**ASIA PACIFIC URBAN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUB**

**SMALL GRANTS INITIATIVES FOR URBAN COMMUNITY**

**RESILIENCE IN ASIA PACIFIC**

**1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**Deadline for submission: 11 October 2020**

**Introduction**

The Asia Pacific region became primarily urban in 2019, for the first time in human history. With more than 2.3 billion people living in cities, the need for a sustainable urban future has never been greater (The Future of Asia Pacific Cities, 2019). In the context of fast changing and rapidly growing urbanization, urban communities worldwide have greater opportunities for growth and connectedness than ever before; yet, the number of people exposed to hazards, shocks, and stresses is rapidly increasing, leading to bigger risk and vulnerability. At the same time, people living in cities are themselves agents of change and have significant resources, skills, and capacities to bring to resilience efforts in their own communities and across their cities and districts.

The IFRC and member National Societies have been increasingly present and active in cities and urban settings to serve the most vulnerable people and have made valuable efforts in recent years to support the development of more resilient communities in urban areas worldwide. These achievements have been acknowledged and strengthened by the Red Cross Red Crescent contribution in influencing the Urban Agenda at national, regional and global levels.

As part of these efforts, the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (IFRC APRO), National Societies and Reference Centres in Asia Pacific, have been leading **the Urban Community Resilience Hub (Urban Hub)** initiative which has the following **objectives**:

* Establish **strong connections** for urban resilience through city-wide coalitions, shared commitments with city emergency management systems, alignment with local, national, regional and global levels and advocacy for enhanced community resilience.
* Develop **knowledge and skills base** through capacity building for urban resilience based on evidence and shared learning with RCRC and wider network of partners.
* Strengthen **organizational resilience** by adapting urban resilience tools and approaches, facilitate long-term planning and funding, adapt urban volunteer management and support contingency planning so RCRC can continue to serve urban populations after disasters.

**Purpose of the Call for Proposals**

The Urban Hub will support the implementation of small-grant initiatives for urban community resilience in the Asia Pacific region. This call for proposals intends to provide an opportunity for National Societies to operationalise learning in urban community resilience at the country level, document it and share it at the regional and global level with the support of the Urban Hub.

**Categories**

This call for proposals will support initiatives led by Asia Pacific National Societies that align with the above objectives of the Urban Hub and are within one (or more) of the following areas:

1. **Learning and knowledge management initiatives:** peer exchange, workshop, conference or learning events at regional, subregional and national level on urban community resilience topics. Research projects focused on improving regional knowledge in urban community resilience.
2. **Adaptation of existing tools:** Red Cross Red Crescent tools and approaches adapted to be used in urban settings (e.g. adaptation and testing of tools, methodologies and/or approaches in urban context with other urban actors).
3. **Capacity building:** online / face to face training activities for staff and volunteers on urban community DRR/preparedness; contingency planning, tabletop exercises and simulation for urban responses etc.

**Funding amount and duration**

The initiatives to be funded under this call for proposals should have a maximum budget of **CHF 10,000** and an implementation period of maximum **5 months.**

**Timeline**

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| **ACTIVITY** | **DATE** |
| Deadline for proposal submission (earlier submissions are encouraged) | 11 October 2020 |
| 1st Review and selection of proposals  | 12 – 16 October 2020 |
| Deadline for resubmission in case of comment from the panel | 23 October 2020 |
| UCRH Small Grant award announcement | 29 October 2020 |
| Project agreement(s) signed | 06 November 2020 |
| Grant payment  | 12 November2020  |
| Project implementation | November 2020 – March 2021 |
| Interim update | January 2021  |
| Final deliverables  | 15 April 2021  |

**Expected Deliverables**

* **Interim update**

Short report of up to 1000 words focused on initial accomplishments, challenges and changes to the initial plan, as well as a single page reconciliation of expenditures.

* **Final narrative report**

Comprehensive report of the project development, highlighting the achievements, lessons learned and main results on the proposed outputs. It should be up to 3.000 words.

* **Final financial report**

Single page reconciliation with copies of all receipts.

* **Knowledge product**

Documented case study(ies), videos or any other learning product showcasing the impact and relevance of the project.

**Proposal selection criteria**

In order to be selected, the proposal should comply with the following criteria:

* Complete information in application template in Annex 1
* Letter of endorsement from the Asia Pacific National Society Leadership
* In line with at least one of the Urban Hub objectives
* Considers the multiple dimensions of urban community resilience (both technical and social dimensions) and demonstrates multidisciplinary and integrated approaches
* Encourages networking among Red Cross Red Crescent Movement
* Details engagement of at least one local external partner
* Details co-funding and/or leverages on existing initiative (matching funds of National Society and/or partners)

Note: The selection panel will be comprised of IFRC APRO representatives, Reference Centres and selected National Societies that have been engaged with the Urban Hub. The selection panel will determine the number of grants based on the number and type of submitted proposals.

**Annex 1:**

**Please complete below information following the template and submit your proposal by 11 October 2020 to Catalina Torres, IFRC Urban Hub Coordinator** (catalina.torres@ifrc.org)

1. Applicant information

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| Organization name |  |
| Contact person |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email |  |

1. Describe your current engagement in urban community resilience activities
2. Project description
	1. Select categories that are applicable for your proposal

[ ]  Learning and knowledge management

[ ]  Adaptation of existing tools

[ ]  Capacity building/training

* 1. Describe the need. (Why is this project important?) - *maximum 400 words*
	2. Describe which stakeholders will be involved in the project (partnerships are encouraged) - *maximum 200 words*
	3. Describe the geographic coverage of the project - *maximum 100 words*
	4. Describe the main goal you expect to achieve - *maximum 100 words*
	5. Specify the main expected outputs of the project (main tangible products), activities (to achieve the outputs) and the specific timeline.

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| **Goal  *Insert main goal of the project*** |
| **Output 1.** *Insert output*  | **Timeline** |
| Activity 1.1. *Insert activity* | *x days/weeks* |
| Activity 1.2.*Insert activity* | *x days/weeks* |
| Activity 1.3. *Insert activity* | *x days/weeks* |
| **Output 2.** *Insert output*  | **Timeline** |
| Activity 2.1. *Insert activity* | *x days/weeks* |
| Activity 2.2. *Insert activity* | *x days/weeks* |
| Activity 2.3. *Insert activity* | *x days/weeks* |

* 1. Submit Budget

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| **SUMMARY OF COSTS (CHF)** |
| **Description** | **Amount** |
| *Insert budget line* | *Insert amount in CHF* |
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* 1. Justify how this project aligns with the Urban Hub objectives - *maximum 500 words*