

# Liveable and Inclusive Cities for All (LICA)

## Background

Bangladesh faces the dual challenge of managing its rapid urbanisation in a sustainable way while adapting to the enormous impacts of climate change. Urban areas, especially those near the coast or along rivers are severely affected by climate change, including flooding, overheating, and extreme weather events such as storms and droughts. The government of Bangladesh predicts that between 16 to 26 million people will be forced to leave their homes and migrate to cities as a result of climate change between 2011 and 2050.

Because they are growing so fast, cities are experiencing complex problems for which they are not well equipped. The increasing degradation of the urban environment particularly affects valuable 'green spaces' such as public parks, playgrounds and riverbanks, and 'blue spaces' such as water reservoirs, canals, ponds and rivers. These spaces are often lost to urban sprawl. Dense urbanisation impairs their functions as air filters, floodplains, and drainage areas, as well as their role in heat reduction and biodiversity. The situation is aggravated by urban management challenges, of which waste management is a key element. Environmental problems and the lack of adequate urban environmental

services have a negative impact on the quality of life and livelihoods of city dwellers.

## Objective

The project aims to enhance the quality of life of city residents through improved capacity for the provision of integrated and inclusive urban environmental management services.

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## Approach

In order to achieve this objective, the Liveable and Inclusive Cities for All (LICA) project supports the administrations of the growing cities in Bangladesh by means of targeted capacity development measures.

It focuses on improving the management of green spaces, water bodies and waste and will initially work with four cities: Khulna, Rajshahi, Satkhira, and Sirajganj. Six additional multiplier cities will be reached through dissemination mechanisms. The project also aims to support the development of guidelines and training measures provided at the national level.

To achieve its objective, the project involves stakeholders at different levels and focuses on the following specific areas of action:

- Targeted measures strengthen the institutional conditions and the competencies of relevant actors in the cities for urban environmental management.
- Partner cities develop and implement environmental awareness raising strategies in cooperation with civil society and private sector actors.
- Inclusive and gender-sensitive participatory platforms (Urban Labs) develop demonstration projects for the delivery of environmental management services. Their experiences are fed into local management models.

- A national guideline takes up and disseminates the models and good practices for urban environmental management. This will be accompanied by dialogue and exchange events between national and local institutions to facilitate policy dialogue and knowledge transfer.

## Intended Results

- Officials from ten partner cities have access to practical knowledge on inclusive and climate-smart urban environmental management. They know how to use this knowledge to respond to environmental challenges in their cities.
- Four partner cities have improved their institutional frameworks and have implemented institutional development and environmental awareness activities. They are addressing the needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups, especially women, children, the elderly and low-income communities.
- In four partner cities, inclusive approaches to cooperation on urban environmental issues are established, bringing together city authorities, civil society and the private sector.
- Satisfaction of residents in partner cities with the provision of environmental services has increased.

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