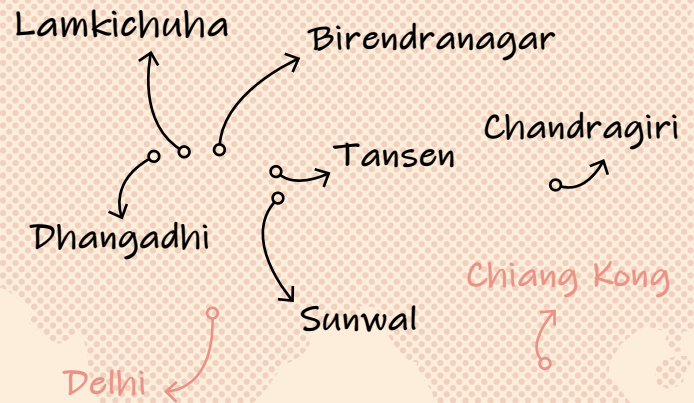
**Partner:** EU, USAID, UNOPS, UN-Habitat, Cities Alliance

**Time:** August 2024 – ongoing

The 'Cities 4 Women' project, funded by the EU and USAID and implemented by UNOPS, UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance, aims to enhance the demand for gender-responsive, climate-resilient public spaces through participatory urban planning and design. By evaluating community-prioritized open spaces based on risk and accessibility, the project focuses on co-designing these areas. Engaging a diverse range of stakeholders including children, youth, senior citizens, local leaders, and women's groups, the project emphasises inclusivity and collective ownership throughout the design process. The co-design workshops facilitate collaboration among these stakeholders, allowing them to share ideas and develop context-specific solutions that meet community needs in public open spaces. The project also aims at policy guidance at national level.



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Co-design workshops with girls and young women

*"The conversation on achieving the SDGs through local action was a powerful reminder that change truly begins at home."*



Sunita Dangol, Deputy Mayor,  
Kathmandu Metropolitan City



Collective mapping with multi-stakeholders





## **SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable countries**

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

**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.



### **Key message 5**

A consolidated and global toolbox is still 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. However, actors are constantly reinventing the wheel.



### **Key message 6**

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



## **SDG 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.

**Target 16.1** Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.



### **Key message 7**

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. Still, this is far from being automatic and being considered an integrated necessity.



### **Key message 8**

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, marketplaces, and safer spaces.



## **SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**

**Target 17.16** Enhance... multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the SDGs...

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



### **Key message 9**

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. Still, most believe that a gender perspective only benefits the female population



### **Key message 10**

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 local, regional, national and global environments and societies

## HER CITY FREDRIKSDAL

**Location:** Fredriksdal, Helsingborg, Sweden

**Partner:** Helsingborg Municipality, Global Utmaning, UN-Habitat, Block by Block Foundation

**Time:** December 2021 – February 2022

The Her City project in Fredriksdal, Helsingborg, Sweden was a joint collaboration between Helsingborg municipality, UN-habitat, Block by Block Foundation and Global Utmaning. Fredriksdal is a low-income area compared to Helsingborg city at large and has a lower voter turnout. The Her City process was carried out within the framework of the City of Helsingborg's work with school holiday internships and young people were engaged to influence the design of Fredriksdal. The ambition was to increase security and well-being in the area. The neighbourhood is undergoing densification and the ambition was to make it a child-friendly area with accessible green spaces. 50 multi stakeholders contributed to 1 site, potentially impacting 5,000 daily lives.



## EUROPE

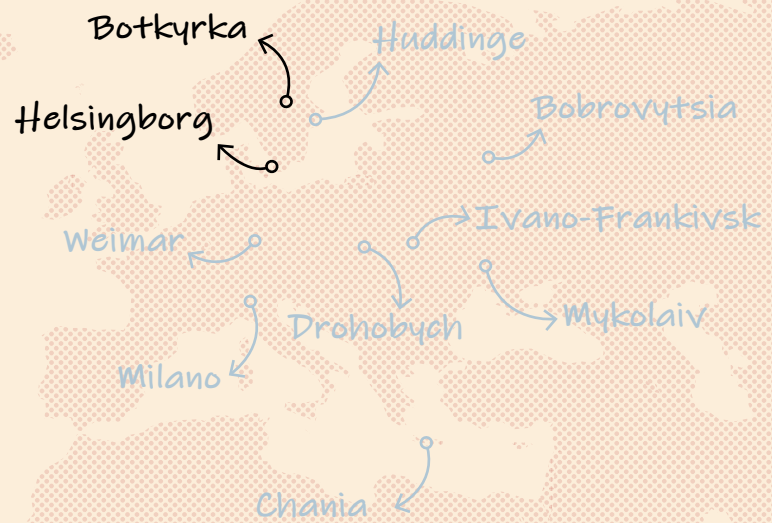
5 countries

10 cities

29 places

800 participants

140,000 beneficiaries



Collecting quantitative and qualitative data by girls and boys on the state of the public space



Collaborative workshop developing design solutions identified throughout the process



## URBAN GIRLS MOVEMENT

**Location:** Fittja, Botkyrka, Sweden

**Partner:** Global Utmaning, Botkyrka municipality, UN-Habitat, Mistra Urban Futures, Iteam, Swedish Union of Tenants, White architects, Changers Hub, Kungsvåningen, Botkyrkabyggen and Vinnova

**Time:** December 2017 – November 2019

The project #UrbanGirlsMovement was instrumental in developing the global Her City methodology, toolbox and digital platform. Global Utmaning and UN-Habitat co-facilitated the project with the municipality, which resulted in an outdoor living room developed together with young girls and renovation and lightening of the mall building on the main square. Plans and designs were also developed for the new library area, the bus station, and the underground station. 100 multi-stakeholders contributed to a wider regeneration approach of 4 sites, impacting 15,000 daily lives. The process, designs and the girls' solutions continue to influence actors' ways of working and are spreading in the area.



Before the Her city pilot project



Inauguration of the outdoor living room after the project

*"We simply cannot afford to fail."*

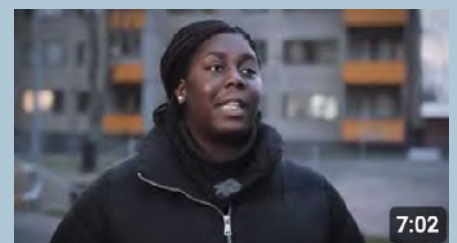


Ebba Östlin, Mayor  
of Botkyrka, Sweden

### Meet a Minecrafter

Meet the girls behind the project and discover their digital skills

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## URBAN CHALLENGES

**Location:** Flemingsberg, Stockholm, Sweden

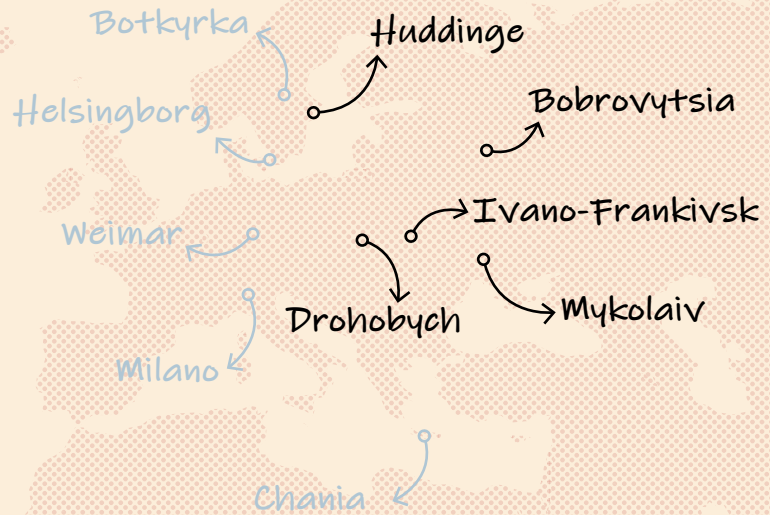
**Partner:** UN-Habitat, Global Utmaning, MTR Nordic, Fabège, Impact Hub, Changers Hub and Swedish Institute

**Time:** February 2021 – November 2021

The Her City project in Flemingsberg in Sweden 'Urban Challenges' was a joint initiative together with a range of private partners such as MTR Nordic and Fabège, as well as the Huddinge municipality. The project was facilitated by the civil society organisations Impact Hub and Changers Hub and funded by the Swedish Institute. The project focuses on the area Hålsövägen located in accessible urban mobility with a specific concentration on safety in public transportation and station areas. 50 multi stakeholders contributed to 1 site, potentially impacting 5,000 daily lives.



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A joint vision for the space based on a detailed analysis of the girls' needs and designed in Minecraft

*"It helped advance the agenda for better public transport and the importance of having an agreement of understanding with all relevant stakeholders."*



Jan Magnusson,  
MTR Nordic



Collecting quantitative and qualitative data by girls and young women on the state of the space



## HER CITY UKRAINE

**Location:** Mykolaiv, Drohobych, Bobrovytsia and Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

**Partner:** Shared City, Swedish Architects, Ro3kvit Urban Coalition for Ukraine and Estonian Association of Architects

**Time:** August 2024 - ongoing

Baltpart is a capacity building project, providing skills and knowledge on participatory methods for Ukrainian urban professionals. Participating teams have been trained in tools and methods for inclusive participatory planning and design, such as Her City Toolbox, and the Her City Guide has been translated to Ukrainian to make the method easier to apply in Ukrainian cities. Four projects are using Her City tools in local initiatives, focusing on identity, restoration, and regeneration. These include the House of Officers in Mykolaiv, led by the Mykolaiv Development Agency and City Council, the Drohobych Saltworks, Katernych Palace in Bobrovytsia, and Potocki Palace in Ivano-Frankivsk.



*"We hope to inspire others to keep cooperating and learning from each other to create more safe and sustainable cities."*



Madeleine Sjöstedt, Director Swedish Institute, about the Urban Challenges initiative



House of Fleet Officers before renovation, Mykolaiv



"Capacity Building Program for sustainable rebuilding of Ukrainian cities with heritage" event at WUF

### Her City training

Learn about our approach and methodology and train to use our digital tools in a comprehensive online session.

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## HER CITY CORVETTO

**Location:** Corvetto, Milano, Italy

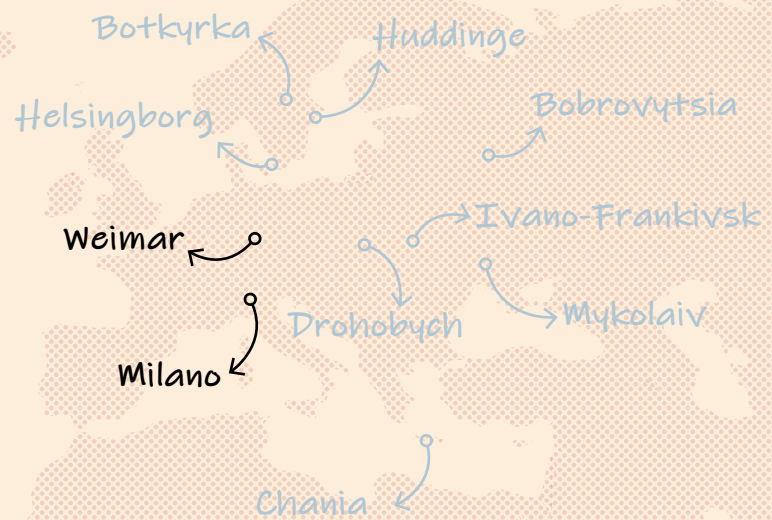
**Partner:** Dare.ngo, UN-Habitat, Milano municipality

**Time:** April 2023 - ongoing

In Her City Corvetto, the multicultural neighbourhood is battling increasing discrimination and criminality. Dare.NGO is using the Her City toolbox together with local girls, local grassroots organisations and the municipality providing community-based solutions to improve accessibility and safety for all in and around the Gabriele Rosa Square. 100 multi-stakeholders are contributing to 1 site, potentially impacting 5,000 daily lives.



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Redesigning the area in Minecraft



Intergenerational dialogue in a residence in Corvetto



Girls participating in the project visioning workshop



## HER CITY WEIMAR

**Location:** Herderplatz, Marktplatz, Platz der Demokratie, Seifengasse, Frauenplan, Wielandplatz and Poseckscher Garten, in Weimar, Germany

**Partner:** Bauhaus University, local girls and young women

**Time:** October 2021 – January 2022

Masters students at the Bauhaus University focused on 6 public spaces in the old town of Weimar. The work consisted of applying the Her City toolbox, focusing on data collection of movement and public life measurements. 250 participants contributed to the citizen survey, and extensive advocacy work took place to sensitize both decision-makers and the wider public, potentially impacting 30,000 inhabitants.



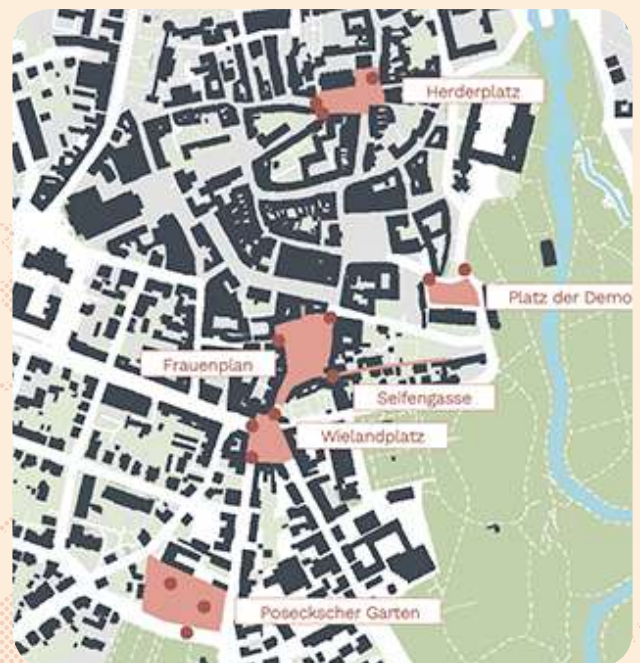
*"Her City Weimar asks how cities become liveable for all and how we want to live together in the future. The city is ours!"*



Lia and Lisa, students at Bauhaus University



A multi-stakeholder team of girls and professionals

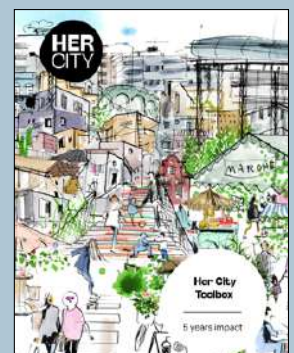


City level analysis based on girls and young women's observations

### Impact report

Read our 5-year impact report, highlighting key achievements, impact numbers and benefits.

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## HER CITY CHANIA

**Location:** Chania, Greece

**Partner:** Chania TUC University, Municipality of Chania, UN-Habitat and Global Utmaning

**Time:** July 2021 – June 2022

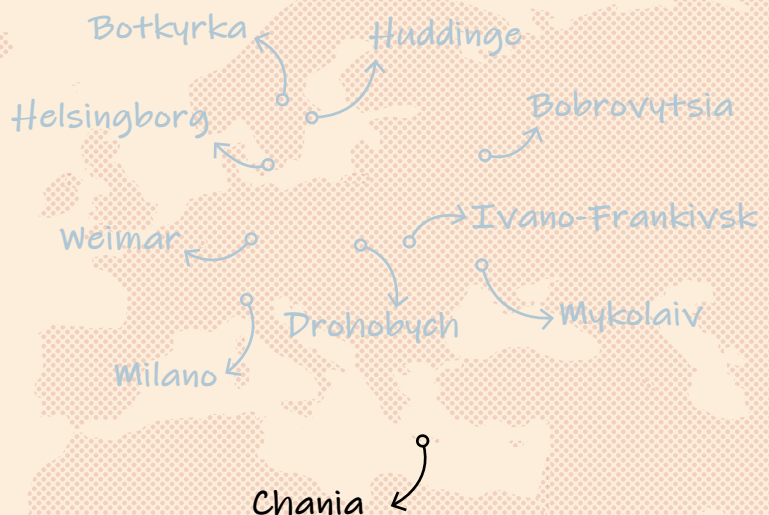
The Her City Chania project is a unique project where UN-Habitat and the Chania Technical University of Crete developed a course, "Planning the Smart and Virtual City" making use of the Her City methodology for the academic curriculum. The seminars taught the 9 blocks and trained undergraduate students in the use of the digital tools. They made action-oriented assessments in a variety of different parts of the city. The course engaged 40 urban planning undergraduate students with support from the municipality of Chania. They focused on 12 different public spaces in Chania, potentially impacting over 60,000 inhabitants.



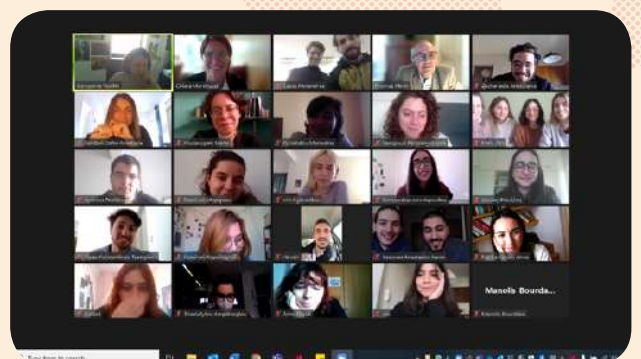
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A multi-stakeholder team of girls, boys and professionals took the university course



Successful first semester online final exam





cleaning service theatre  
accessibility playground  
sidewalks economic activities  
digital competence cafe inclusion  
air quality bikes socializing art installation health & well-being  
shades orchard political participation  
basic services benches  
safety lighting games  
marketspace zebra crossing public transport  
fences bus park beechives toilets kiosks housing wifi  
colours stairs books resilient ecosystems  
water & sanitation  
united waste bins sport  
community meeting place sculpture signage  
greenhouse cinema entrance  
greenery library  
renewable energy arts stage  
corridors pavilion  
panic buttons climbing wall gathering hub pathways  
mobility

## HAYA JOINT PROGRAMME

**Location:** Jericho, Jenin, Nablus, Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahour, Al Doha on the West Bank and Khan Younis, in Gaza, Palestine

**Partner:** UN Women, UNFPA, UNODC, UN-Habitat, Ministry of Local Government, Palestinian Housing Council, Municipalities of the targeted cities and Canada

**Time:** April 2018 – December 2024

In the Haya joint program, UN-Habitat Palestine, UN Women and partners address and contribute to preventing violence against women and girls in targeted cities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Local authorities and multi-stakeholders including women and girls, promoted youth leadership and proposed recommendations for a nation-wide strategy informing the world's first 'Public Space Policy for Local Government Units'. So far 100 participants contributed to 8 analysed and rebuilt sites, impacting over 300,000 women and 300,000 men.



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## MIDDLE EAST

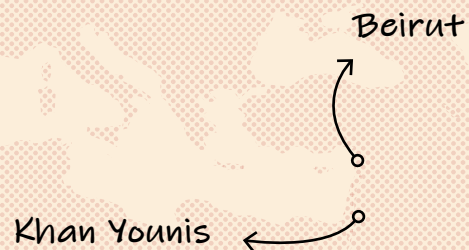
2 countries

9 cities

12 places

200 participants

630,000 beneficiaries



Group of children play in HAYA promenade in Khan Younis

"Today I discovered I have a passion for design. When I grow up, I want to be an architect to design nice spaces in my neighbourhood."



A 15-year-old participant



Young girls and women overlook the implementation process



## HER CITY BEIRUT

**Location:** Mar Mikhael and Gemmayzeh, Beirut, Lebanon

**Partner:** UN-Habitat Lebanon, Block by Block Foundation, Global Utmaning, Catalytic Action

**Time:** April 2021 – October 2022

UN-Habitat's Her City project in Beirut focuses on the two neighbourhoods Mar Mikhael and Gemmayzeh. The targeted public spaces were affected by the blast in 2020 and the project aims to regenerate and upgrade the urban spaces. The main focus of the project is three public stairs: St Nicholas, Laziza and Vendome stairs. The project is led by UN-Habitat Lebanon and Catalytic action with 100 participants in 3 sites, impacting 30,000 daily lives so far.



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*"These tools ensure engagement of everyone without leaving anyone behind."*



Maryam Nazzal,  
UN-Habitat Lebanon



The street after the blast, before the Her City project



The street after the Her City project

### CSW film

Watch girls' testimonies about participating in Her City

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## HER CITY MONTEGO BAY

**Location:** Canterbury community, Montego Bay, Jamaica

**Partner:** UN-Habitat, Saint James Municipal Corporation, Canterbury Community Center, Sandals Foundation

**Time:** 16 June 2023 – ongoing

The Canterbury Community Center and Public Space Project, an initiative of UN-Habitat, Saint James Municipal Corporation, and Sandals Foundation, is transforming Canterbury's open space into a vibrant, green, and safe community area, enhancing resilience and fostering social cohesion, recreation, and social services. During an intensive month 100 community members were engaged in workshops using the Her City toolbox, and 1 rebuilt site will impact 5,000 people.



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## LATIN AMERICA

2 countries

2 cities

5 places

240 participants

35,000 beneficiaries

Montego bay

Lima



Canterbury community centre and public space before Her City project



Canterbury workshop to analyse challenges



Canterbury community during certificate distribution



## FEMALE BUILDERS INITIATIVE

**Location:** La Ensanada and Pamplona Alta, Lima, Peru

**Partner:** Ocupa Tu Calle, Mano a Mano, AVINA Foundation. Funded by Block by Block Foundation, Global Utmaning and UN-Habitat

**Time:** October 2021 – December 2022

UN-Habitat, partners Ocupa Tu Calle, Mano a Mano, AVINA, and donor Block by Block Foundation, co-implemented the Her City Women Builders Initiative. It has catalysed urban regeneration and promoted female financial independence in the districts of La Ensanada and Pamplona Alta. Over 140 women joined forces to improve the conditions of 4 public spaces, integrating areas for green and urban agriculture and enhancing accessibility of the neighbourhoods, impacting 30,000 inhabitants.



*"I feel more independent now; it's easier to move around or for my parents to help me. Before, they had to carry my chair up the stairs."*



Mariela, a resident with a physical disability



Female builders' construction work during the project

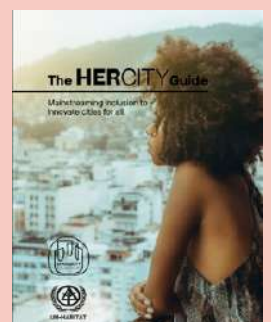


A vibrant community space after the project

### The Her City Guide

Use the guide to overview the process and support you in planning and implementation

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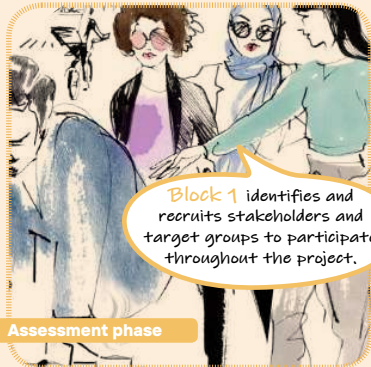


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The purpose of **Block 0** is to setup a framework and identify a relevant scale and urban planning approach for the project.

Set-up phase



Assessment phase

**Block 1** identifies and recruits stakeholders and target groups to participate throughout the project.

**Block 2** city-wide public space assessment assesses the state of public space at the city scale and identifies areas in urgent need of improvement.



**Block 3** provides a methodology to assess and measure the quality of a selected public space within its walking radius.



**Block 4** formalises brainstorming and is particularly suitable when professionals are working together with non-professionals.

Design phase



**Block 5** turns the ideas into designs for the new space using a participatory digital tool-the computer game Minecraft.



**Block 6** prioritises the designs, crafts guidelines and develops recommendations in multi-stakeholder groups.



**Block 7** provides the plan for the public space through a participatory process similar to a client-architect meeting.

Implementation phase



**Block 8** communicates the results to the community, decision-makers, and a wider global audience, including participants' feedback.



**Block 9** follows the implementation of the project during construction, provides quality assurance, finalises management plans, and guides scaling up.



**Block 10** monitors, measures, evaluates and reports on the project according to identified framework

Follow-up phase



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