Today, 4.2 billion people live in cities and that number is growing by 1.5 million each week. 90% of this urban growth will occur in developing countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.¹

City infrastructure enables economic activity and growth. Rapid urbanization in the world’s poorest cities is fueling an annual infrastructure financing gap in excess of US$3.2 trillion.²

By convening and preparing a pipeline of SDG-compliant, bankable infrastructure projects, this new facility makes a significant contribution to achieving the UN’s 2030 Agenda.

This facility complements existing investment facilities by looking at enhancing early-stage design and origination particularly in secondary cities in frontier and emerging markets. It is further unique in its focus on the broad range of the SDGs, urban masterplan-integrated projects, and its global scope with a project pipeline spanning across three main regions and ten sub-sectors.

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**UN-Habitat is:**

Building a pipeline of bankable, sustainable urban development projects

**Value Proposition:**

Preparing upstream projects at the (pre)feasibility stage to unlock greater capital flows for financing sustainable urbanization

**Facility Objectives:**

- Manage a pipeline of urban development projects
- Align projects to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Provide advisory services for project preparation
- Promote blended financing
- Facilitate project - investor matchmaking

**Criteria for Projects:**

1. Undergone preliminary scoping & preparation supported by a business case and demand study
2. Part of city’s broader development strategy
3. Matches UN-Habitat geographical footprint
4. Regional or National government commitment
5. Demonstrated linkages to SDG Goals & indicators

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¹ By 2050, 68% of the world’s population will live in cities.
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Current CIF Pipeline Projects

Indicative Project Sectors

- Affordable Housing 10%
- Water & Sanitation 13%
- Waste Management 12%
- Informal Settlements Upgrading 7%
- Roads and Bridges 7%
- Energy 8%
- Others 8%
- Transport & Mobility 16%

Covid Priority Sectors:
- Affordable Housing
- Water & Sanitation
- Waste Management
- Informal Settlements Upgrading

Indicative Regional Distribution

- Latin America and the Caribbean 26%
- Asia and the Pacific 23%
- Western Asia and Arab States 19%
- Africa 49%

Cities Investment Facility Pipeline

Projects are showcased on the CI Portal, which allows city officials to reach out to a global audience of investors and access a community of stakeholders at the ideation stage.

Projects from around the world are invited to submit urban infrastructure projects. These projects are assessed and shortlisted.

Projects will work with the CIAP, an initiative providing advisory services on upstream project preparation, bankability, and SDG-impact.

Projects will access the CI Vehicles, who are brokers or funds that provide diverse and blended sources of capital to enable cities to begin implementing their projects.

Open Call 2022

Projects from around the world are invited to submit urban infrastructure projects. These projects are assessed and shortlisted.

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