



CALL FOR CITIES

Make your city an S²City!




Are you a **city government** in a **secondary city** in the **Global South**?

We invite you to participate in the S²Cities Programme to make your city safer for young people!

IMPORTANT DATES 2022

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| 12th August | Application deadline for South America region |
| 19th August | Application deadline for Southeast Asia and other regions |
| September-December | Selection and onboarding of 3 new cities to join the programme in 2023 |



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LinkedIn  [S2Cities : Safe and Sound Cities](https://www.linkedin.com/company/s2cities)

The S²Cities Programme is an initiative proudly led by Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation, in partnership with ICLEI, hosted by Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, with the support of Fondation Botnar.

What is S²Cities?

The S²Cities Programme (Safe and Sound Cities Programme) aims to improve **young people's safety and wellbeing** in urban environments.

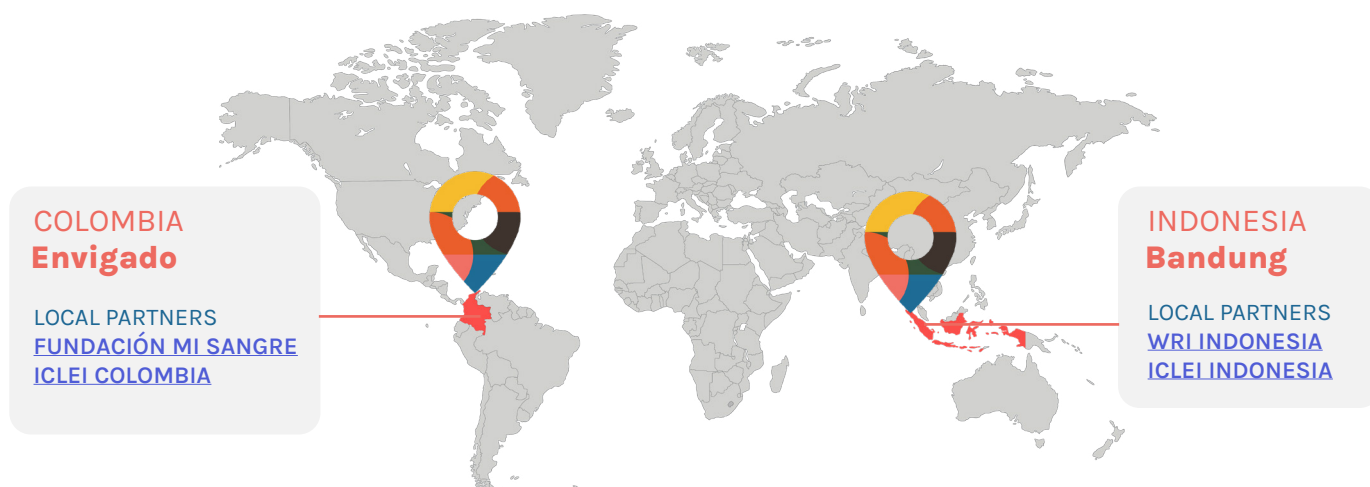
The programme works in partnership with cities, young people, the private sector and other stakeholders to:

- 1** Better understand urban systems and their influence on safety and wellbeing.
- 2** Build capacity within these systems.
- 3** Catalyze youth innovation to solve key challenges for safer urban environments.

The programme will also establish a **global learning network** of **cities, thought leaders, and practitioners** to foster better understanding of urban safety for young people.

Where is the program currently operating?

In the **pilot phase (2021-22)**, the programme launched in **two growing secondary cities** where young people and their wellbeing feature prominently in the national and local agenda. Our partnership with cities is made possible through our collaboration with ICLEI, a global network of 2500+ local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.



Following the pilot phase, we aim to expand our programme to **more secondary cities across the Global South**, starting with **three new cities in 2023**.

Focus areas

The programme **targets:**

- **Secondary cities** in the Global South.
See [here](#) for a list of countries in the Global South.
- **Urban environments** (including municipalities and city neighbourhoods)
- **All socioeconomic segments** (including informal settlements)

The programme **does not target:**

- Capitals or metropolitan cities
- Megacities
- Warzones
- Emergency contexts
- Rural areas

Why should my city participate?

By participating in the S²Cities Programme, your city will be supported to **improve urban safety for young people**. The programme will create an **exciting way** for city officials **to engage with young people**, enabling better understanding of urban safety and what needs to be done to improve it.

Participating governments will receive the following support*:

- Establishment of a **youth hub**.
- Expert **analysis of urban safety status** quo.
- Training and **capacity development of city staff** in understanding urban safety and youth engagement.
- Participation in an **annual youth innovation challenge** and award programme.
- Access to a **global learning network**.

**The programme will not provide direct financial contributions to cities.*

Call for participation

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Apply now to join as a participating city
(3 cities will be chosen)

2024-25

Express your interest to participate in the next application round
(5 cities will be chosen)

How to participate?

- **Cities in South America region:** Visit this [link](#) and apply by Aug 12. For additional questions contact iclei-sams@iclei.org and lideres.futuro@iclei.org.
- **Cities in Southeast Asia region:** Visit this [link](#) and apply by Aug 19. For additional questions contact iclei-sea@iclei.org.
- **Other cities:** [Fill this form](#) on the S²Cities website to submit your interest and receive further details on how to submit your application by 19 Aug. For additional questions contact info@s2cities.org.
- **Cities interested in participating in the next round (2024-25):** Register your interest by [filling this form](#) on the S²Cities website.

What will participating cities need to contribute?

We request in-kind contribution from cities in the form of:

- Appointment of a focal person, to take the role of **'Chief Youth Safety Officer'**.
- Participation of the focal person and other relevant city staff in **training and capacity building**.
- Use of a **city's physical space free of charge** as the 'Youth Hub' for programme activities during the whole duration of the programme. This can be an existing space currently hosting youth activities or a space adapted for the purposes of this programme.
- Cooperation in creation of **urban safety analysis**.
- Possibility of assigning some **municipal contribution** for the implementation of young people's innovations for safety improvement (each city defines their own budget, according to their needs and capacities).

Join us online on **International Youth Day** to learn more about the programme and how your city can participate!

Date: **August 12, 2022** Time: **3 pm (CEST)**

Email us at info@s2cities.org for additional information and registration link.