Safe and Sound City (S²City) Program

What?

S²City is a global, open and iterative program...

...which empowers young people by involving them in decision-making processes...

...and scales up sustainable and practical solutions for improving urban safety.

Aim

To create urban environments that are safer for young people through empowerment and innovation.

How?

1. System understanding
2. Capacity building and empowerment
3. Innovation and youth-driven action
4. Systemic improvements and scaling

When? Phase 1: 2021 - 2024

Development

Implementation

Scale & phase out

Why?

By 2030, 60% of urban populations is expected to be under the age of 18 (UNFPA, 2012).

Young people are particularly vulnerable to risks of rapid urbanisation. They often lack safe spaces and the opportunities, capacities and structures to exercise their right to safety.

Public and private actors have a responsibility to involve young people in decision-making processes and to realize their right to safety.

Where?

The global program will roll out in different phases and seeks co-funding to scale up in various cities in the coming years.
THEORY OF CHANGE
HOW WE WILL DRIVE SYSTEMIC CHANGE

1 SYSTEM UNDERSTANDING
REVEALS TACTICAL TRIGGERS FOR CHANGE

- Youth Engagement
- Stakeholder Mapping
- Systemic Analysis
- Data Collection

IMPACT:
SAFER URBAN ENVIRONMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

2 CAPACITY & EMPOWERMENT
FOSTERS SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

- Gap Research
- Training
- Capacity Development
- Private Sector Engagement

3 INNOVATION & YOUTH-DRIVEN ACTION
CHALLENGES THE STATUS QUO

- Applying design-thinking methodology
- Framing new mindsets to tackle complex safety issues
- Harnessing young people’s creativity to solve real challenges

4 SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT & SCALE
GENERATES WIDESPREAD CHANGE

- Research
- Advocacy
- Global Learning Network
- Communications

Adapting and improving methods to fit local contexts
Scaling the learnings to other cities
Changing the system on a personal, societal and environmental level

Looking at safety from young people’s perspectives
Examining the inter-relations of safety issues which affect young people
Analysing the root-cause of safety issues

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