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Cities and Human Settlements: Operationalising SDGs interlinkages through spatial approaches and place-making

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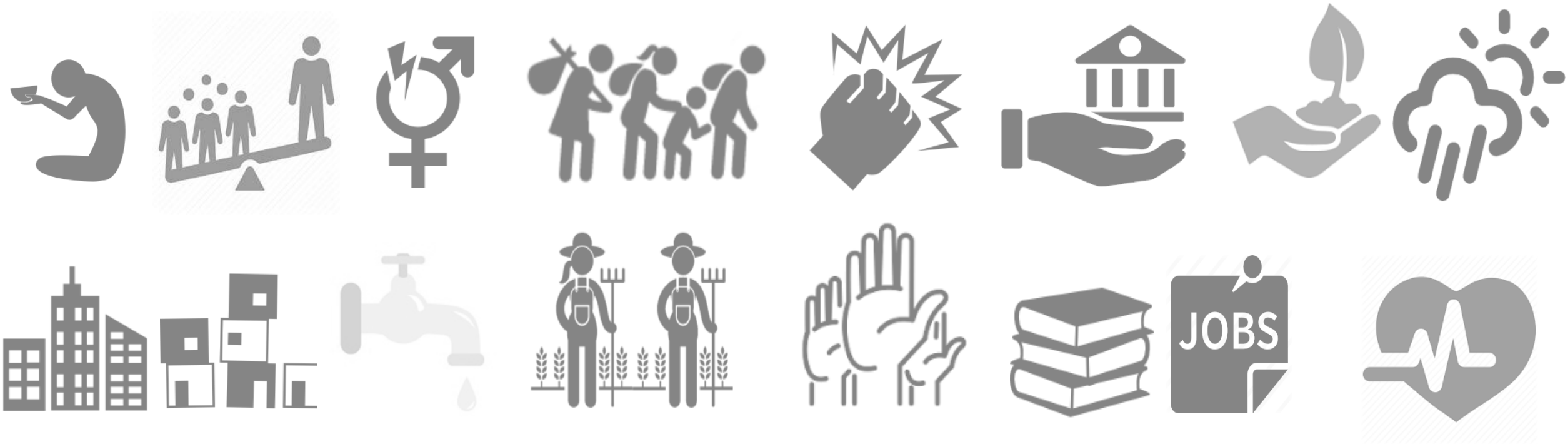
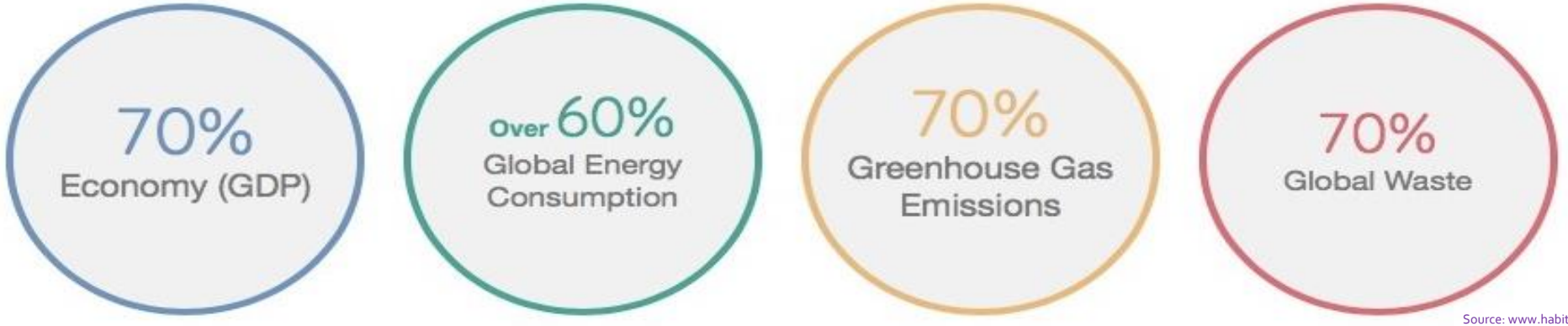
Is there any SDG that is not connected to this urban life scene?

People get on with their lives in a slum on the railway tracks as a commuter train goes past in Kolkata, India. Almost one third of the Kolkata population live in slums and a further 70,000 are homeless

Agglomeration - Exacerbation - Interconnection



Cities today occupy approximately only 2% of the total land, however:



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Urban transformation for GLOCAL challenges and opportunities

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Cities are systems of systems: urban systems are complex and multi-dimensional.

Cities as an accelerator for achieving the 17 SDGs.
SDG 11 brings the spatial and place-making dimensions into the 2030 Agenda.

Leverage the actions in cities by local leaders and actors to achieve the global agendas.

Working with, supporting the capacities of and monitoring & reviewing the actions by **local and regional governments** is *sine qua non* to the achievement of all SDGs.

Cities come in different typologies.

In many secondary cities, a combination of inadequate resources, ineffective policy choices and poorly-managed rapid urbanisation has long influenced their capacity to plan for and guide equitable and sustainable urban development.

Urban growth vs sustainable urban development.

Urban growth has a positive impact on economic development BUT urbanisation alone is insufficient for prosperity, inclusion and environmental protection.

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African Urban Transition

By 2040 60% of the population will live in urban area

315 million
Cities will grow by 315 million people in the next 15 years

Urban population will triple to 1.23 billion by 2050

Youth
Will constitute the largest labour force with 1.1 billion by 2040

Socio-Economic Stresses

Low Productivity Traps

> 60%
Of the population live in informal settlements

Informal Sector

61%
Of urban employment in Africa

93%
Of new job creation

92%
Of employement for women

Climate Change and Environment

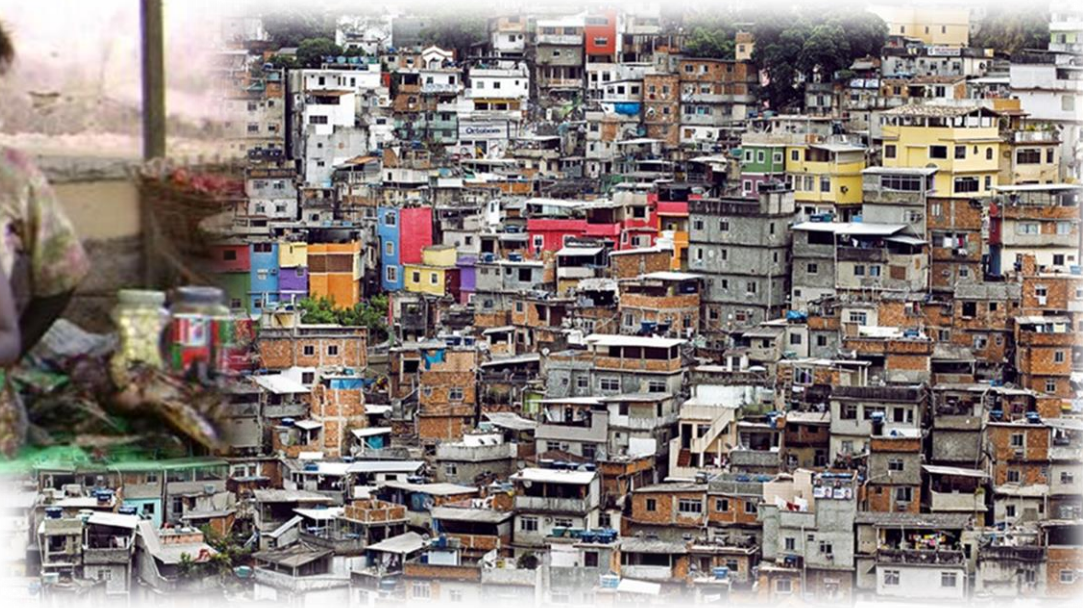
High Risk

20-30%
Decrease in water availability in vulnerable areas

3 - 4 degrees
Warming faster than global average

90%
Of energy use is biomass

Informality



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Unplanned internal growth

Displacement
Migration

Human Rights

Rural to urban

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From evictions to citizenship

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Every year 5 million people suffer the cruel fate of evictions

Land

Planning

Governance

Data

Land

Is not being made available at the scale required

Part of the solution is technical and part social/political

Far more knowledge and action about the social complexity of land is required

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Economic structure – Building the hybrid economy

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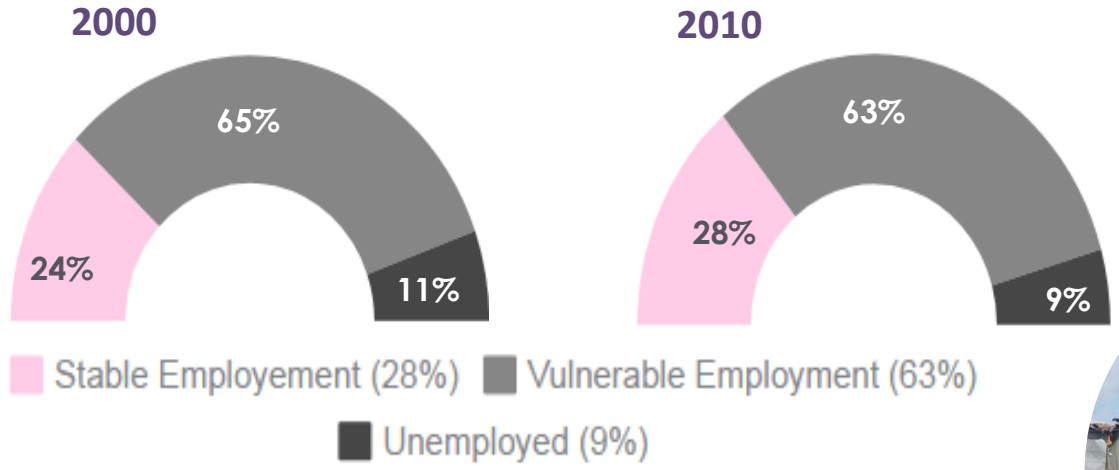
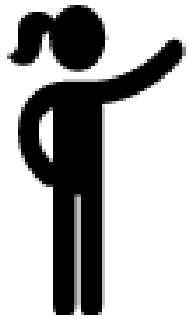
Lack of transformative, equitable economic growth: Consistently high GDP growth rates but the large share of the workforce in vulnerable employment has not changed



The missing middle: Few medium to large companies and large numbers of very small and informal operations

Consuming patterns of emerging middle class and aspirations for transformation in **manufacturing**



Women in Ethiopia are twice as likely to be unemployed as men

***Unemployed youth*, living in slums in degraded natural environments**

Lack of public services and infrastructure maintenance cost Disasters economy

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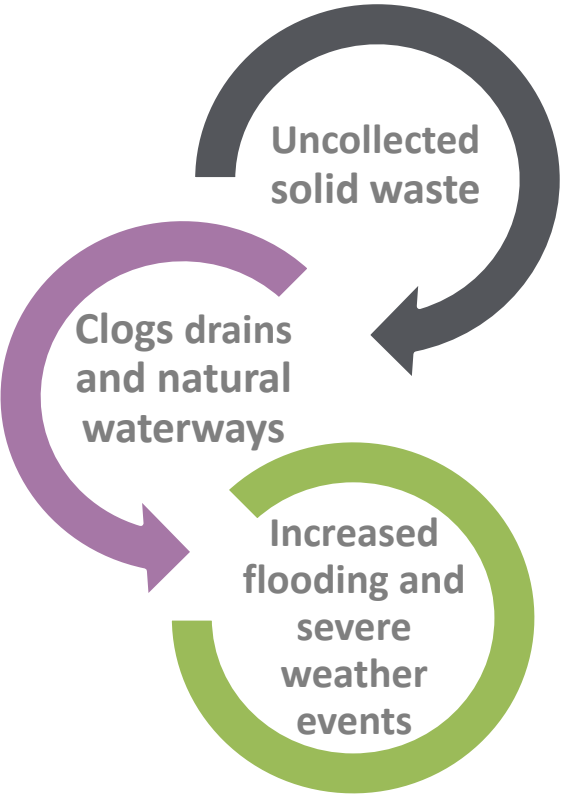

1. Services: Inadequate public supply

Majority served by informal vendors - High price low quality

PPPs seldom serve the poor

Growing importance of community built and managed infrastructure

2. 90% of energy use biomass

Limited options

Brewing

Baking

Handicraft

To finance the basic infrastructure needs of Sub-Saharan African cities until 2050, will require an investment at today's value of **USD 850 Billion or 25 Billion per annum**

Lack of municipal finance

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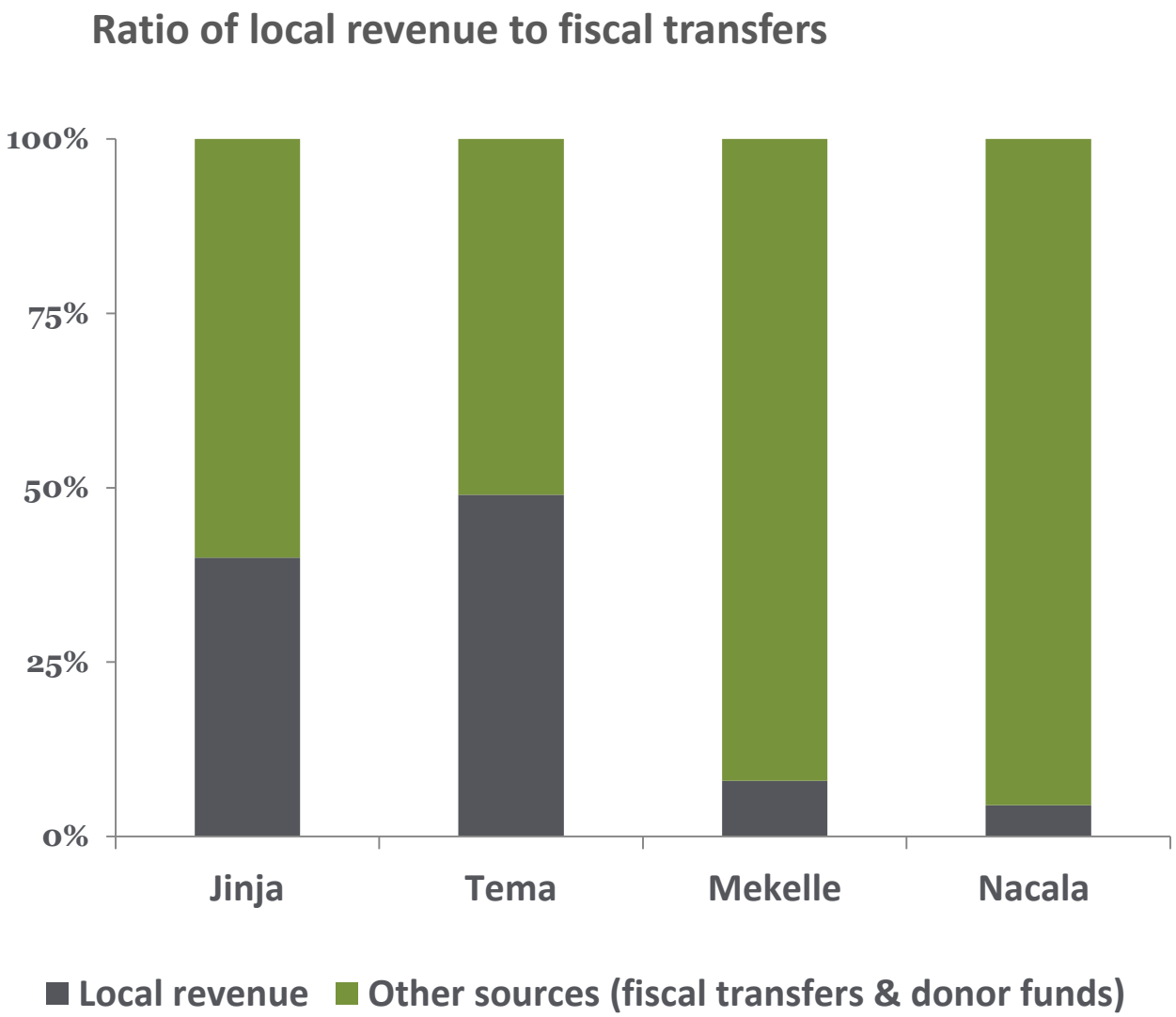

City	Municipal Expenditures per Capita (USD)
Jinja	37
Arua	28
Tema	27
Accra	18
Tete	36
Nampula	14

Human resources and capacity gaps

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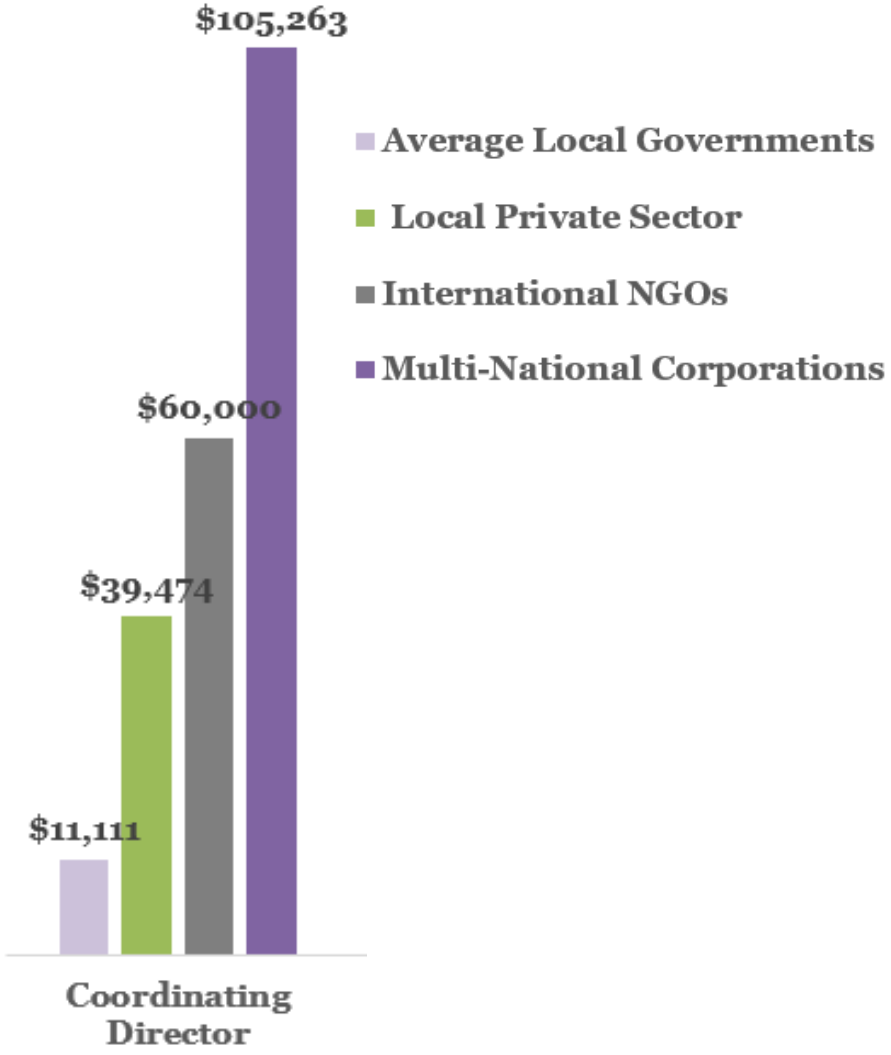
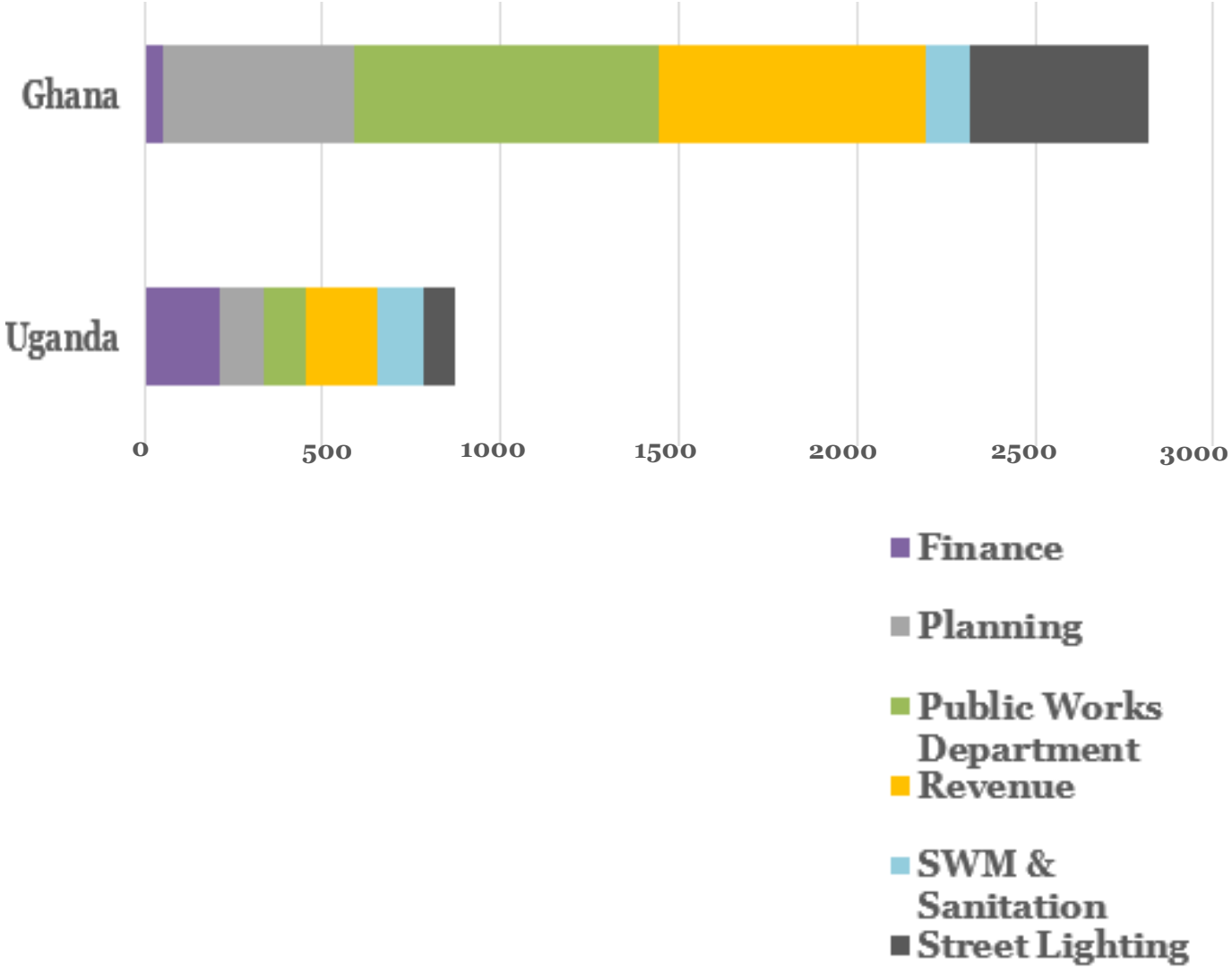
1. Distorted Incentives

Undermining good governance



2. Capacity Gaps

28% of needs are covered



Intellectual Academic Practice

Doing not only more but also different

Defining a city in the 21st century

Systems approach: Horizontal integration

From sectoral to territorial orientation for all SDGs

Informality: Patterns and interactions

Pressures on land-use

Territorial data disaggregation - GIS

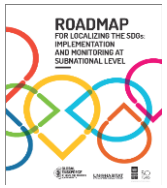
Government data + Citizen-generated data + Big data

Urban development science and curriculum

Science/knowledge – Policy – Practice interface

Legal, policy and financial enabling environments

Harnessing enablers to unleash potential and strengthen capacity



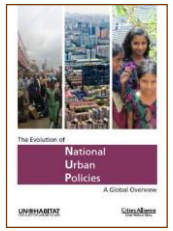
SDGs Localisation

Multi-level governance: Vertical integration

New political, governance & fiscal arrangements among gvt spheres

Decentralisation

Capacity of sub-national gvts.: Institutional, financial and human



National urban policies

Integrated spatial planning and management at city-region scale

Systems of cities - Intermediate and secondary cities

Embracing informality - Flexible land governance systems

UNITED NATIONS

UN system governance to empower and learn from cities

Global financial architecture adapted to the urban age

600 million new productive jobs

Universal public services within environmental limits

Multi-trillion USD infrastructure, housing & technologies investment

Accountability
Citizen ownership

Transforming our societies to empower people, enable prosperity and protect the Planet

Leaving no one, no place and no ecosystem behind

Democratic civic engagement of all social and economic groups
Gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment
Citizen-generated and –driven data

Human Rights, public services and common public goods
Security of land tenure and property rights
Right to the City

New social pact: Accountable governments and institutions
Participatory planning and governance
Local and regional governments: citizens' first entry point
Public-private-partnerships and public-public-partnerships

Synergistic FuR of global agendas: SDGs, NUA, Paris, Sendai, Addis
Context-relevant multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral partnerships

country programmes
framework
strategic
Partnerships
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