

Fostering COVID-19 recovery and SDGs implementation through local action in Asia-Pacific, Arab and African countries

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Summary

The achievement of the SDGs and a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic largely depend on local action.

However, local and regional governments across **Africa, Asia-Pacific, and the Arab States** face challenges linked to **data availability and management, resources, technical expertise and multilevel governance** that are hampering their capacities to deliver on their mandate and fulfill the global development agendas

To address these challenges, **the project aims at reinforcing the capacities of local and regional governments and multilevel governance systems to advance the localization of the SDGs** by harnessing the potential of Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). This will be achieved through a territorial approach to sustainable development anchored on participation and inclusion. VLRs have proven successful in improving data environments, policy coherence, participation and inclusion, strategic planning, multilevel governance and international positioning.

Through the project **the implementing partners aim to connect cities and their VLR development to Global and Regional advocacy, learning and capacity building while creating opportunities to strengthen the local-national link.**

Implementing partners: UN-Habitat, UNDESA, UNESCAP, UNECA, UNESCWA, UCLG

Countries

Arab Countries

Tunisia
Jordan
Palestine

Africa

Kenya
Ghana
The Gambia

Asia Pacific

Nepal
Philippines
Vietnam

Planned Activities

