

Resilient and Inclusive Cities Hub

Promoting Resilient Cities that Work for All

Disaster risks are escalating globally, with increasing heatwaves, droughts, and floods, [and the highest number of violent conflicts since World War II](#). Urban areas are the hardest hit by these disasters, which [cost cities over \\$300 billion annually](#). These cities are home to more than 50% of the 1.3 billion people with disabilities worldwide, who are [twice as likely to die in disasters](#) due to limited mobility, lack of timely support, and inaccessible safety measures.

[Half of the buildings projected to exist by 2050 are yet to be constructed](#). This is our chance to reshape the urban landscape, prioritizing resilience, sustainable design, and low-carbon construction and ensuring that persons with disabilities can fully participate in urban life.

The Resilient and Inclusive Cities Hub (RICH) aims to ensure that cities are accessible, equitable, and prepared for the challenges of the future. **The time to act is now.**

The RICH Initiative

SEED FUNDING

[German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#)

HOST

[Global Disability Fund \(GDF\)](#)

KEY PARTNER

[International Disability Alliance \(IDA\)](#)

OBJECTIVES:

- Foster multi-stakeholder collaboration, including UN entities, governments, OPDs, international financial institutions, networks of cities, and private sector partners;
- Pilot inclusive urban resilience solutions to address accessibility gaps in infrastructure, services, and policies ensuring the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in every stage of the process; and
- Generate and disseminate global knowledge, creating a repository of best practices and guidance for inclusive urban development.



Why Support RICH Initiative?

Inclusiveness: Help ensure the resilient cities that are built around the world truly work for all.

Global Impact: Your investment will support scalable projects that directly benefit millions of urban residents worldwide.

Catalytic Change: Unlock additional funding and investments in disability-inclusive urban development.

Measurable Results: Our data-driven approach ensures transparency and demonstrates the tangible benefits of inclusion.

Alignment with SDGs: RICH directly supports SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

Call to Action

Join us to transform cities into inclusive, resilient spaces for all. Partner with the RICH initiative to fund, implement, and scale groundbreaking initiatives.

UPCOMING PLEDGE OPPORTUNITY:

**Global Disability Summit,
April 2025**

(Financial contributions made prior to March 15, 2025 will be featured at the GDS 2025.)

Planned initiatives

- Launch pilot projects in five cities by 2026, testing innovative approaches to inclusivity and resilience.
- Build a global knowledge-sharing platform to disseminate lessons learned and best practices.
- Provide technical support and capacity-building resources to local governments and OPDs.

Together, we can create urban spaces where no one is left behind.

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