

IMPROVING HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN URBAN CRISIS

- A PERSPECTIVE FROM CITIES IN CRISIS -

Update on Urban Consultations, April 2016

Consultations Overview

With a view to contributing to the work of the World Humanitarian Summit “to strengthen the resilience of crisis-affected communities in urban contexts”, and within the framework of the newly established Global Alliance for Urban Crisis, IMPACT and the UCLG Task Force on Local and Regional Governments Disaster Response are currently facilitating a series of broad-based consultations in cities recently affected by crisis.

The **aim** of these consultations, which will be co-led by local authorities from targeted cities, is to:

1. identify key lessons learned from the city-specific contexts, in close cooperation with local authorities;
2. translate them into a set of concrete recommendations on how to improve humanitarian responses to urban crisis, and act as a basis for future urban initiatives and responses.

Consultation Process

Each consultation, conducted between January and March 2016, focuses on distinct challenges of humanitarian responses in urban areas, for which the targeted urban center provides a good illustration, as follows:

Theme	Country	City
Urban no built zones affected by disasters	Philippines	Guiuan, Tacloban, Bogo
Cities hosting refugees	Jordan	Mafraq
	Turkey	Gaziantep
Cities in Conflict	CAR	Bangui
	Mali	Gao
Evacuation of population after major disaster	Haiti	Port au Prince

Process: Mayors agree to be part of the consultations in targeted cities and cooperate with IMPACT/UCLG for the following activities:

- **Step 1:** Pre-consultations based on defined questions per city, including NNGOs, INGOs, UN, donors, and local stakeholders;
- **Step 2:** Consultations with all stakeholders, co-facilitated by IMPACT/UCLG and Mayors
- **Step 3:** Report preparation, to be endorsed by all relevant actors

Outputs and dissemination

Outputs: Findings from the consultations will be compiled into:

- City specific reports (one per city), four pages each, and
- 1 overarching synthetic report, two to three pages

Dissemination: The findings of such consultations will be broadly circulated and presented by IMPACT and UCLG/CUF, together with mayors of cities involved in the study at an appropriate global venue. IMPACT/UCLG will be hosting a side event during the WHS which will include a presentation of the study. This study could potentially be presented at other key venues, including Habitat III.