

Reducing disaster risk and building city resilience



Making
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Resilient

Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) is an initiative led by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and its partners to support cities in taking action to reduce disaster risk in alignment with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

Launched in October 2020 and operational in January 2021, MCR2030 emerges from a decade long of advocacy and capacity building work that reached more than 4,000 cities across the globe within the network of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign.

Being part of this initiative allows local authorities to develop their capacities to plan, implement and monitor disaster risk reduction actions and to participate in a global city network.

“ My city is getting ready. Is yours? ”

Why is local level resilience important?

“The challenges of disaster risk reduction and resilience-building bring enormous challenges. This requires cooperation and a systematic process forward.” Janet Edwards, Sendai Framework Focal Point, Sweden

Humanity faces global challenges which can be perceived through the effects of climate change, COVID-19, and other systemic disasters. It is at the local level where the impacts of such disasters are felt and need to be managed to ensure social, economic, and environmental protection.

Local governments are at the forefront of disasters and are key actors across the disaster risk management cycle. Building resilient cities means to take proactive action towards understanding and planning to prevent risk, as well as learning how to be flexible and agile to prepare, respond and recover from disasters.

Resilience is a pathway that local governments authorities are called to take action and work collectively on in order to create safer and sustainable cities, and to contribute to the transformation of nations and society as a whole.

What does MCR2030 offer?

- (i) A roadmap for cities with defined commitments over time on how to improve local resilience;
- (ii) Suite of tools and knowledge guidance that helps cities' understanding of how to better reduce risk and build resilience;
- (iii) A global partnership and network with expertise across urban resilience, DRR, climate change and SDGs, keeping cities connected with global coherent policies towards achieving the 2030 Agenda;
- (iv) Regional networks of partners with implementation experience connecting cities into a movement that can transform vulnerable places and spaces;
- (v) An online dashboard application allowing cities to record, monitor and evaluate progress.
- (vi) A marketplace registry for cities to find specialist service providers to implement reducing disaster/climate risks and supporting risk-informed local development

MCR2030 Tools

MCR2030 offers a series of tools to assist cities throughout their process of building resilience and reducing disaster risk. All of them are rooted in the 10 Essentials framework which are the principles that guide risk reduction actions to ensure a comprehensive, multi-hazard, and whole of society approach.



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MCR2030 in the Europe Region

MCR2030 operates at two levels simultaneously. At the global level, the MCR2030 implementation and delivery strategy is negotiated, agreed and formed by the Core Partners coordinated through the Global Coordinating Committee (GCC). The regional level is where the MCR2030 implementation and support to cities occurs.

Through its Regional Coordination Committee (RCC-Europe), MCR2030 brings together key regional partners and selected city representatives, responsible for coordinating and ensuring synergies among regional partners in providing technical support to cities to empower them to progress along the resilience roadmap.

The RCC-Europe secretariat will also support cities in making connections with national and regional regulations and policies to ensure coherence and foster vertical coordination and collaboration among these levels of governance, while promoting the city-to-city networking and learning in the region.

Join the MCR2030 network

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Here are the steps to join the global MCR2030 network of leading resilient cities:

1. Find out which stage your city is on the resilience roadmap: Cities and local governments are requested to complete the [survey](#) to determine the entry point on the resilience roadmap.
2. Download the template of the letter of commitment and have it endorsed by the Mayor or Chief Executive or equivalent of the local government. The template will be available on completion of the survey.
4. Sign-up to the MCR2030 dashboard (Available from Q1/2021) Create the city profile on the MCR2030 dashboard.
5. Upload the signed letter of commitment: The documents must be uploaded to confirm the participation in the MCR2030.
6. Start the journey along the resilience roadmap: Once the sign-up is confirmed, you can access tools and guidance available in the MCR2030 dashboard and take actions to improve resilience.
7. Do not forget to download the certificate of membership.

How resilient is my city?

MCR2030 offers a roadmap and tools to help cities identifying and progressing with their resilience efforts.

RESILIENCE ROADMAP

Cities KNOW better

STAGE A

(City engagement)

Commitment to move along a pathway to develop and implement a DRR and resilience strategy

Cities PLAN Better

STAGE B

(City engagement)

Commitment to move forward towards development of a DRR and resilience strategy and ensure development plans are risk-informed

Cities IMPLEMENT better

STAGE C

(City engagement)

Commitment to implement and mainstream DRR and resilience across all sectors and to share experiences



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For more information, access the MCR2030 website at www.mcr2030.undrr.org and contact UNDRR Regional Office for Europe at mcr2030-europe@un.org.

We look forward to working with your city!