




Social resilience is the capacity of a social entity, community, or society to resist, absorb, accommodate, adapt to, and recover from the effects of hazards, shocks and stresses in an agile, caring, and efficient manner.

It recognizes the importance of human and social capacities to access and make use of resources and services, adapt, collaborate, express themselves, and participate in decision-making.

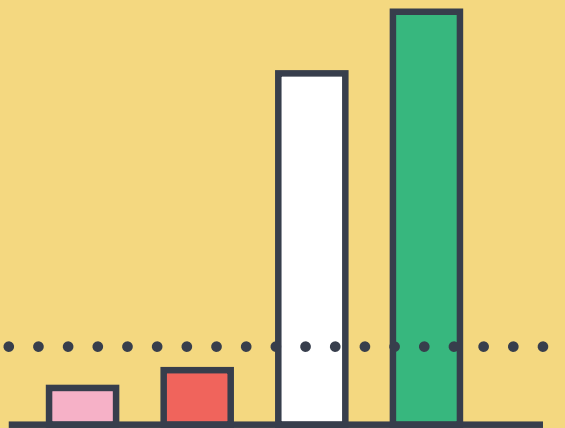
A resilient society requires the equal valuing of all people

Why is social resilience important?



Communities are often forced to manage emergencies themselves.

In these situations, their capacity to respond and collaborate with each other can vastly affect the impact a hazard has on them.

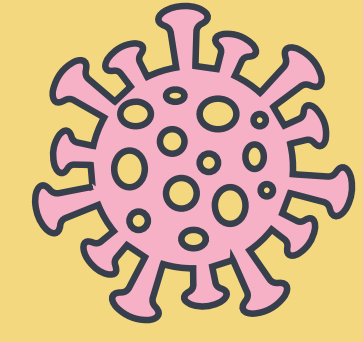


The rising inequality and the prevalence of slums are symptoms of a larger deficit to respect human rights in cities.



Women are constrained from achieving the highest leadership positions.

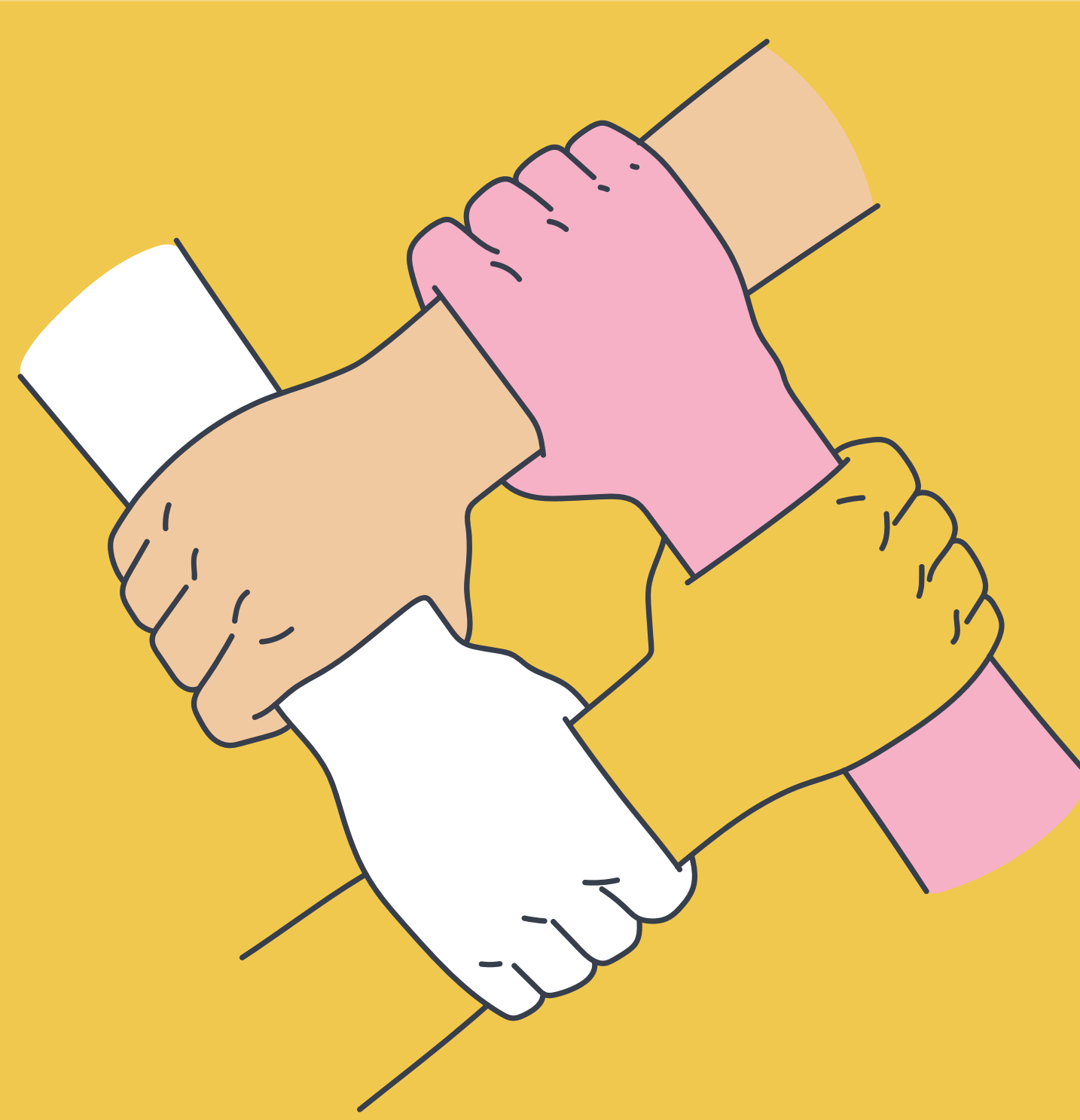
Only the **36%** of elected members in local deliberative bodies are women.



In 2020, the pandemic-induced new poor globally was between **119** and **124** million people.

A majority of the new poor will be living in urban areas; thereby, presenting an additional burden to local governments especially in the global south.

Cities and metropolitan spaces face different shocks, stresses and challenges. When one of these threats impacts the urban system it increases poverty and exacerbates existing inequalities.



Building Urban social Resilience reduces patterns of inequality, improves the well-being of the population and contributes to improving the communities' ability to cope with various stresses and shocks.

Creating enabling environments for communities to have a level of trust, familiarity, and social cohesion, alongside some knowledge of the risks they face is essential to ensure peoples' wellbeing and ability to thrive.

When building urban social resilience, cities and metropolitan spaces have to...



Guarantee equitable access to public space and contribute to reducing air pollution and congestion.



Identify neglected groups and address vulnerabilities within specific segments of the population.



Ensure cultural rights and promote artistic expression and innovation.



Safeguard the right to basic urban services (drinking water, sanitation, education, public housing, universal health care and welfare benefits, energy, telecommunications).



Promote children's development.



Build trust through transparency and efficient risk communication strategies.



Implement a socially inclusive perspective that stimulates political and civic participation, while promoting feminist leadership across institutional spaces.





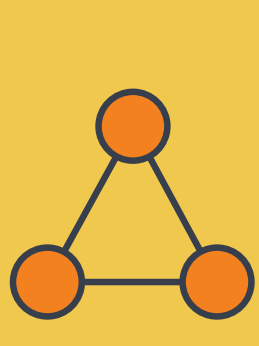
Foster cohesion, social protection, social interaction, empowerment, participation and inclusiveness, as they can enhance populations' ability to negotiate a variety of economic, ecological, social and cultural challenges in a more coordinated, cooperative, and supportive manner.



Safeguard human rights, specially women and girls' equal rights and opportunities, so they can live free of violence and discrimination.

To build social resilience, it is essential for local and metropolitan governments to conduct multi-sectoral diagnostics on issues that may weaken social cohesion.

Local and metropolitan governments need a deep understanding of the socio-demographic dynamics of local communities with a detailed analysis of

-  **1 Demographic indicators** (gender, age, ethnicity, households with disabilities)
-  **2 Complex indicators** (accessibility, education, housing tenure, employment, income equality, health coverage, access to socio-cultural services and nutritious food, public transport, etc.)
-  **3** Communication networks, language skills and many others, clearly identified challenges faced at a local context.



This information, when integrated into georeferenced databases, can also map the concentration of risks and vulnerabilities.

From the results of the diagnostic, it is necessary to develop a design proposal and implementation of actions targeted to mitigate risks and reinforce inclusion in a viable, visible and sustained manner.