
ICLEI Completes Urban Resilience Toolkit as ACCCRN Scales Up to New Countries

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- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability finalizes the ICLEI-ACCCRN Guide and Toolkit to help municipal governments in Asia build resilience to climate change
- New cities in Asia commit to year-long programs to create City Resilience Strategies using the toolkit as a foundation
- Long-term goal is for more local governments in Asia and beyond to integrate City Resilience Strategies into their planning processes and to catalyze a range of new interventions

31 May 2013, Asia – ICLEI has finalized a new guide and toolkit aimed at helping municipal governments in Asia build City Resilience Strategies to cope with the growing impacts of climate change as part of its engagement with the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN).

A number of municipal bodies in cities not previously associated with ACCCRN have already committed to undergo training on use of the new toolkits and to embark on year-long programs to create City Resilience Strategies, representing significant expansion of ACCCRN initiatives to new geographies.

The new municipalities involved include Barisal Municipal Corporation, Singra Municipality and Mongla Municipality in Bangladesh; Shillong Municipal Corporation, Leh Municipality and City Corporation of Panaji in India; Quezon City and Makati in the Philippines and Sukabumi and Cimahi cities in Indonesia.

The ICLEI-ACCCRN Guide and Toolkit is one of the first products to emerge from a US\$1.75 million grant extended to ICLEI, one of the key partners involved with ACCCRN, by the Rockefeller Foundation in November of last year.

Since 2008, the Rockefeller Foundation has supported ACCCRN, a 9-year initiative aimed at building climate change resilience among vulnerable and poor urban communities in Asia.

The ACCCRN program began with 10 core cities in four Asian countries (Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and India). ICLEI is using its grant to directly engage up to 40 new cities in India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Bangladesh to plan similar urban climate change resilience interventions.

“The Rockefeller Foundation and our partners are committed to building a more resilient future. With the completion of the new Guide and Toolkit, this marks an important milestone in efforts to scale up ACCCRN initiatives to more cities and new countries everywhere so that they can prepare for and enable a swifter recovery to shocks and stresses that are only going to increase in frequency and scale,” said Heather Grady, Vice President of Foundation Initiatives at the Rockefeller Foundation, speaking at the Resilient Cities 2013 4th Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation in Bonn, Germany on 31 May.

“ICLEI has already secured commitment to undertake the resilience planning process from cities in Bangladesh, India, the Philippines and Indonesia,” she said.

As part of the ICLEI-ACCCRN program, cities will undergo a process lasting approximately 12 months to develop City Resilience Strategies that can be incorporated into their planning processes.

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