Strengthening local and national coordination for the SDGs Multilevel governance for the SDGs

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Executive Summary

SDG Cities logo — Ghana — Global Initiative

The project supports Ghanaian cities to accelerate their achievement of SDGs through a **systematic value chain** of data collection and analysis which feeds a process of participatory visioning, strategic planning and smart cities planning. This leads to the identification of strategic sustainable development priorities which are translated into investment plans that comprise of several SDG impact projects.

SDG Cities provides cities with:

❖ A digital diagnostics tool kit

❖ A global technical team to assist cities through the process

❖ A City Investment Facility to showcase their SDG projects, and links them with impact investors

❖ Recognition of achieving key stages of the SDG Cities Cycle

Through the Ghana Smart SDG Cities Initiative, **10 cities** will be onboarded, improving quality of life of over **5 million people**
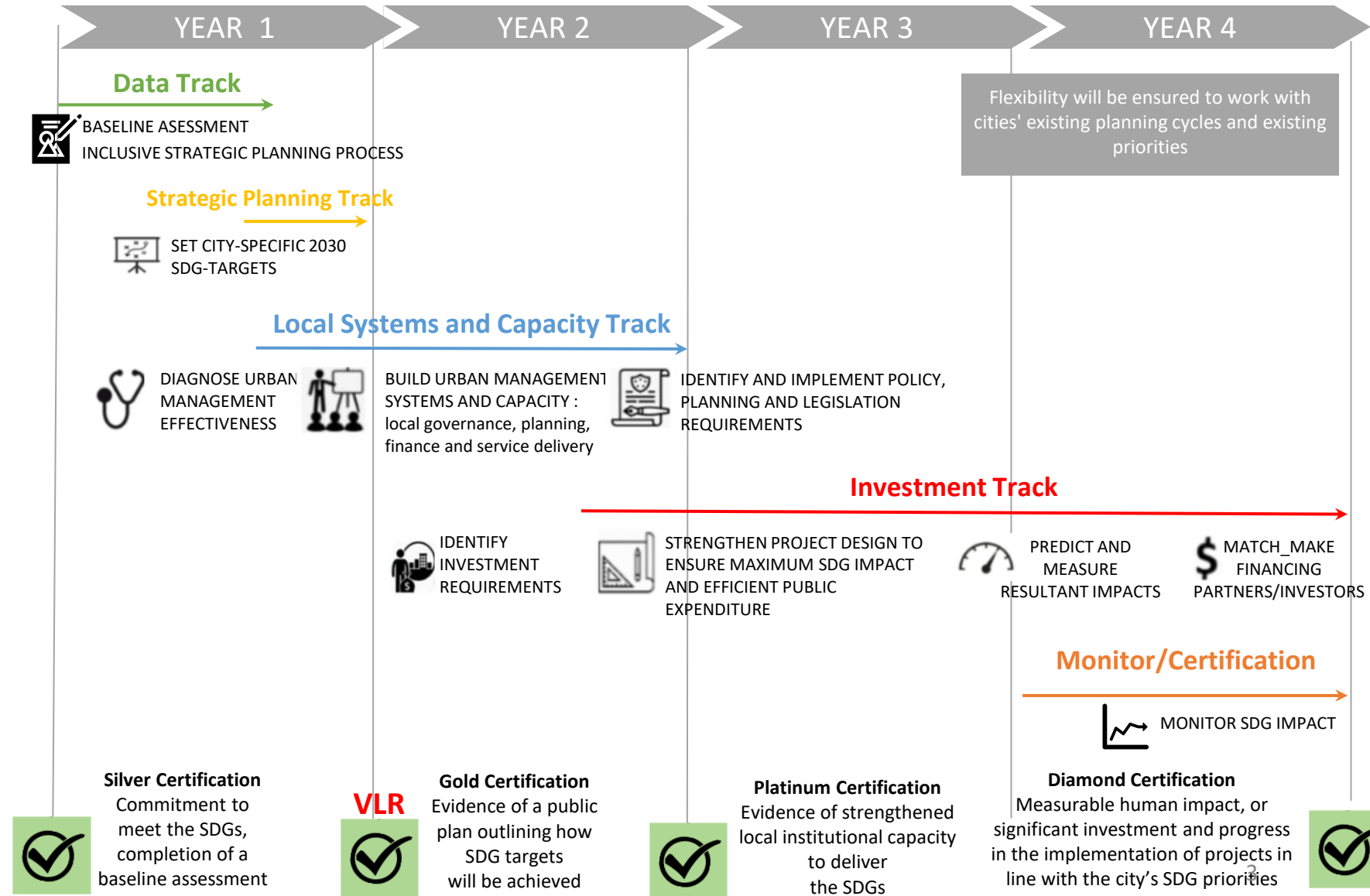
SDG Cities Value Chain

The Ghana Smart SDG Cities Initiative is implemented in four tracks:

- **Data**
- **Evidence based planning**
- **Institutional strengthening**
- **Investment in Impact**

Exceptional achievement is recognized globally through a series of UN-Habitat SDG Cities Certificates

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YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4

Flexibility will be ensured to work with cities' existing planning cycles and existing priorities

Data Track

BASELINE ASESSMENT
INCLUSIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Strategic Planning Track

SET CITY-SPECIFIC 2030 SDG-TARGETS

Local Systems and Capacity Track

DIAGNOSE URBAN MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS

BUILD URBAN MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY : local governance, planning, finance and service delivery

IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT POLICY, PLANNING AND LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS

Investment Track

IDENTIFY INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS

STRENGTHEN PROJECT DESIGN TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SDG IMPACT AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

PREDICT AND MEASURE RESULTANT IMPACTS

MATCH_MAKE FINANCING PARTNERS/INVESTORS

Monitor/Certification

MONITOR SDG IMPACT

Silver Certification
Commitment to meet the SDGs, completion of a baseline assessment

VLR
Gold Certification
Evidence of a public plan outlining how SDG targets will be achieved

Platinum Certification
Evidence of strengthened local institutional capacity to deliver the SDGs

Diamond Certification
Measurable human impact, or significant investment and progress in the implementation of projects in line with the city's SDG priorities

Kyebi Model

The Kyebi Model

Kyebi, a small city in Ghana, part of the Abuakwa South Municipal has emerged as a pioneering example of sustainable urban development through the utilization of SDG Cities and People-centered Smart Cities approaches. The Kyebi model focuses on **utilizing the implementation of the SDGs in cities to account for growth and to avoid the emergence of slums and informal settlements.**

Governance

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Project Oversight Committee

The Project Oversight Committee (POC) will provide overarching direction for the successful implementation of the Project. Its members are the MoF, the MLGDRD and the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Ghana. UN-Habitat will provide a Secretariat function to the POC.

Project Technical Committee

The Project Technical Committee (PTC), which will provide technical advice to the implementing entities, review relevant documentation as well as make recommendations to the POC for consideration. It will consist of UN-Habitat, UNCDF and a core group of technical experts identified by the POC as key stakeholders. This may include government institutions, private sector, and civil society.

First Advisory Board Meeting: May 16th 2023

- Frequency of meetings and roles of members
- Phasing of implementation
- Partnerships with national institutions
- Review of project governance arrangements

Second Advisory Board Meeting: June 21st 2023

- Discussion of participating cities
- Update by Abuakwa South on implementation
- Further discussion of governance structure

Participating Cities

The selection of participating cities will be discussed by the key partners, MoF, UN-Habitat and Norway, and agreed by the Project Overview Committee. Emphasis is placed on

- Balance of geographical distribution
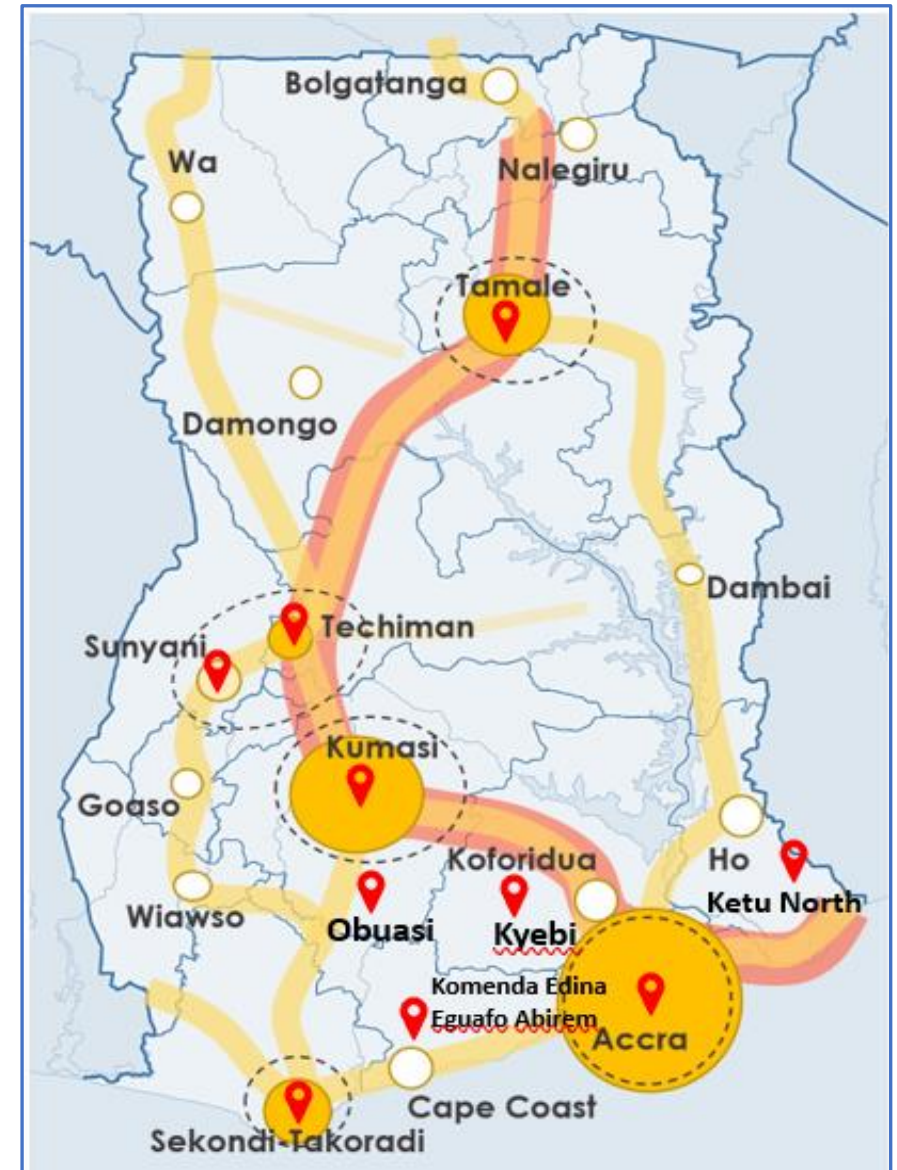- Range of population sizes

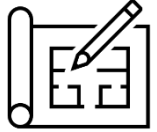Furthermore, the programme places importance on women leadership in cities.

Smart SDG Cities Technical Support Hub: will provide training, advisory support, and technical backstopping to cities and will be hosted by a relevant government institution.

Smart SDG Cities Technical Team The SDG HUB: a multi-disciplinary team recruited by UN-Habitat and led by the Project Manager.

Implementation Strategy

Risks for Duplication:
- o The ministries, especially the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralisation and Rural Development, who have oversight responsibility of the cities and are aware of the various urban development projects and funding sources in the various cities are on the look out to avoid duplication and create synergies.

Need for Coordination:
- o We are working with other UN Agencies.
- o UN-Habitat is part of the informal urban donor group managed by EU and UK-FCDO.
- o We have engaged and will continue to engage other development partners to avoid duplication and explore synergies for maximum impact.
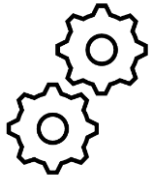
Capacity:
- o The cities have capacity, especially because capacity is an unspoken criteria in the government's selection of cities.

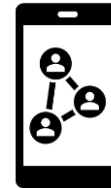# HQ: Tool Development

Under Development

City Scan Tool
Urban Mobility Tool
(will be ready by mid-August)
Water and Sanitation Tool

Digitized

Urban Governance Tool
Urban Planning Tool
Rapid Own-Source Revenue Tool

Designed

Waste Wise Cities Tool
ready for manual use

UN-Habitat Assembly

- The **Ghana Smart SDG Cities Initiative** was showcased at a booth at the Urban Expo of the Second UN-Habitat Assembly held in Nairobi, Kenya between the 5th and 9th of June

- The Mayor of Kyebi, Ghana participated in the SDG Cities Side Event: Towards a multilateral collaboration and knowledge exchange system to accelerate SDGs implementation in cities

- Representative of the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development, Ghana participated at the SDG Cities Side Event: SDG Cities Certification: Facilitating multilateral cooperation from data integration to finance to accelerate achieving SDGs in Cities.

Smart SDG Cities Technical Support Hub