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Cities and Migration Programme - Update

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

Welcome to our first triannual update on the activities of the Cities Alliance Programme on Cities and Migration for 2021

GLOBAL ADVOCACY



Programme Advocates Key Messages at the GFMD

The programme joined over 90 local and regional government representatives from 48 cities and city networks at the 13th Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit from 18-26 January 2021. It was an opportunity for the programme to disseminate key messages on cities and migration at the global level and showcase some emerging results from its projects. [Learn more](#)

KNOWLEDGE

Regional Network and Dialogue in Arua

A peer learning event has been organised in Arua from 23-24 March for the launch of the project "CRRF: Inclusive Urban Development and Mobility" financed by the European Union and implemented by Cities Alliance within the frame of the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa. [Learn more](#)

Urban Expansion Planning Workshops



From 9-17 March, Cities Alliance organised a series of workshops in Jinja and Jigjiga bringing together teams from 9 partner cities in the Horn of Africa, as well as regional and national government and international experts to support the city teams in making basic urban expansion plans for the next thirty years of growth and in crafting an implementation plan. [Learn more](#)



Regional Dialogue on Urban Expansion Planning

From 23-24 November, Cities Alliance, SDC, the New York University (NYU) Marron Institute, and Jigjiga University organised a regional dialogue on rural-to-urban migration and urban expansion planning to share experiences in the Horn of Africa. [Learn more](#)

Articles Published by the Programme



Planning for Growth: How to Manage Rapid Urbanization



Labour Migration, Inclusive Development, and Gender Equality: Unlocking the Potential of Women as Agents of Change in Tunisia's Interior Regions



Success Twinned by Challenge: An Urban IDP Response in Ethiopia



IDP-led Women's Assistance: New Roles for Traditional Groups

Video: Cities and Migration in Arua, Uganda



PROJECT UPDATES



HORN OF AFRICA

ETHIOPIA

A city-level registration and resource centre is up and running with staff in offices at the **Adama Municipality**, the **Adama City Migrants Network** Forum was launched, and the **Adama Model Clinic** was launched providing healthcare to IDPs.

A strategy was prepared to engage the diaspora in development planning in **Jigjiga**. Locations for three operational **diaspora coordination offices** at JJU, Jigjiga City Administration and the regional diaspora office have been identified and office equipment provided.

KENYA

Over 150 community members have been engaged in the initial project inception and allocation of land for the **Kakuma Kalobeyi corridor** plan in Turkana West subcounty.

The project engaged with local associations and communities identified through **multi-stakeholder meetings with refugees and the host community**. It has undertaken a desk review and developed a concept note and draft feasibility study for potential investment along the corridor.

UGANDA

Almost all of the 13,000 targeted households were enumerated in 2020 within the framework of a **Census of Urban Refugees** project.

A baseline study of **Jinja's urban poor** identified high poverty rates, limited access to basic and support services, and a low level of trust in the city administration and community organizations.

An annual national urban migration forum and biannual city and division workshops are being prepared that will bring all stakeholders together to develop a shared vision for **how the city should manage migration**.



NORTH AFRICA

TUNISIA

118 youth (81 in **Kairouan** and 37 in **Jendouba**, 65% of them women) submitted proposals for small entrepreneurial projects. **60 were funded through the project**, and the rest via the state employment agency and other micro-finance programmes.

Seven sites and itineraries (four in Jendouba and three in Kairouan) were identified and mapped out with the Regional Office for Tourism in Kairouan.

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GUATEMALA

Three capacity-building workshops were carried out with municipal staff, public institutions, and community actors in **Amatitlán** to further understand labour migration in Guatemala.

Initial agreements have been reached with the municipality and the Labour Ministry to advance school workshops to **promote labour inclusion and entrepreneurship among youth and women**.

In **San Marcos**, the project achieved its goal of providing **25,000 financial advisories** to formalize savings.

So far, **nearly US \$700,000 in remittances** have been formally saved, forming the basis for formal credit institutions to prepare credit products for local entrepreneurs in the next cycle of the project.

The After-school programme for middle school students enrolled **600 students** lending them mobile phones and internet packages to access online sessions.

