OUR MISSION

Her City toolbox promotes girls' and young women's participation in urban planning and design processes, to create sustainable and inclusive cities.
OUR PARTNERS

Her City is a joint initiative by UN-Habitat and the think tank Global Utmaning.

It is financed by Vinnova and in collaborations with Block by Block Foundation, White Architects, Swedish Union of Tenants and MethodKit.

Her City has been developed in close collaboration with a range of multi-stakeholders from public sector, private sector, research, civil society and citizens.
LONG STORY SHORT.

By 2050, 70% of the world’s population will live in cities, bringing enormous challenges, not least in terms of inequality.

Among the most vulnerable are young women in socio-economically vulnerable areas.

Research has shown that participation creates opportunities for more inclusive, equal and sustainable urban development.

But there is a lack of knowledge in participatory urban planning and design, ie involving vulnerable groups in urban development processes.

Her City’s ambition is to contribute to SDG3, SDG5, SDG10, SDG11, SDG16, and SDG17 but also to implementing other SDGs locally.
OUR VISION.

• Involving girls in urban development will make the city better for everyone.
• Girls plan and design with diversity and different needs in mind.
• Participatory processes are key for planning a city that works for everyone.
• If we let citizens that are rarely heard be the experts, our cities and communities will become more inclusive, equal and sustainable.
INT(H)ERSECTIONALITY.

Her City toolbox considers the needs of a diverse group of users in addition to the female population.

Refugees & minorities
Children & youth
People with disabilities
LGBTQI+ community
Supports urban development from a girl’s perspective

Guides urban actors to implement projects through a step-by-step methodology

Provides an open and digitally accessible platform for all

Facilitates an ongoing dialogue between professionals and citizens
PROCESS

We have created a cost-efficient toolbox that follows a unique process of 9 blocks as a digital guideline on how to co-plan cities from a girl's perspective.

The 9 blocks represent the three phases of the urban development process and will guide you through the assessment, design and implementation phase.

Each block contains a number of activities with detailed steps to follow in order to deliver on your Her City project.
THE TOOLS.

The toolbox includes checklists, calendars, agendas, manuals, forms, boards, apps, templates, surveys and visualization services.

Her City integrates tools such as Jamboard, KoBo collect, MethodKit, Minecraft, SketchFab, SketchUp, interactive maps, among others.
PLATFORMS.
ASSESSMENT

Block 1
Stakeholder mapping

Block 2
City wide assessment

Block 3
Site specific assessment
DESIGN

Block 4
Analysing challenges

Block 5
Designing ideas

Block 6
Recommendations
You have successfully built Her City!

By letting Her guide you, you have improved the participatory urban planning and design processes and helped building a city that includes and works for everyone.
Currently we run 12 ongoing partnership projects in Africa, Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Explore the users and initiatives worldwide since the launch in March 2021:
Research 34%
Public sector 25%
Private sector 19%
Civil society 22%

Illustration by Lovisa Burfitt
## Her City

**Johannesburg**

**Johannesburg South Africa**

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**Localising SDGs**

- 5. Gender equality
- 10. Reduced inequalities
- 11. Sustainable cities and communities
- 16. Peace and justice
- 17. Innovation and infrastructure

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**Diagram**

1. Block 1
2. Block 2
3. Block 3
4. Block 4
5. Block 5
6. Block 6
7. Block 7
8. Block 8
9. Block 9
Her City
Lima

Lima, Peru

Category: Civil society partnerships
Location: Four sites across Lima: "Las Fuentes" pedestrian pathway, "Las Fuentes" pedestrian pathway, Santa María public square, and paradero Progresso.
Time: January 2022 – November 2022
Partners: Bloomberg,传播 bias Foundation (Kenro), Avina Foundation, Ocupa tu calle, Mano a mano
Participants: Women from the local communities and urban professionals
Links: www.avina.org/en/how-we-work/
Contacts: hercity@us.org

Localising SDGs

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**Localsuing SDGs**

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Her City
Kakuma & Kalobeyei

Turkana, Kenya

Category: Public - civil society partnership
Location: "Neighbourhood A-3" in the Kakuma Refugee Camp and "Kalobeyei Town" in the Kalobeyei Settlement
Time: Ongoing
Partners: Konkolyto Design Initiative, Block by Block Foundation
Participants: Refugees in the refugee and host communities including young women and girls
Links: https://www.blockbyblock.org/partnerships/approaches-issues-forums/kakuma
https://www.blockbyblock.org/partnerships/approaches-issues-forums/kalobeyei

Localising SDGs

5: Peace & Justice
10: Reduced Inequalities
11: Sustainable Cities & Communities
17: Partnership for the Goals

IMPLEMENTING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA
Her City Beirut

Category: Public-private partnership
Location: Mar Mikhael and Gemmayze/Hezbollah neighbourhoods and three public squares in Beirut
Time: April 2017 - ongoing
Partners: Block by Block Foundation (donor), UN-Habitat Lebanon, Global Utmaning and Catalytic Antor
Partecipants: Local girls from the neighborhood
Links: www.catalyticantar.org www.blockbyblock.org
Contact: hercity@un.org

Localising SDGs

[Icons representing SDGs 5, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18]
Her City
Gaza & West Bank

Category: Public partnership
Location: Jenin, Jenin, Nablus, Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahour, Al ‘Ara and Khan Younis
Time: April 2018 - ongoing
Partners: Government of Canada, UN Women, UNFPA, UNCDF, Ministry of Local Government, Palestinian Housing Council, Municipalities of the targeted cities
Participants: Local girls and young women, practitioners, architects
Contact: hercity@un.org

Localizing SDGs:

[SDG icons]
List of priorities

**Design solution**

1. Greenery, trees, flowers and parks
2. Ponds, pools and fountains
3. Greenhouses and urban agriculture
4. Beehives and ecosystem services
5. Energy generating pavers, renewables and solar panels
6. Street lighting
7. Signage
8. Traffic lights and zebra crossings
9. Public transport stops and waiting areas
10. Pedestrian streets and cycle path

**Impact**

- Access
- Mobility
- Water quality
- Compact city
- Reduced travel
- Sustainable transportation
- Public transport
- Eco-system services
- Better air quality
- Reduced pollution
- Local urban agriculture
- Greenery and beautification

**Social and economic**

1. Library, stages and outdoor theatres
2. Child and recreational areas, meeting points and playgrounds
3. Street art
4. Interactive lights, signs and walls
5. Water drinking taps
6. Public toilets, waste and recycling
7. Free women's clinics
8. Spaces for vendors, cafes and food kiosks
9. Free WiFi charging areas and community phones
10. AI and robots

- Free access
- Basic services
- Water
- Sanitation
- Economic opportunities
- Social spaces
- Healthy recreation
- Digital connection
- Digital interaction
- Cultural values