SAFE URBAN ENVIRONMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
PROGRAM PRESENTATION
2021
OBJECTIVE

Overall: The program aims to improve safety and well-being of young people in urban environments, in both objective (actual safety) and subjective (feeling of safety) senses.

Specifically: the program aims to better understand urban systems and their influence on relational safety and wellbeing, build capacity within these systems, enable youth innovation to solve key challenges and trigger system-level changes for safer urban environments.

PRINCIPLES

The program will be built upon the principles of system change and relational wellbeing, acknowledging that safety and wellbeing stem from the relationships between the environmental, societal and personal drivers of people’s lives.
BASIC PROGRAM PARAMETERS

- Program focus countries

Year 1, Start with 2 cities in 2 countries

Fondation Botnar (co-funding to be sought)

GIB Foundation
Wellbeing drivers & markers

- Personal, societal, environmental
- Autonomy, relatedness, competence

**Topics In Scope**

- Safety
  - road traffic accidents, injuries, safe spaces, safe infrastructure
- Security
  - crime, violence, sexual abuse, discrimination
- Digital safety
- Climate change (clean air, heat protection, NBS)
- Placemaking, safe spaces, aesthetics
- Policing

**Enablers**

- Frontier technologies; Youth-led innovation & empowerment; Placemaking; Creativity; Green and nature

**Program Scope**

- Frontier technologies; Youth-led innovation & empowerment; Placemaking; Creativity; Green and nature

**Topics Out Of Scope**

- War
- Emergency / disaster contexts
- Street children
- Under 14 yrs, highest socioeconomic groups
- Unplanned urbanization; Lack of capacity of local government; Weak security system; Climate change; Weak data systems

**Barriers**

- Mega city contexts
- Child labour, child marriage
- Rural contexts
- FGM
- Human trafficking
DRAFT PROJECT COMPONENTS

1. System Understanding
   Support participating cities to better understand how safe their urban environments are for youth, through enhanced monitoring, measurement, data and engagement with young people.

2. Capacity & Empowerment
   Build local capacities to make urban environments safe for young people by establishing structures for meaningful engagement and empowerment of young people.

3. Innovation & youth-driven action
   Engage young people in a process that enables them to innovate to improve relational wellbeing and urban safety in a structure that links young people’s ideas to action and demonstrates a power shift by providing young people with decision making responsibility in relation to defined urban safety challenges.

4. System Change
   Use components 1, 2 and 3 to provoke a broader system change by influencing the underlying elements that predicate safety for young people in urban environments.
PROPOSED DELIVERY MODALITY – YEAR 1

1. DEVELOPMENT
- Engage Partners.
- Short list eligible cities.
- Select cities.
- Co-develop and prototype city-engagement model in 2 cities.
- Upgrade engagement model for the future.

2. IMPLEMENTATION
- Engage cities in the following 'rounds'
  1. understand the system
  2. capacity development
  3. innovate with young people
  4. contribute to system change
- Convene a learning network of cities once in the year.
- Upgrade city engagement model and seek opportunities to extend project.

3. PHASE OUT
- Activate mechanisms for self-sustaining continuation e.g.:
  - Continuation of learning network
  - Ongoing public and private support of innovations.
  - Monitoring of system changes affected.

FROM A PARTICIPATING CITY’S PERSPECTIVE:

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<td>Learn about the program and share what your city’s current situation, initiatives and challenges are.</td>
<td>Express your interest to participate in the form of an application.</td>
<td>Cities commit to a contribution: time, space, resources, political commitment.</td>
<td>The program provides expertise and support to: 1. better understand urban safety through data and engagement; 2. train staff; 3. engage with young people to innovate central topics of urban safety, and have these innovations implemented.</td>
<td>After joining the program, cities will have access to a learning network of other cities to share lessons learnt, innovations and best practices. Cities will also engage in dialogue on how to make systemic improvements to the way urban safety is addressed.</td>
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INNOVATION ENGINE

EMPOWERED YOUTH CONTRIBUTING TO A SYSTEM WIDE CHANGE

ON-RAMP
Young people are engaged through mentoring capacity development connections and bridge building

IMPACTS AND SYSTEMIC CHANGE DRIVING IMPROVEMENTS FOR SAFE URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

OFF RAMP
Implementation support Technical development support Communication Advocacy

INNOVATION ENGINE

1. ECOSYSTEM BUILDING
2. IDEATION
3. CODESIGN
4. ENDORSE
5. LAUNCH
6. MONITORING

Impacts and systemic changes feed into progressive iterative design

IMPACTS AND SYSTEMIC CHANGE DRIVING IMPROVEMENTS FOR SAFE URBAN ENVIRONMENTS
META-THEORY OF CHANGE
Safe spaces mean everyone moves easily without fear.

– the voice of a young man in Jordan
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