



# SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



## WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Goal 11 is based on promoting human development to create safe, resilient, and inclusive cities. Cities represent the future of global life. The world population reached 8 billion in 2022, with more than half living in urban areas. This figure is expected to continue to rise, with an estimated 70% of the population living in cities by 2050.

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## WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE?

Significant progress has been made since the implementation of the SDGs in 2015, and the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies has now doubled. However, problems persist, and in 2022, only half of the urban population had convenient access to public transportation.

## WHY ARE CITIES NOT PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE?

Most urban growth is occurring in small cities and intermediate towns, exacerbating inequalities and urban poverty. Up to 3 billion people worldwide have difficulty accessing housing, and 1.12 billion live in slums or informal settlements without basic services.

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## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING CHALLENGUES FACING CITIES

By 2040, more than 2 billion urban residents could face an additional temperature increase of at least 0.5°C, and 36% of the world's urban population could experience average annual temperatures of 29°C or higher. By 2025, 1 billion people will live in areas prone to severe river flooding, half of them in cities. Inequality and levels of urban energy consumption and pollution are among the challenges. Cities occupy only 3% of the world's land area, but account for 60% to 80% of energy consumption and 75% of carbon emissions.

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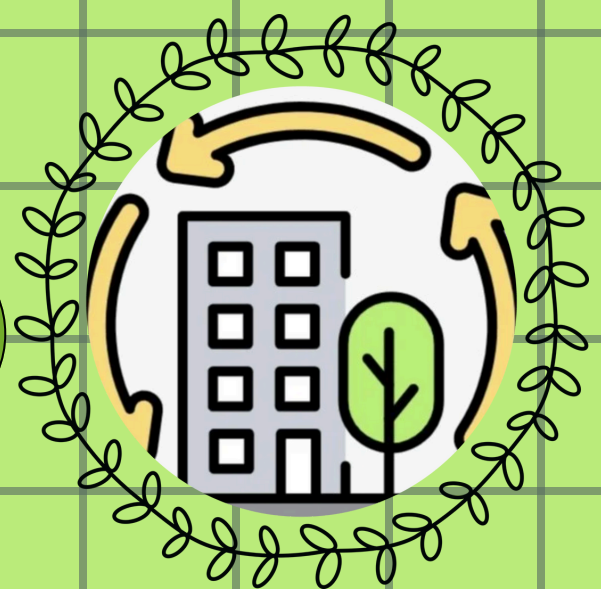


## HOW DOES THIS AFFECT US?

Inequality can lead to unrest and insecurity; pollution damages everyone's health and affects worker productivity and, therefore, the economy; and natural disasters can disrupt everyone's lifestyle. Air pollution, which affects the health of millions of people, is not just a problem

By choosing to act sustainably, we choose to build cities where all citizens enjoy a decent quality of life and are part of the city's productive dynamic, creating shared prosperity and social stability without harming the environment.

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## IS IT EXPENSIVE TO IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES?

It is not too expensive, but the benefits it will bring to cities make it worth the investment.

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