

SUCCESSFUL COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION

To ensure a successful partnership it is crucial that all partners have a shared vision and together outline clear objectives towards achieving that vision. The vision can be as simple as to 'reduce heat deaths in the city'. It is also important to identify clear roles and responsibilities within the group. These must have clear leads and complement – not overlap – the other roles and responsibilities. Decision-making processes as well as dispute resolution mechanisms also need to be clearly defined, while regular communication should be established, including agreement on the frequency and format (i.e. via in-person meetings, phone calls, emails etc.). Where necessary, a partnership can also be formalised through a letter of intent or memorandum of understanding. To ensure all necessary skills and roles are filled, it may also be necessary to draw on regional or national resources. This should be factored into decision-making on the set-up of the partnership to ensure regional and/or national stakeholders are able to contribute meaningfully.

SUSTAINING HEAT ACTION

Preparing a city to reduce the effects of heat extremes is one of the most impactful ways to reduce climate-related deaths. Heat action is a combination of long-term planning and seasonal and short-term considerations. To ensure that efforts are sustained, it is important to incorporate funding for heat action into municipal budgets. Other measures to sustain heat action include: outlining the mandate to reduce heat risks within municipal policies and laws; working with national stakeholders to ensure businesses are eligible for humanitarian financing in national disaster management laws; integrating heat action throughout city planning decisions; and encouraging the private sector and non-governmental partners to develop complementary heat action plans.



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