

Session 8. Partners' Showcase

What Can Trust Funds Unlock for Climate Adaptation and Resilience?

Lessons from the Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF) and Next Chapter through the Urban Resilience Trust Fund (URTF)

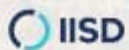
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UCCRTF-Supported Project

Revitalization of Informal Settlements and
their Environments (RISE), a pilot project
in Makassar, Indonesia

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Sand dune restoration pilot project in
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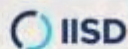
UCCRTF at a Glance

Lessons from a Decade of Building Resilience and Catalyzing Investments

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Funding was not the only gap.

Cities often needed the conditions to turn resilience priorities into investable action.

CLIMATE RISK

Growing exposure and vulnerability

EVIDENCE GAP

Limited diagnostics, data, or metrics

CAPACITY GAP

People and institutions need stronger tools

PROJECT READINESS GAP

Priorities are not yet investment-ready

UCCRTF's role

Bridge the gaps between resilience ambition and investment.

UCCRTF: More than a decade of impact

2013–2025

A relatively small pool of catalytic resources influenced projects, policies, and financing at scale.



TOTAL RESOURCES

\$101.94 million

KEY RESULTS



7

countries



35

priority cities



74

projects



7.78 M

people supported



28,580

people reached through knowledge

From

\$55.6 million

in catalytic support to project preparation and implementation

From

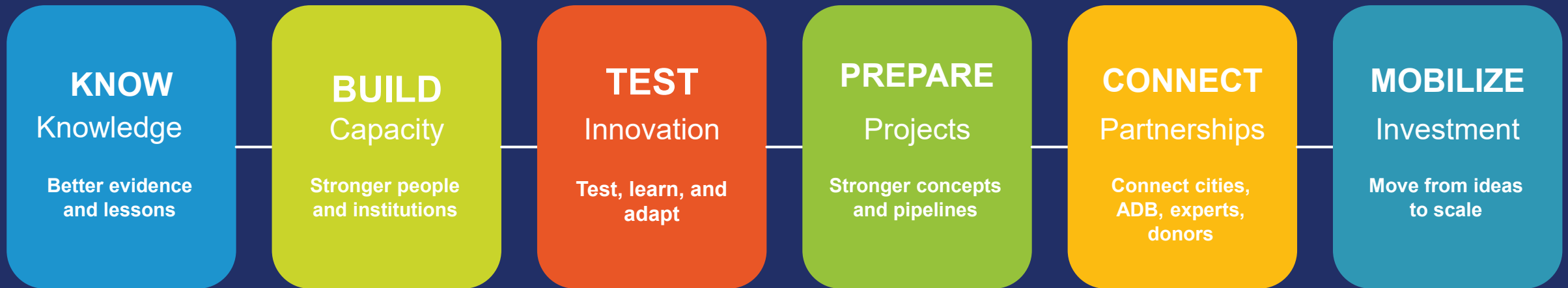
\$10.5 billion

in approved linked investments

\$1:\$189

Every \$1 of support helped unlock \$189 in downstream investments

A catalytic model: small inputs, multiple pathways to impact



**The value of a trust fund is not only what it pays for..
It is what it makes possible next.**

Lessons learned

What 12 years with the UCCRTF teaches about building resilient cities

1

**Think Beyond
Infrastructure**

2

**Anchor
Resilience in
Policy and
Planning**

3

**Start Early,
Think Long-Term**

4

**Lead with
People**

5

**Know More,
Act Better**

6

**Unlock
Private Sector
Solutions**

Lessons learned

1

Think Beyond Infrastructure

Shift from asset-centric thinking to an integrated approach to resilience.

Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS)

Helped cities move beyond conventional large-scale sanitation through knowledge, capacity building.

Incorporated CWIS into loan projects in **India, Nepal, Philippines, Viet Nam, and Indonesia**



2

Anchor Resilience in Policy and Planning

Embed resilience in policies, strategies, plans and regulations.

Philippine Health Facilities Development Plan 2020-2040

Embedded climate and disaster resilience and energy efficiency in national health plan.

Influenced **\$600M** ADB policy-based loan



3

Start Early, Think Long-Term

The concept stage is the strongest entry point for shaping resilience outcomes.

Coastal Towns Environmental Improvement Project → Coastal Towns Climate Resilience Project, Bangladesh

Supported climate risk and vulnerability assessments for 22 towns which informed the design of the larger CTCRP, integrating physical and nonphysical resilience measures.

22 Coastal Towns
\$250M ADB loan with 90% attributed to climate adaptation.



Lessons learned

4

Lead with People

Participatory and bottom approaches ensure that resilience reach the most vulnerable groups.

Community-Led Initiatives (CLIs)

- Designed and/or implemented CLIs on waste, flood protection, disaster response, and green spaces.
- Informed the development of the Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP).

37 initiatives
11 cities
5 countries



5

Know More, Act Better

Better data and analysis help cities act with confidence.

Integrated climate-informed nature-based solutions in New Clark City (NCC), Philippines

Reviewed NCC master plan to demonstrate the resilience and recreational benefits of allowing the river's natural system to function.

Recommendations shaped the **River Park** and subsequent **ADB-supported initiatives**



6

Unlock Private Solutions

Upstream resilience work can create the enabling environment for private investment.

Green affordable housing for women in India

Supported capacity development and helped build the knowledge base and market for green, affordable housing while advancing financing inclusion and gender equality.

Linked to a **\$68 million** ADB loan to private sector in green affordable housing



Scale what worked.
Deepen what matters.
Unlock transformation.



Lessons learned.
Greater impact ahead.



Multi-donor trust fund



\$84.73 million*

*FCDO funding is subject to contribution arrangements and availability of resources



27 Countries



HOLISTIC

Integrate physical, ecological, social and institutional, and financial resilience.



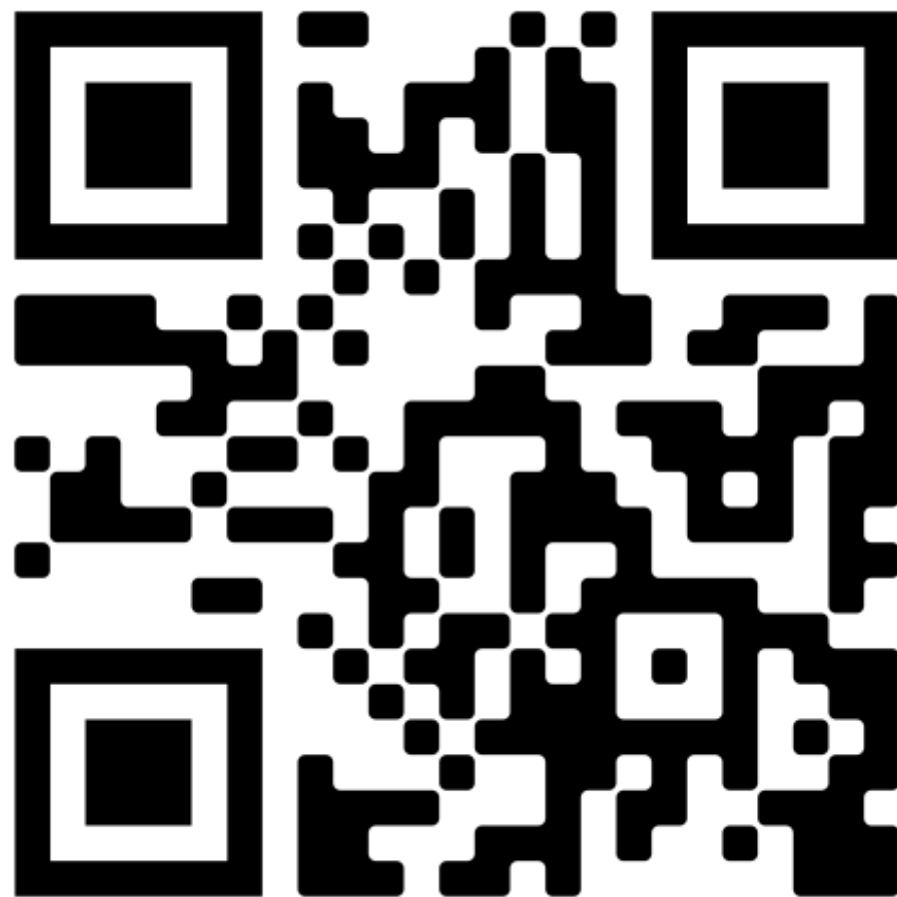
SYSTEMATIC

Embed resilience in planning and project design from the outset.



MEASURABLE

Track outcomes that demonstrate resilience and adaptation impact.



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UCCRTF-Supported Project

Mubarak Pura Park, a nature-based
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After



Before



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Closing Remarks



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3MW floating solar power project, a pilot project in Visakhapatnam, India



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