

The Supporting Material for the Implementation of the Unece Publications “guidelines for Formalization of Informal Constructions” and “COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region”

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SUMMARY

Cities face many grave serious threats, with the COVID-19 pandemic being the most immediate one. The achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals will help mitigate or prevent many of these threats. Urban challenges are especially acute within informal settlements where living conditions bring often unnecessary suffering to their residents. UNECE has prepared a number of publications to address problems in informal settlements in the region. The most recent publications are the Guidelines for Formalization of Informal Constructions, published in 2019 and the “COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region”, both developed under the guidance and supervision of the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration. Many countries have shown interest in both publications and have already tried to implement the Guidelines. The recovery Action Plan was endorsed at the eighty-second session of the UN Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2021 and its implementation is anticipated to begin soon. Stakeholders interested to initiate implementation of both publications requested additional support on how to prioritize and organize the work. The structure of the Recovery Action Plan, its goals, targets and actions are presented in a separate presentation.

This paper presents all complementary information and the supporting material that is prepared to enable the successful implementation of formalization and building back better informal settlements in the post-Covid 19 era. This includes documents such as policy briefs and city assessment reports as well as the e-lectures prepared both for the Guidelines for Formalization of Informal Constructions and for each of the following policy areas of the Recovery Action Plan:

Policy Area 1 - Geospatial, land rights, tenure, resource allocation and

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Policy Area 2 - Involvement of local communities, and local action

Policy Area 3 - Basic data needs, telecommunication and information technology

Policy Area 4 - Physical infrastructure, water, sanitation and energy services

Policy Area 5 - Social and infrastructure services

Policy Area 6 - Stay-at-home recommendations, culture and vulnerable groups

Policy Area 7 - Food, basic consumption and distribution

Policy Area 8 - Environmental concerns, green spaces, recreation and social events

Policy Area 9 - Buildings, construction and land planning

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