

Experiences and Lessons from Cities and Communities Recovering from Disasters during the Pandemic



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Solidarity in Facing the Pandemic



UCLG ASPAC bridges its members to distribute donations of health equipment and supplies



UCLG ASPAC has distributed about 400,000 of surgical masks in total, and 300 thermometers from Haikou, Xian, Yiwu, Guangzhou and Zhengzhou City of the People's Republic of China to Jakarta, Surabaya, Bogor, Yogyakarta, Pangkalpinang, Wakatobi and Padang in Indonesia, Lahore in Pakistan, Iriga, and Makati in the Philippines.

Advancing UCLG ASPAC Function as Knowledge Hub

UCLG ASPAC generates knowledge, documents smart practices and facilitates dialogue between LGs, LGAs and other stakeholders to foster exchange of innovations in handling and recovering from COVID-19



- ❖ Entries of smart practices and quick guide/lesson learned are accessible at: <https://uclg-aspac.org/en/what-local-governments-need-to-know-in-tackling-covid-19-challenge/>
- ❖ Virtual discussion forum (web-shares) to discuss initiatives in tackling the pandemic are being conducted every week since April 2020 (bi-weekly for the Asia Pacific level, and bi-weekly for Indonesian audience).

UCLG DECALOGUE for the COVID-19 aftermath

“An opportunity to take responsibility towards future generations”

1. **Guaranteeing Public Services**
2. **Financial Support Packages**
3. **Proximity models of global consumption and production**
4. **A worldwide green deal**
5. **New citizenship and freedoms for renewed democracy**
6. **Generation Equality**
7. **Territories that care for their public providers**
8. **Culture as an antidote for the secondary effects**
9. **An interurban system**
10. **Next Generation Multilateralism**



We share the revitalisation and reinvention initiatives started by cities in this new era brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our platform presents initiatives, projects and actions, directly uploaded by their creators, in a two-part structure:

A broad range of examples of first-hand practice, showing how local and regional governments are managing the crisis and planning their recovery

Initiatives involving direct community engagement that aim to tackle the crisis from a bottom-up approach

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Local Initiatives to Mitigate COVID-19 Impacts

Supply Chain -> Food Resilient

Basic goods on the Wheel in Iriga City, the Philippines

Set up an entire kitchen in Patiala, India (community kitchen) in order to arrange 20-30k people food every day for the 4-5 months of lock down.

Economic & Stimulus package -> Safety Net Programme

Jeonju City safety net programme is the best practice in South Korea

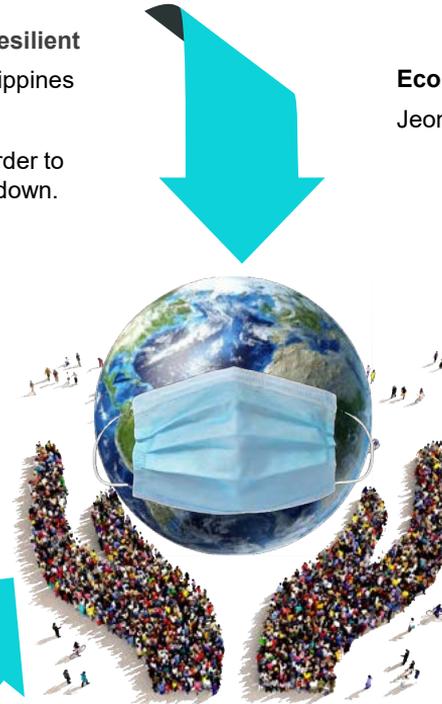
Jeju Island has initiated to promote outbound and open space tourism in new normal era for domestic "hiking, biking, cycling, and campaign"

Technology -> Digital Service

Traditional Market online-based (Joygakarta City, Indonesia)

Using **health codes** and **five-color epidemic maps** by Hangzhou, China to protect the driver and passage safety

In the field of online car-hailing, the "green code for drivers on duty and green code for passengers to place orders" was launched to ensure the safety of online car-hailing transportation.



Community Engagement -> Grassroot Voluntary

Jogo Tonggo (neighborhood initiative in Central Java, Indonesia)

Data Synchronization -> Big Data

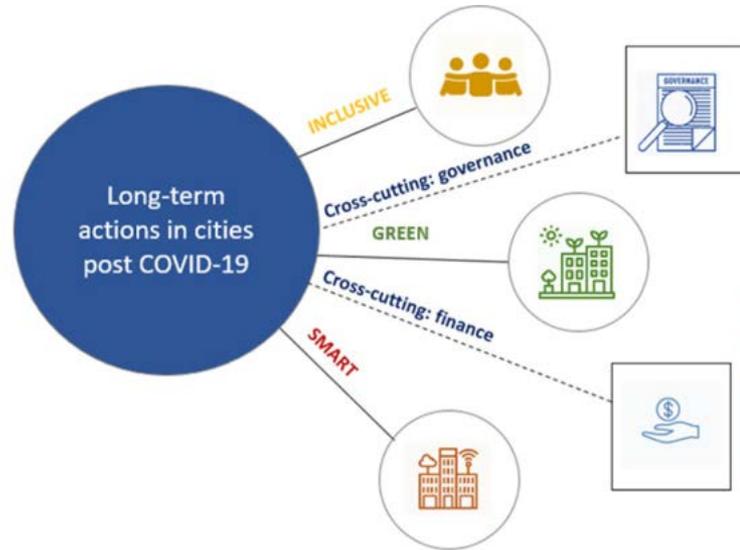
COVID-19 Local Dashboard Template, Satu Data in Indonesia

Post Disaster and COVID-19 Recovery Initiative in Palu City, Indonesia



- Palu City was hit by major natural disaster (earthquake, tsunami, and liquefaction in 2018)
- UCLG ASPAC and Cities Unies France have launched a solidarity call for build back better
- The initiative has been focusing on recovery phase such as learning, building public facility, and supporting local economic development.
- For the COVID-19 recovery initiative, it will be continued to strengthen the small medium enterprises assistance.

Recommendations in Mid to Long Term Recovery



Policy measures and investments in cities that are grounded in the commitment to sustainability, in key economic infrastructure areas such as transport, energy and telecommunication, will not only help fighting the COVID-19, but will also enable the region to pursue its sustainable development and address climate change.

Example: Promoting Jeju Tourism in the post COVID-19 era

- Tourism Cooperative Committee: 23 members from 13 bodies, governance for market recovery
- Safe Tourism System: Periodic epidemic sterilization, Tourism Clean Zone Service
- Tourism Infrastructure Improvement: Big Data System, Tourism Promotion Ordinance Revision
- Damage Support: Extension of Casino Tax Payment Term, Hotel Grade Evaluation Postponement
- Tourism Market Recovery: On/offline Marketing, Jeju Tourism Boom-up Contest, Convention Industry Marketing etc.

Key Takeaways

LGs has taken various innovative solution to handle the pandemic and its impact. The following approach can be beneficial when applied in planning and implementing the solutions.



Cities are the key to Post-Pandemic Growth

Partnership/ Collaboration

Partnership/ collaboration is the key to create a new dual formulation of internal and external circulation through openness and connectivity.

Innovative and effective efforts in handling the pandemic matters in to built cities more resilient and sustainable

As the pandemic impacts all of cities sector, handling the pandemic effectively can help to mitigate wider impacts of the pandemic.

Integrated approach to ensure co-benefit

As Local Governments experienced significant budget costs to handle the pandemic, an integrated approach can be efficient way to ensure multiple sectors and issue are covered and co-benefitted.

Mobilise resources through multi-stakeholder approach

Local Governments can't do it alone. Mobilising resources beyond the LGs budget have never been critical than now.

Building Back Better

Recover to normal (bounce back) does not always means the best option. The pandemic provide an opportunity to reflect on lesson learned, and to build back better and faster and stronger.



Thank You

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