

## Building inclusive and sustainable cities and communities

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Today 55% of the world's population lives in urban areas and that figure is expected to reach 68% by 2050<sup>1</sup>. As the complexities of urban life grow, communities and local leaders are at the forefront of finding sustainable solutions to poverty and inadequate housing, hunger and health, clean water, energy, environmental degradation and climate change, infrastructure, transport, education, migration, violence and gender equality. These and other challenges are interconnected with similar issues in rural areas and municipalities of all sizes, where activists and civil society organizations partner with governments and the private sector to ensure that communities are inclusive, equitable and sustainable.

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The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a blueprint for action, advocacy and partnership, and a compass to ensure that no one is left behind, including those who are poor and vulnerable. Women and young people are seizing opportunities to participate fully and prominently as leaders in these efforts, and there are numerous examples of local action contributing to achieving national frameworks and bringing about global impact. Tf1 0 a1.07593(g)4(in)5(g)4( abo)-3( abo)-3(uaht n)12(o)-5( 0 G -0.07)-4(p2 0 61g-3(g)4

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