

# Cities for All: Housing and Urban Services Supporting Women, People with Disabilities, and Elders (D3577)

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**Description:**

This TC aims to promote operational and knowledge activities that support inclusive housing and accessible urban services for households led by women (HW), people with disabilities (PWD), and the elderly.

These households are a growing share of the urban population in the region. While specific figures for all Latin American cities are scarce, data from Mexico City illustrates this trend. In 2020, Mexico City had approximately 1.1 million female-headed households, reflecting an 18.22% increase from previous years. Additionally, it is estimated that PWD represents almost 15% of the total LAC population—about 85 million people—with the majority living in cities. As of 2023, an estimated 8.1% of the LAC population is over 65 years old, projected to rise to 17% by 2050, surpassing the global average.

Against this background, this TC will include two components: one directly supporting operations and another delivering analytical products. Both components will focus on:

- (i) housing solutions, including policies for affordable housing programs with universal design principles;
- (ii) safe and accessible public spaces and urban mobility systems, incorporating features that reduce risks of harassment, facilitate childcare activities, and improve accessibility for people with limited mobility; and
- (iii) technology-driven solutions that help HW, PWD, and the elderly overcome challenges in accessing urban services and responding to disasters such as fires, floods, and heat waves.

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**Has the proposal been discussed and authorized by the responsible sector or country department/division, as applicable?**

Yes

**Team Leader Responsible Department**

CSD

**Secondary Responsible Department (if more than one)**

SCL

**Are there specific countries that will directly benefit from your proposal?****Specify the beneficiary countries for this TC proposal**

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Mexico

Paraguay

Peru

Trinidad y Tobago

**Does this proposal involve more than 19 beneficiary countries?**

No, it does not involve more than 19 beneficiary countries.

**Describe how the proposal aligns with the respective country strategy (for each country selected)**

This TC aligns with the following strategic objectives presented in each of the countries' strategies:

- Argentina. "Improve habitat and mobility conditions of the population"
- Brazil. "Build inclusive and resilient cities"
- Chile: "Improved access to and quality of public services"
- Mexico: "Improve regional planning"
- Paraguay: "Reduce the quantitative and qualitative deficits in sustainable housing"
- Peru: "Improve social inclusion"

**Does the proposal align to one or more sector frameworks?**

Yes, the proposal aligns with at least one sector framework

**Identify and describe how the proposal aligns to the sector framework(s)**

It aligns with the following SFDs:

- Disaster Risk Management
- Gender and Diversity
- Housing and Urban Development
- Transportation

**Select the operational focus areas of the new Institutional Strategy to which the proposal aligns**

Biodiversity, Natural Capital, and Climate Action

Gender Equality and Inclusion of Diverse Population Groups

**Justify the alignment to each selection above**

This TC proposal aligns with the selected SFDs in the following way:

- Disaster Risk Management. By promoting a preventive approach to the impacts of fires, floods, and draughts in urban areas, in particular promoting preparedness for response and resilient recovery.
- Gender and Diversity. By targeting the needs of HW and PWD, vulnerable groups are identified in the sector's SFD.
- Housing and Urban Development. By supporting access to housing and urban services.
- Transportation. By including transport networks as part of an urban accessible mobility matrix.

This TC proposal aligns with the selected operational focus areas of the new Institutional Strategy in the following way:

- Gender Equality and Inclusion of Diverse Population Groups. Strengthen the ability of municipal government and subnational agencies to store and analyze data on HW and PWD and enhance the quality of operations that consider the needs of these groups.
- Biodiversity, Natural Capital, and Climate Action. By providing local governments with effective tools for disaster risk management that account for the specific needs of HW, PWD, and elders.
- Sustainable, Resilient, and Inclusive Infrastructure. By focusing on the achievement of universal access to affordable infrastructure services, including interventions to close the access gap to infrastructure services, increase affordability, and adopt inclusive infrastructure designs and services (e.g., with accessibility standards for people with disabilities)

**Indicate if the proposal aligns/contributes to one or more of the strategic priorities established by Management, please select from below**

Regional Impact Programs – Disaster Risk Management

**Justify the alignment to each selection above**

The TC will strengthen cities' resilience to disasters by specifically supporting vulnerable populations, such as HW, PWD, and the elderly. These groups are often disproportionately affected by disasters, facing added barriers to safety, mobility, and recovery. The TC will help cities develop tailored strategies and interventions that ensure these populations have the necessary resources, infrastructure, and support systems to withstand and recover from emergencies.

These activities could include, creating disaster preparedness plans that facilitate timely evacuations and incorporate accessible communication methods for PWD, inclusive shelters, with facilities like ramps, accessible restrooms, and assistance for elderly residents. In terms of housing, the TC will encourage the retrofitting of homes to make them disaster-resistant, ensuring that women, who often play caregiving roles, and elderly residents can remain in their homes safely during disasters.

**What is the estimated funding that you need in order to implement this proposal?**

275.000

**Select the expected outputs of this proposal**

Project Preparation Deliverables (Implementation and Management Plans, Procurement Plans, M&E Plans, Project Designs/Studies, Assessments, etc.)

Events (other than policy dialogues)

Knowledge Products (Books, Briefs, Monographs, Notes, Papers, Reports, etc.)

**Are outputs strictly Knowledge Products?**

**Describe the motivation and main question(s) this TC intends to answer.**

**Describe the methodological approach to be used and the type of data (when applicable) which will be used**

**If outputs include Knowledge Product(s), please specify which one:**

**Outputs: Please provide a brief description of the output(s) selected above (i.e. number of units planned, estimated cost, etc.) If you selected others, please specify.**

Outputs	#planned	Estimated Cost (USD)	Description
Project preparation deliverables: Design/Studies	3	75,000	Operational Support for HUD sector
Events	1	25,000	Dissemination of Studies and Publications supported by this TC
Knowledge Products	2	100,000	Publications on supporting HW, PWD and elders...
Total		200,000	

**Outcomes: If the outputs are delivered successfully, what is the change expected (in capacity, knowledge, behavior, etc.)?**

Outcomes	# planned
HUD's Project designed that include actions in support of HW, PWD, and elders	6

**Additional Information for consideration**

This TC builds on the knowledge of and provides continuity to the RG-T3771, which has been successfully executed and surpassed all its targets.

**Please confirm the year of the Regional Technical Cooperation Call you are applying for**  
2025

**(1) Attachments**

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