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Post-Pandemic Recovery and Transformation: Resilient Cities, Healthy Planet

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With 90% of COVID-19 cases in urban areas, city dwellers are hurt most by the pandemic.

Asian cities face rapid urbanization, growing infrastructure deficits, increasing climate change and disaster risk, environmental stress, and aging populations.
Make Cities More Livable

ADB Strategy 2030:
Seven Operational Priorities

Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities
Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability
Promoting rural development and food security
Accelerating progress in gender equality
Making cities more livable
Strengthening governance and institutional capacity
Fostering regional cooperation and integration

Making Cities More Livable
Operational Priority Approaches

Cities in Asia and the Pacific are more Livable

1. Coverage, quality, efficiency, and reliability of services in urban areas improved
2. Urban planning and financial sustainability of cities strengthened
3. Urban environment, climate resilience and disaster management of cities improved

“Build Back Better” for Livable Cities:
the Post-COVID-19 New Normal
Recommendations for the “New Normal”

**Action 1**

**Greater Inclusion:**
Enhance social protection for the most vulnerable groups

**Action 2**

**Improve urban services and infrastructure:**
Effectively use technologies and digital solutions

Recommendations for the “New Normal”

**Action 3**
Revisit urban planning systems:
Strategically incorporate lessons from COVID-19

**Action 4**
Strengthen financial sustainability of local government:
Build capacity of urban institutions and other stakeholders
Recommendations for the “New Normal”

**Action 5**
Build healthy and environmentally sustainable cities:
Need to encourage flexible and mixed-use development

**Action 6**
Build resilient cities:
Able to absorb shocks and stress caused by pandemics, disasters, and climate change
Livable Cities Timeline for Building Back Better

**Build Back Better**

**2020**

- **Greater Inclusion:**
  - Enhance social protection for the most vulnerable groups

- **Strengthen financial sustainability of local government:**
  - Build capacity of urban institutions and other stakeholders

**5 years**

- **Improve urban services and infrastructure:**
  - Effectively use technologies and digital solutions

- **Revisit urban planning system:**
  - Strategically incorporate lessons from COVID-19

- **Build healthy, environmentally sustainable and resilient cities:**
  - Able to absorb shocks and stress caused by pandemics, disasters, and climate change

**2030**
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