

Quick Guide on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Urban Poor Communities in Asia-Pacific

ABOUT THE QUICK GUIDE AND RELATED OUTPUTS

The Quick Guide on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Urban Poor Communities in Asia-Pacific is being jointly prepared by ESCAP, UN-HABITAT and the Rockefeller Foundation. The Quick Guide will follow in the footsteps of the well-received series of earlier Quick Guides for Policy Makers on Housing the Urban Poor, which can be accessed here: <http://www.housing-the-urban-poor.net/QuickGuides.asp>.

Targeting local government policy makers, the Quick Guide aims to provide an overview of the key issues regarding climate change adaptation and the different options to improve resilience to climate change impacts in urban poor communities. The Quick Guide is presented in a compact (A-5, 35-45 pages) and easy-to-read format and structured to include an overview of trends and conditions, concepts, policies, tools and recommendations. It aims to raise awareness and be a practical companion for the operationalization of urban climate change adaptation and resilience enhancing measures.

The Quick Guide will cover measures and tools that target urban poor communities that are initiated and implemented either on community or municipality levels. It will address all climate change related impacts, including flooding, typhoons, drought, heat islands, erosion and related adaptation issues, such as health and food security, livelihoods, basic infrastructure and services, eco-systems based adaptation and disaster preparedness. While the Quick Guide will focus on adaptation and resilience measures, it may mention mitigation if it occurs as a co-benefit to adaptation or if it is an integrated mitigation-adaptation practice.

As input to the Quick Guide, the partners are, on the one hand, collecting relevant good practices already documented by others, and on the other, engaging in a more detailed documentation of several hitherto undocumented practices. A selection of both will be included in the Quick Guide mainly as short text boxes with further references, while the newly documented practices would also be uploaded online as stand-alone reference sources.

The partners are also planning to prepare and implement further related outputs and products, such as training and advocacy materials based on the Quick Guide, translations into local languages, and regional and national training events.

CALL FOR COLLABORATION/ EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ESCAP, UN-HABITAT and the Rockefeller Foundation would like to encourage organizations and individual experts with expertise on climate change adaptation and resilience on urban community and municipal levels in Asia-Pacific to join the process of developing the Quick Guide and the documentation of good practices by sending us suggestions and participating in upcoming meetings. The partners would also like to hear from organizations who would like to use the Quick Guide as part of their advocacy and capacity development work.

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