# 'Mobilizing urban level actors in multisectoral processes'

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## Main Activities

Two main target audiences: Mayors/City-leaders & Urban planners, engineers

- Healthy Cities, Healthy People (multiple partners)
- UN-Habitat work on Planning for healthy cities and territories:
  - Compendium of Inspiring practices
  - SOURCEBOOK: Integrating health in urban and territorial planning
  - Working with BOVA on dedicated training courses
  - Cites and Pandemics report
- Working with WHO:
  - WHO Techne: Development of a guideline for Market Places
  - Support to Technical Working Group on "Advancing Health Emergency Preparedness in Cities and Urban Settings in COVID-19 and Beyond".

## Planning for healthy cities and territories



To ensure that national, local leaders and professionals have the knowledge, indicators, guidance and tools to integrate health and well-being into urban development and decision-making processes.

## **Key areas of work**

GATHERING EVIDENCE and a building a KNOWLEDGE BASE

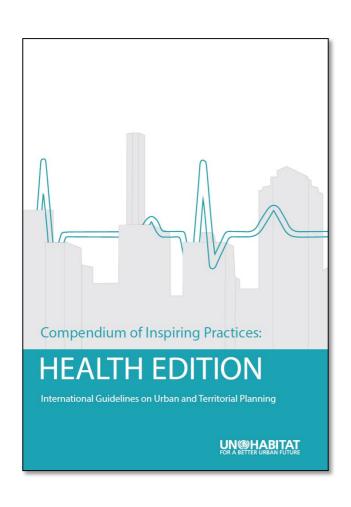
TOOL DEVELOPMENT, TESTING and APPLICATION

**CAPACITY BUILDING** 

4 DISEMINATION, ADVOCACY

PARTNERSHIP, and PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

## GATHERING EVIDENCE / BUILDING A KNOWLEDGE BASE



**Compendium of Inspiring practices: Health Edition** 

Collection and dissemination of best practices is an on-going work

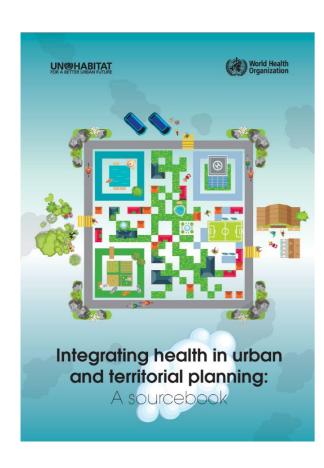
Open call for cases was done in mid-2018.

+70 cases were submitted; 25 were selected and publishes in the compendium.

Case studies had been used for further content development (e.g. Sourcebook) and as a resources for the delivery of trainings.



## GATHERING EVIDENCE, BUILDING A KNOWLEDGE BASE and TOOL DEVELOPMENT

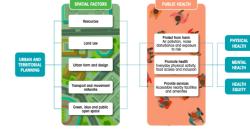


### **SOURCEBOOK: Integrating health in urban and territorial planning**

- Provides a better understanding on why is important to consider health in UTP and how to make it happen.
- Provides +70 resources, tools, case studies, approaches and entry points for integrating health into urban development.

## SOURCEBOOK: SELECTED KEY MESSAGES FOR PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTAION

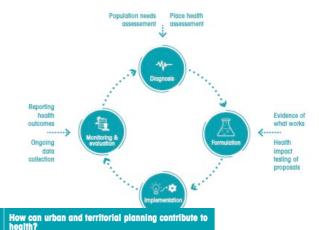
LINKING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASPECTS (Protecting from Harm, Promoting and providing health) with SPATIAL FACTORS



Intersectoral collaboration



Health as an outcome and not only as an output



and territorial planning? Health as an input:

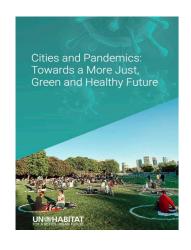
- · Contributing with health professionals' skills, expertise and resources, including data and
- Bringing on board new partners and collaborations

How can health unlock new opportunities for urban

- · Reducing the burden of disease and improving the context for UHC, including access to health care
- Helping to tackle the spatial and environmental "causes of the causes" of illness and health inequity
- Raising level of heath literacy specifically via

**Entry points!** 

## Cities and Pandemics: Towards a More Just Green and Healthy **Future**



For a comprehensive analysis between COVID-19 and cities through the lenses of urban morphology, inequality, urban economy and governance.

Chapter 1 Rethinking the Form and Function of the City provided in-depth analysis of how the pandemic and various health constrains impacted on the form and function of cities.

TERRITORIAL SYSTEMS AND

**Practical recommendations at all the planning levels** 

Critical Reflections on the narrative and preconditions between cities and health constrains

**Emerging Lessons and Opportunities!** 



## TOOLS DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, APPLICATION and CAPACITY BUILDING



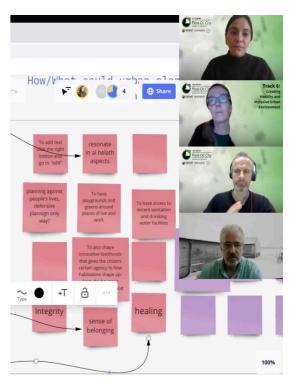
PLANNING SYSTEM
ASSESSMENT TOOL: Integrating health in the UTP



TRAINNING MANUAL: How to Integrate health in urban and territorial planning







Present and online workshops and trainings, China, Cameroon, Cape Town and Global



### What have we learnt?

1



Resources, knowledge, tools and theories in planning for health *are far* from fully reflected in on-the-ground practice in urban environments.

2



We identified the need to focus on articulating a framework for action, showing how and when resources that are widely available can be put to work.





There are limitation from actors and decisions-makers on looking for the most relevant resource in their own situation. An online resource database should be able to overcome the limitations



### **NEXT STEPS**

(Including existing partners and new partners who may want to join)

The next steps for urban and territorial planning for health must be anchored in a shared vision for a healthier future and the urgency of action. Considering, too, the risks to world health uncovered by the COVID-19 crisis. WHO's 'Manifesto for a healthy and green COVID-19 recovery. Dedicated VB- disease training for planners and engineers is needed!

### Undergoing next steps:

- Joint initiatives for capacity building. Including the creation of training packages, knowledge platforms, applied research, tools for application and influencing for policy change
- Invest in global and regional communities of practice, and making use of forums and platforms for dissemination and engagement.
- Identification of knowledge and policy gaps. Including gaps in the current curriculum for built environment
  and public health practitioners (basic education, advanced training, certification programs) and in the current
  policy environment.
- Technical support in research/policy/practice. Including gathering knowledge and data, developing advocacy, assisting in the development of tools and guidelines for their use.

## THANK YOU

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