

UN-Habitat's Sustainable Urban Development Project Pipeline & Preparation Facility



Cities Investment Facility

Today, 4.4 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.

This rapid urbanisation and infrastructure growth is fuelling **an annual infrastructure financing gap of US\$15 trillion per year globally**. Thus, there is a need to engage a diverse range of actors to attract substantial private capital to public infrastructure projects.

By convening and preparing a pipeline of SDG-compliant and investor ready infrastructure projects, the **Cities Investment Facility (CIF) strives to unlock significant capital flows to inclusive, sustainable urbanisation projects**. Through its three pillars – Cities Investment Portal, Cities Investment Advisory Platform and Cities Investment Vehicles – CIF helps prepare upstream infrastructure projects at the (pre)feasibility stage to become “investable” and connect them with investors.

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.

VALUE PROPOSITION

Support to local governments to develop financeable and sustainable infrastructure projects and enable flow of capital into urban projects

FACILITY OBJECTIVES

Manage a pipeline of sustainable 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

Undergone preliminary scoping & preparation supported by a business case and demand study

Part of city's broader development strategy

Matches UN-Habitat geographical footprint

Regional and/or national government commitment

Demonstrated linkages to SDG Goals & Indicators

The three pillars of CIF

1 Cities Investment Portal

2 Cities Investment Advisory Platform

3 Cities Investment Vehicles

US\$ **15** Trillion

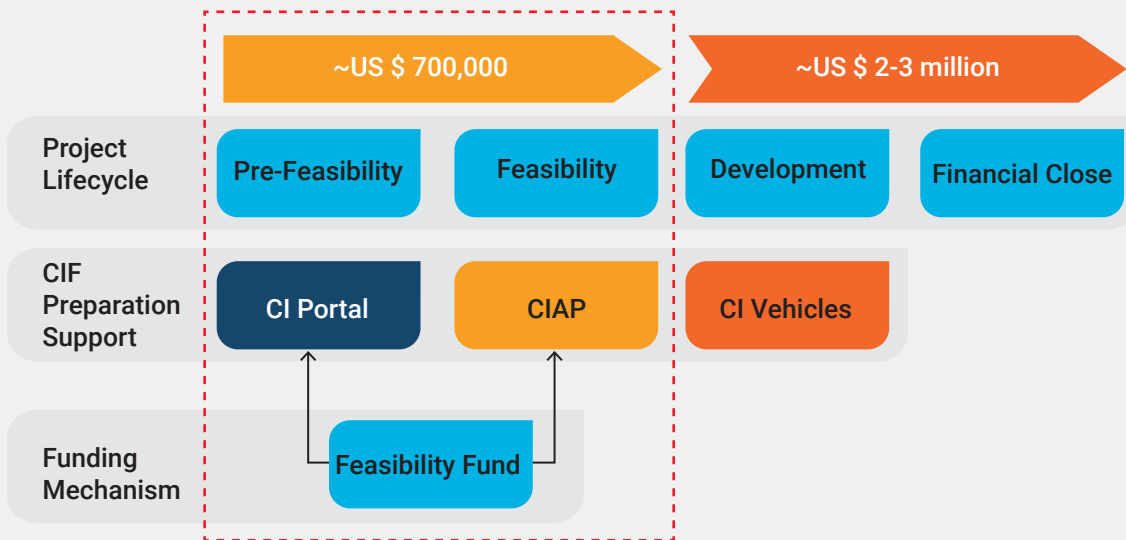
¹The annual infrastructure financing gap per year globally which is fuelled by the rapid urbanisation and infrastructure growth.

4.4 Billion

²The number of people that live in cities today



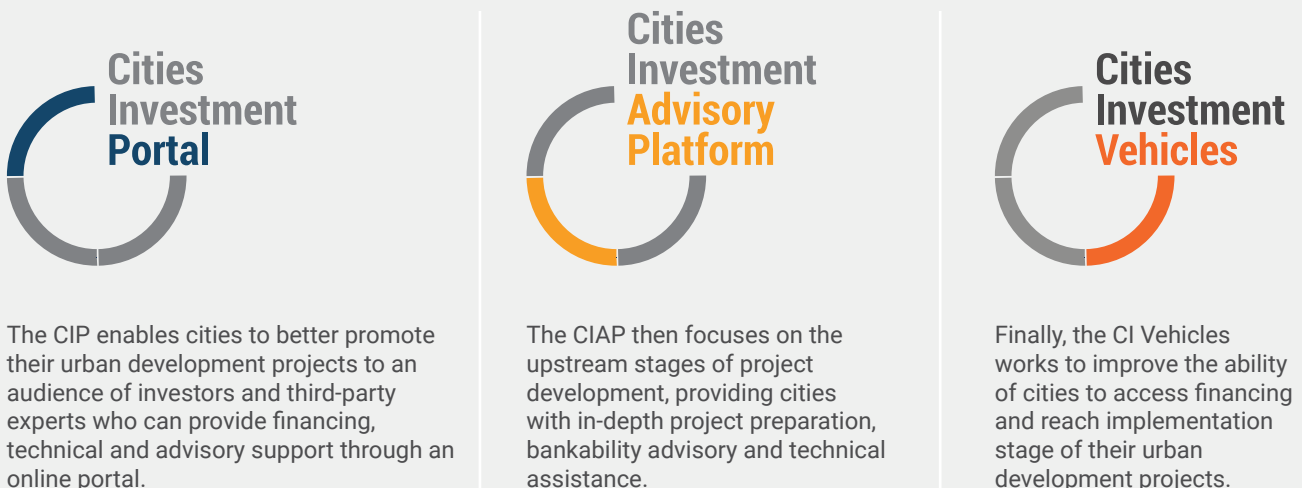
CITIES INVESTMENT FACILITY PROCESS FLOW POWERED BY THE FEASIBILITY FUND



CIF seeks to establish a feasibility fund to fund project preparation from pre-feasibility to feasibility stage. The CIAP will be the primary beneficiary of the fund, to fund project preparation cost estimated at \$700,000 per project.

CIF STRUCTURE

A series of three instruments work to engage city authorities, investors and other stakeholders in CIF: The Cities Investment Portal (CIP), Cities Investment Advisory Platform (CIAP) and Cities Investment Vehicles (CI Vehicles).



¹ <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/private-equity-and-principal-investors/our-insights/mckinseys-private-markets-annual-review>

² <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/urbandevelopment/overview>