Cities for Global Health

Why did the Cities for Global Health come about?

The global crisis generated by the COVID-19 outbreak is pushing cities of all shapes to give immediate answers to an emergency that is seriously threatening not only citizens’ health, but the social cohesion, the economy and the infrastructures of our territories.

While the virus spreads regardless of administrative boundaries, territorial scales or weather conditions, affecting millions of individuals simultaneously in different ways, it drives us to overcome management barriers. In metropolitan spaces, the collaboration of central cities and peripheries can make a huge difference to ensure that quality of life is not further threatened under scenarios of fragility and that no one is left behind. Collaboration between administrations of different levels is key to deal with this crisis.

This is why the World Association of the major metropolis (Metropolis) and the Euro-Latin-American Alliance of Cooperation among Cities (AL-LAs), with the support and collaboration of the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) among many other city networks of all shapes, launched Cities for Global Health, a collaborative online platform to support city-makers to take up this challenge by sharing their different responses to the virus.

So what does this initiative propose in the face of this pandemic?

This initiative offers a virtual space to showcase what cities are doing and be inspired by others regarding specific initiatives or plans to the COVID-19 outbreak and other health emergencies.

It seeks to foster collective responses and facilitate the access of decision-makers to first-hand experiences about how urban areas across the globe can deal with situations alike.
How to join

Local and regional governments of all sizes from across the globe are invited to share: Initiatives (e.g. plans, strategies, policies) designed specifically as a reaction to the COVID-19 outbreak

- Initiatives designed to face other health emergencies such as sanitary crisis or epidemics

- All type of initiative (prevention/preparation; contention/continuity; mitigation/transformation) are welcome! Also the type of response spectrum is wide, from sanitary, gender or social related responses to economic, mobility or culture related responses.

But now we understand fully what the Cities for Global Health is really all about, what next?

This is just the beginning! Cities for Global Health is not a short-term initiative. As urban spaces around the world are living different steps of the COVID-19 outbreak, the initiative will evolve according to their needs, offering all sorts of resources, knowledge and specific responses to the pandemic and, at the same time, a space of analysis, discussion and creation positioning cities beyond the outbreak.

It is a KNOWLEDGE-EXCHANGE, CONNECTION and INSPIRING space.

Urban health experts, government agencies at all levels, sanitation experts, social scientists, innovators and urban planners are invited to keep sharing their protocols, plans, initiatives and all sort of resources and knowledge in order to join forces to stop the global spread of this infection and future pandemics. Because, as the UN Habitat itself affirms, what we do today will change the cities of tomorrow, to make them safe and inclusive, and resilient for future crises.
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