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Vivo Mi Calle

Phase 2

Colombia

July 2022 – July 2025

Extension grant: October 2025 – August 2026



Cities:

Cali and Palmira
(two neighbourhoods)



Key areas:

Youth participation
Urban public spaces / placemaking
Safe mobility



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Three Highlights

1. Around 4,164 of adolescents and youth reached by project activities in Cali and Palmira.
2. Youth-led placemaking: adolescents co-design urban space interventions, strengthening their civic agency.
3. Achieved and exceeded ~88.6 % of its planned indicators, establishing lasting changes in city strategies and infrastructure for youth.



What's Next

- Strengthen adolescents, youth leaders, and local staff with tailored training so they can continue guiding healthy uses of public space through adolescents' perspectives and participation.
- Support the long-term vitality of public spaces by fostering community ownership and active use.

Alza Tu Voz

Ecuador

July 2023 – July 2026



Cities:

Riobamba, Quevedo



Key areas:

Training and education
Adolescent participation and advocacy
Community-based mental health
Digital empowerment



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Three Highlights

1. Youth leadership: 6,300 people reached. Nucleus Groups of adolescents co-design solutions and influence local government through community proposals, youth-led data, and civic action.
2. Urban transformation: URBANO Placemaking labs turn unsafe or unused public spaces into healthy, intergenerational community hubs, strengthening belonging and cooperation.
3. Wellbeing & mental health: Community-based mental health and socio-emotional learning initiatives build resilience, empathy, and self-esteem by engaging families, schools, caregivers, and teachers.



What's Next

- Institutionalize Alza Tu Voz: Establish it in both cities as a permanent adolescent-led group advocating for wellbeing in policy and community action.
- Scale nationwide: Expand the model to new cities through peer-to-peer adolescent leadership and collaboration with local stakeholders.
- Strengthen digital advocacy: Build youth capacities to generate community data and promote safe online spaces through campaigns, storytelling, and impact evaluation.

Young and Safe

Ghana

March 2023 – February 2026

Extension grant under discussion for: March 2026 – August 2026



Cities:

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Key areas:

Adolescent civic participation
Youth wellbeing
Digital & skills development



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Three Highlights

1. Adolescents engaged in leadership, advocacy and wellbeing programmes, strengthening their role in shaping a youth-friendly Ho.
2. Digital and skills-based activities (robotics, virtual-reality bootcamps, creative festivals) expanded opportunities for youth learning and employability.
3. Multi-stakeholder collaboration between youth groups, municipal authorities and local actors positioned adolescents as active contributors to city development.



What's Next

- Institutionalise youth participation in municipal governance.
- Scale digital and wellbeing interventions.
- Strengthen evidence on adolescent wellbeing to inform wider city policy.

Resilient City for Adolescents

Ghana

April 2023 – March 2026

Extension grant under discussion for: April 2026 – August 2026



Cities:

Sunyani



Key areas:

Adolescent civic participation in policy planning
Urban health & wellbeing (mental and reproductive health)
Digital skills development and livelihoods



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Three Highlights

1. Strengthened multi-stakeholder collaboration through Intermediary City Ecosystem Platform (ICEP) and bi-annual policy hearings, embedding adolescent perspectives in governance.
2. Reached approximately 1,500 adolescents directly and an additional 3,000 youth indirectly through capacity-building trainings, digital platforms, vocational and empowerment programmes, rights-based advocacy, and digital innovation initiatives.
3. Realigned municipal planning in Sunyani to include adolescents' voices and social-economic empowerment of youth as changemakers.



What's Next

- Institutionalise adolescent-voice mechanisms (Parliament, ICEP, Journalist Programme) within municipal governance structures.
- Scale the Sunyani model to other intermediary cities across Ghana.
- Strengthen adolescent wellbeing through ICT training, entrepreneurship hubs, and adolescent clinic services.
- Influence medium-term development plan outcomes in youth wellbeing, civic agency, and systemic resilience for inclusive and sustainable development.

Safe, Vibrant and Healthy Public Spaces

India

December 2022 – November 2025

Extension grant: December 2025 – August 2026



Cities:

Jaipur, Bhubaneswar



Key areas:

Adolescent-friendly urban environments

Meaningful adolescent participation
Co-created data-driven approach for public space development



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Three Highlights

1. Developed a Public Spaces Assessment Framework (PSAF).
2. Empowered 1,300+ adolescents to co-design, assess, and improve public spaces in local urban contexts.
3. Demonstrated, through proof of concept, how adolescent-led public space development contributes to wellbeing, autonomy, and social inclusion in the city.



What's Next

- Enable wider accessibility and adoption of the PSAF through ability-inclusive formats and a digital version.
- Sustain adolescent representation through civic collectives (e.g., PS Lab, Adolescent Parliament).
- Support the adoption of the PSAF within policies and planning processes of target cities.
- Expand outreach to promote dissemination and uptake of data-led participatory approaches by other cities.

ACT Indore: Adolescents for Climate Transformation

India

March 2025 – August 2026



Cities:

Indore



Key areas:

Climate action & youth
Urban resilience
Adolescent skills & agency



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Three Highlights

1. Places adolescents at the heart of designing climate-resilient urban futures in Indore, labelled India's Cleanest City.
2. Implements youth-led climate initiatives (campaigns, peer action) that connect environmental issues with adolescent wellbeing and are rooted in their lived experiences.
3. Utilises the global HCA framework to link youth agency with urban climate resilience in an intermediary-city context.



What's Next

- Scale the model of adolescent-driven climate resilience to other Indian intermediary cities.
- Strengthen measurement of climate-wellbeing outcomes for youth.
- Integrate youth-climate actions into municipal policy.

Fort pour le Futur

Phase 2

Senegal

June 2022 – June 2025

Extension grant: October 2025 – August 2026



Cities:

Pikine, Thiès, Tivaouane



Key areas:

Adolescent nutrition
Sexual and reproductive health
Youth participation
Urban health systems



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Three Highlights

1. Integrated adolescent nutrition with sexual and reproductive health in an urban setting (Thiès, Pikine, and Tivaouane) as a combined model.
2. Recognised as a pioneering project under HCA, creating systemic change in youth services and municipal systems.
3. Multi-stakeholder engagement (city government, ministries of health/youth/education) anchoring youth participation in infrastructure decisions.



What's Next

- Consolidate and embed youth-governance structures in Pikine, Thiès, Tivaouane.
- Reinforce long-term sustainability of adolescent health services through the empowerment of peer educator networks.

My Path, My Pledge

Senegal

July 2024 – September 2026



Cities:

Tambacounda, Kolda



Key areas:

Adolescent mental health
Youth empowerment
Urban/rural adolescent wellbeing



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Three Highlights

1. Youth-driven initiative addressing mental health among adolescents in underserved cities (Tambacounda & Kolda).
2. Awarded an 18-month implementation grant under the Needs Assessment and Co-Design Phase (NACD) to address root causes of adolescent mental health through prevention and advocacy.
3. Collaborated with the Ministry of Health to develop mental health training guides and manuals to be used in middle schools.



What's Next

- Strengthen peer-led mental-health clubs and systemic referral mechanisms.
- Embed mental-health as key adolescent service in city policy.
- Incorporate mental health education in the school system.

Co-creating Healthy Cities for Adolescents and Youth

Vietnam

February 2023 – February 2026

Extension grant approved for: February 2026 – August 2026



Cities:

Da Nang



Key areas:

Youth participation in governance
Urban wellbeing
Adolescent skill-building



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Three Highlights

1. Supported transformation of Da Nang into a youth-friendly city via strategic partnerships between youth, municipality and national agencies.
2. Integrated adolescent skills-building, youth voice and municipal programmes (Child & Youth Programme) into city strategy.
3. Facilitated learning webinars and knowledge-sharing amongst youth actors in Vietnam, reinforcing youth as changemakers.



What's Next

- Deepen institutional embedding of adolescent participation in city governance.
- Document and replicate youth-voice models in other Vietnamese intermediary cities.
- Monitor skill-and-wellbeing improvements among youth.

Green Citizens – Healthy Cities

Vietnam

March 2024 – September 2026



Cities:

Hoi An, Tam Ky



Key areas:

Youth civic engagement
Sustainable urban development
Adolescent empowerment



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Three Highlights

1. Empowers adolescents and youth as active citizens in sustainable urban development (Green Citizens concept).
2. Drives youth-led civic initiatives in urban greening, sustainability, and community participation, with adolescents influencing urban agendas on environment, culture, and tourism.
3. Builds youth agency in sustainable city contexts, bridging environmental and civic domains beyond health alone.

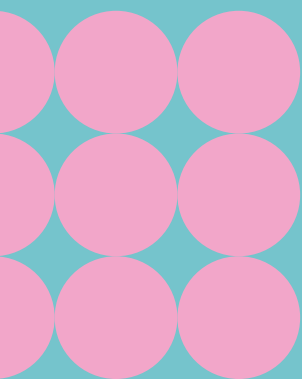
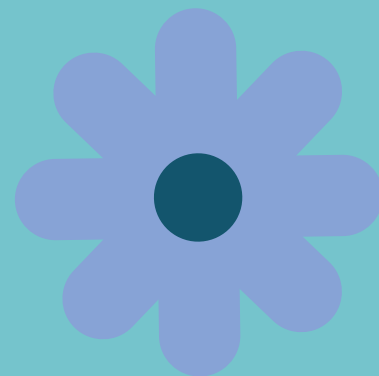


What's Next

- Strengthen adolescent and youth participation in schools and local agendas.
- Document good practices and promote methods and models across Da Nang and to peer cities within Vietnam and the region.



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