

Burundi - Strengthening Urban Resilience

Country

Burundi

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Improving urban and peri-urban
resilience mechanisms in targeted
Central, Eastern and Western
African cities

Amount Approved

€440,000 / \$475,000

Duration

10/2023 – 10/2025

Context and Objectives

Risk-informed spatial planning and enforcement is not practiced in Bujumbura or in other urban areas of Burundi. In addition, the country does not have a comprehensive, up-to-date land mapping and registry system that consolidates information on land tenure, type of ownership, and the fluctuation of the land and real estate market. This context hinders the government's ability to track, anticipate, and plan for urban expansion.

The objective of this project is to strengthen risk-informed urban development in Bujumbura city and within national and sub-national institutions in Burundi, enabling the development of green, resilient, and inclusive urban environments. Activities support the implementation of the [Urban Resilience Emergency Project](#).

Main Activities and Expected Results

Support capacity building for risk-informed urban and land management in Bujumbura

This activity aims to support the government in terms of risk-informed land-use, urban services planning and land administration processes in Bujumbura. This is being achieved through a combination of capacity building and institutional strengthening, especially at the commune level, in the field of land administration and management. Specific attention is being paid to urban drainage network management and inclusive, risk-informed urban planning.

Expected Results:

- Enhanced use of risk-informed, gender-sensitive, and disability inclusive zoning and land use plans.
- Improved land administration processes and land delivery mechanisms in urban expansion areas, with a view to secure women's community-recognized land rights.
- Higher quality and more relevant urban planning training available through partner institutions such as the University of Burundi.

Strengthen local financing to ensure resilient local infrastructure

This activity provides support to central and local governments' decentralization agenda, and the need to carry out increasing levels of responsibilities. Specifically, a financial analysis of the city of Bujumbura is identifying opportunities to promote resilient infrastructure.



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Expected Result:

- Enhanced institutional awareness and responsibilities to support communes and the adoption of their additional obligations.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Burundi Agency for Urban Planning and Housing; the Ministry of Infrastructure, Equipment, and Social Housing; the Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ministry; the Bujumbura Municipality; and the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Burundi.