

ASIA PACIFIC URBAN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUB

SMALL GRANTS INITIATIVES FOR URBAN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE YOUTH ACTION IN ASIA PACIFIC

2nd CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadlines for submission: 02 August 2021

Introduction

As we witness the climate crisis, COVID-19, and an ever-evolving humanitarian landscape – understanding the **urban context and enhanced urban resilience**, remains a **critical, cross-cutting issue** underscoring our Red Cross Red Crescent work. Especially in the Asia Pacific – a primarily urban region.

In the context of rapidly transforming cityscapes and 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 amplified risk and vulnerability.

Approximately 60% of **urban** residents in the Asia-Pacific - **742 million people** - are exposed to **‘high’ or ‘extreme’ disaster risk in the region** (UNESCAP, 2019). And as stated in **IFRC World Disasters Report 2020**, the Asia Pacific is by far the most **‘climate’ disaster-prone** region in the world. The implications of this on city dwellers, and future humanitarian response are significant.

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 Asia Pacific Urban Community Resilience Hub (Urban Hub)** initiative, with the **objective to**:

- Establish **strong connections** for urban resilience through city-wide coalitions, strengthening networks, 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 IFRC Strategy 2030, recognizes the world's rapidly urbanizing context, the high cost if we fail to develop the right skills needed to act with the right capacities at the right time, in markedly complex urban settings. To continue honing the development of skills, tools and enriched Asia Pacific urban humanitarian knowledge, the Urban Hub is pleased to support the Small Grants II. Building on the success of Small Grants I, this 2nd Call for Proposals provides an opportunity for National Societies and Youth Volunteers to operationalise learning in urban community resilience at the country level, document it, and share it with the Urban Hub Network and beyond.

This Small Grants II, supported by the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (IFRC APRO), Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance (ZFRA), Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Center (APDRC), Republic of Korea National Red Cross (KNRC) and Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS), is here to foster continued learning via the following thematic areas:

- **Urban Community Flood Resilience**
- **Urban Community Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience and Climate Youth Action**

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 support the following areas:

1. **Application/adaptation of existing tools:** Red Cross Red Crescent tools and approaches adapted to be used in urban settings methodologies and/or approaches in urban context with other urban actors.
2. **Awareness raising & capacity building & training:** online / face to face training activities for staff, youth and volunteers and communities on urban community DRR/preparedness; contingency planning, tabletop exercises and simulation for urban responses etc.
3. **Learning and knowledge management/ products:** synthesising Small Grant learnings via peer exchange, workshop, conferences or learning events and knowledge products for dissemination with the Urban Hub and additional relevant Networks on urban community resilience topics.

Funding amount and duration

The Small Grants II supported by IFRC APRO, ZFRA, JRCS, APDRC and KNRC provides an opportunity to support up to:

- **Urban Community Flood Resilience:** 3 National Society projects (CHF 10,000, project implementation: August 2021- November 2021, proposal submission 02 August)
- **Urban DRR/Community Resilience and Climate Youth Action:** 3 National Society & Youth Volunteer projects (5,500 CHF, Project implementation: September 2021 – March 2022, proposal submission 02 August)

Proposal selection criteria for all

To be selected, the proposal should comply with the following criteria, as well as specific criteria applicable per Small Grant topic (Annex 1 & 2 below):

- Complete information in application template for the chosen in Annex 1 & 2
- 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 and demonstrates 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) are strongly recommended by Selection Committee

Note: The selection panel will be comprised of IFRC APRO and Youth representatives, Reference Centres, and ZFRA 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: Application Criteria for Urban Community Flood Resilience

Purpose:

The Asia Pacific is home to 60% of the world's population, the majority of whom live in urban areas. The majority of the region's major cities are riverine or coastal areas – ranked as having the highest levels of risk to urban flooding globally (UN ESCAP, IPCC, 2012). Urbanization and climate change amplify this risk, in this context the Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement has worked consistently in urban areas to keep up with the challenge.

Inspired by the current work underway with the Philippines Metro-Manila [ZFRA](#) project in the Philippines, this Small Grants invites all Asia Pacific National Societies to test, document and share innovative and evidence-based approaches to advance flood resilience in urban communities.

This Small Grants welcomes proposals from National Societies, or joint Youth Volunteer and National Society. Proposals incorporating urban flood resilience and co-measures, such as COVID-19, PAPE, School Safety, or linking to other sectors, yet addressing urban flood as a hazard, are welcome, as are proposals furthering innovation and the development of technologies.

Ultimately the Small Grants support overall knowledge-based activities. Learnings, achievements, and impact should be well documented and shared through social media and the development of knowledge products.

Expected deliverables:

Timeline for Urban Flood Resilience Small Grant Awardees

ACTIVITY	DATE
Deadline for proposal submission (earlier submissions are encouraged)	02 August 2021
1st Review and selection of proposals	04 August 2021
Deadline for resubmission in case of comment from the panel	09 August 2021
UCRH Small Grant award announcement	10 August 2021
Project agreement(s) signed	13 August 2021
Grant payment	16-18 August 2021
Project implementation	August 2021 –December 2021
Interim update & blog post	29 October 2021
Final deliverables	31 December 2021

Please complete below information following the template and submit your proposal by 02 August 2021 to the IFRC Asia Pacific Urban Hub (urbanhub.asiapacific@ifrc.org)

1. Applicant information

Organization name	
Contact person 1 (Name and title)	
Contact number	
Email	
Contact person 2 <i>(*if this is a joint NS/Youth Volunteer proposal, please list Youth and Volunteering Department contact)</i>	

2. Describe your current engagement in urban community resilience activities- *maximum 200 words*

3. Project description

a. Select categories that are applicable for your proposal

- ☐ Learning and knowledge management
- ☐ Adaptation of existing tools
- ☐ Capacity building/training

b. Describe the need. (Why is this project important?) - *maximum 400 words*

c. Describe which stakeholders will be involved in the project (partnerships are encouraged) - *maximum 200 words*

d. Describe the geographic coverage of the project - *maximum 100 words*

- e. Describe the main goal you expect to achieve - *maximum 100 words*
- f. Specify the main expected outputs of the project (main tangible products), activities (to achieve the outputs) and the specific timeline.

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

- g. Submit Budget

SUMMARY OF COSTS (CHF)	
Description	Amount
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- a. Select category of knowledge product(s) you will submit to further regional learning and exchange

- ☐ Written case study, guidance or training material
- ☐ Visual media (e.g., film (5 minutes) or vlog)
- ☐ Capacity building/training (webinar)
- ☐ Other

4. Please describe your knowledge product – *maximum 200 words*
5. Justify how this project aligns with the Urban Hub objectives - *maximum 500 words*
6. Justify how this project aligns with and supports the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance 5 Capitals (Social, Human, Physical, Natural and Financial Capital) - *maximum 500 words*
7. Describe how the intervention contributes to climate smart programming - *maximum 200 words*
8. Describe how is the intervention both sustainable and scalable- *maximum 200 words*

Annex 2: Application Criteria for Urban Community DRR / Resilience and Climate Youth Action

Purpose

This Small Grant for “Urban Community DRR, Resilience and Climate Youth Action,” sponsored by APDRC, KNRC, JRCS, encourages and supports knowledge sharing, knowledge networking and management activities that empower and enable National Societies and Youth Volunteers to contribute DRR, community resilience and climate action.

Youth throughout Asia Pacific are driving urban DRR and climate resilience, leading as agents of change in their communities. The IFRC recognizes meaningful youth engagement and its power and potential to transform institutional cultures, with the ability to inspire and influence those around them to foster community resilience and climate-smart solutions. These meaningful actions directly and positively impact the National Societies’ operational capacity to deliver on our humanitarian mission. In the Asia-Pacific, a primarily urban region, the opportunities to capture youth contributions and learnings of youth engagement, impact and advancement of community resilience in the urban context, have yet to be harnessed.

This call for proposals intends to provide an opportunity for National Societies and Youth volunteers, to demonstrate innovative multi-hazard or hazard-specific, urban action, while improving access to disaster risk reduction education, knowledge and information related to DRR, climate and resilience for strengthened networks and enhanced urban resilience.

The aim of this Small Grant is to support climate and resilience action, placing youth at the center of project design and community engagement following the [Red Cross Red Crescent Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action’s Three Dimensions of Change](#), “Awareness,” “Action,” and “Advocacy.”

This Small Grant welcomes both on-the-ground micro-project and/or virtual implementation and learning activities. It also encourages National Societies and Youth volunteers to apply existing RCRC resources such as [Urban Action Kit](#), advance thematic youth training such as [PASSA Youth](#) (Shelter), [CHAST](#) (WASH), [Y-Adapt](#) (Climate), or other available tools listed in the RCRC Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action.

Ultimately, Small Grants support overall knowledge-based activities, whether proposals aim to apply the above RCRC resources and trainings or develop a needed technology or innovation - learnings and achievements should be well documented and learnings shared through social media and the development of knowledge product(s).

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.

- **Social media update**

The Youth Representative (Youth Leader) will be responsible for submitting a bi-monthly social media post (@RCRC GDPC, APDRC, APYN, Asia Pacific Urban Hub) as part of their progress reporting: at least one picture and a brief description (minimum 30 words) about the project's progress.

- **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 highlighting the impact and relevance of the project.

- **1 Urban Hub webinar presentation** to share project and key learnings with the Asia Pacific Urban Hub Network (organized by IFRC APRO)

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Contact person 2 (If the contact person 1 is not from Youth and Volunteering Department)	

10. Describe your current engagement in urban community resilience/ youth-led activities
- *maximum 200 words*

11. Project description

h. Select categories that are applicable for your proposal

- ☐ Learning and knowledge management
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- ☐ Capacity building/training

i. Describe the need. (Why is this project important? Is this project building on existing activities?) - *maximum 400 words*

j. Describe how the project contributes to the multiple dimensions of urban community resilience (both technical and social dimensions) and demonstrates systems thinking and integrated approaches – *maximum 400 words*

k. Describe the role of RCRC Youth Volunteers within the project design and implementation - *maximum 400 words*

- l. Describe how the project supports the [Red Cross Red Crescent Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action's Three Dimensions of Change](#), and how the project addresses climate change action? - *maximum 400 words*
- m. Describe which stakeholders will be involved in the project (partnerships are encouraged) - *maximum 200 words*
- n. Describe the geographic coverage of the project - *maximum 100 words*
- o. Describe the main goal you expect to achieve and how this project will be carried forward post Small Grant implementation - *maximum 200 words*
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12. Please describe your knowledge product(s) - *maximum 200 words*

13. Justify how this project aligns with the Urban Hub objectives - *maximum 500 words*