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AASCTF SMART CITIES – INCLUSIVE CITIES PROGRAM

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) is a cross-cutting issue for the ASEAN Australia Smart Cities Trust Fund (AASCTF). The GESI outcomes that the AASCTF is working towards focus on ensuring that city planning, service delivery, and financial management better meet the needs of women, people living with disabilities, children, older persons, and members of other marginalized and disadvantaged groups. To support the realization of these outcomes, AASCTF is offering the Smart Cities – Inclusive Cities Program.

WHAT IS AASCTF ALL ABOUT?

AASCTF assists ASEAN cities in enhancing their planning systems, service delivery, and financial management by developing and testing appropriate digital urban solutions and systems. By working with cities, AASCTF facilitates their transformation to become more livable, resilient, and inclusive while in the process identifying scalable best and next practices to be replicated across cities in Asia and the Pacific.

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WHY IS AASCTF IMPLEMENTING THE SMART CITIES – INCLUSIVE CITIES PROGRAM?

Across Asia, rapid urbanization is driving economic growth while at the same time posing significant challenges. Cities offer numerous opportunities such as new job opportunities and increased access to goods and services, but the benefits of urban life are unequally distributed. For example, women and other marginalized groups are being left behind and afforded fewer opportunities. Alongside these challenges are many opportunities to raise awareness, facilitate connections, and incentivize action among city decision-makers and stakeholders to spur inclusive urban growth.

Through more **attuned governance and leadership** and **collaborative initiatives**, changes can be made that can empower women and marginalized groups and engage citizens in ways that **make cities not only smarter but more livable for all residents**.

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WHAT IS THE SMART CITIES – INCLUSIVE CITIES PROGRAM?

Through a **series of dialogues** with key city actors pursuing reform or with decision-making roles, the Smart Cities – Inclusive Cities Program will provide a **platform for learning, sharing and engaging** with stakeholders from each city and across cities in the region to **identify and encourage action** for planning and governing more inclusive and equitable cities. By the end, the program will also develop an **e-learning module** on inclusive cities based on content from the workshops. This product is intended to support ongoing learning and broader dissemination by participating cities, partners, and champions.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE SMART CITIES – INCLUSIVE CITIES PROGRAM

The Smart Cities – Inclusive Cities Program aims to initiate and facilitate learning dialogues across a broad range of stakeholders, including **government and non-government actors**, to **increase awareness** of and **galvanize action** towards addressing the multiple ways in which the physical, social and political dimensions of cities can result in exclusion, disenfranchisement, and discrimination when understood from the perspective of women, people living with disabilities, and other marginalized groups.



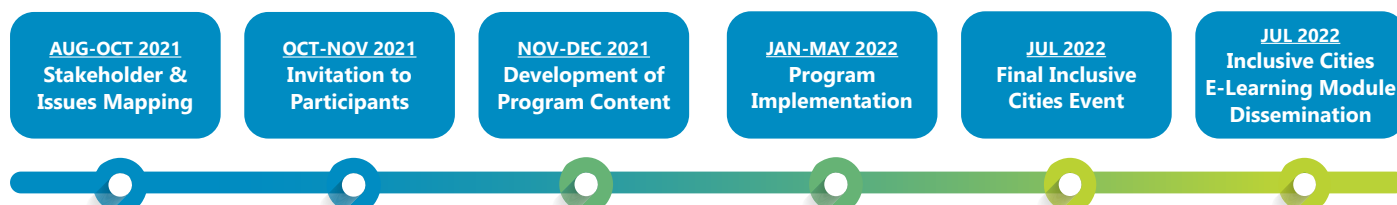
WHAT'S IN IT FOR PARTICIPANTS?

Through activities under this program:

- Stakeholders in urban governance are better networked across the region;
- City officials have a better understanding of social exclusion and how it can be addressed through strategies and planning;
- Civil society actors have more opportunity to engage with government to address exclusion and marginalization;
- Government and civil society actors are more aware of politically feasible reforms for inclusive cities.

Moreover, the program will showcase ongoing and upcoming initiatives to strengthen inclusion in cities and facilitate networking opportunities to further support these initiatives.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION PROCESS LOOK LIKE?



WHO IS FACILITATING THE SMART CITIES – INCLUSIVE CITIES PROGRAM?



The program is delivered by Ramboll (as ADB's implementing partner) in collaboration with The Asia Foundation. It builds on the experience of engagement, networking, and capacity building conducted thus far on the AASCTF, as well as the body of knowledge in inclusion and urban governance brought to the team by The Asia Foundation.

INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AASCTF SMART CITIES – INCLUSIVE CITIES PROGRAM?

Government and other city stakeholders from AASCTF's bronze cities may register their interest in joining the program by sending an email to aasctf@adb.org. To receive updates on AASCTF events and activities, scan the QR code on the right to sign up for our mailing list, or follow our social media channels.



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