

LOCAL PROJECT CHALLENGE

CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS
PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS
EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

ABOUT MAP AWARDS



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Accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals worldwide.

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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COVID 19: PLANS FOR ACTION WEBINAR

2020 HLPF PARALLEL DIALOGUE

JULY 16, 2020

WHAT was the LPC?

A **Call for LOCAL** design and planning projects that **engage with the SDGs**.

WHAT were its aims?

- Increase awareness of the the SDGs
- Create a knowledge sharing, network building resource;
- Inspire others to action;
- Help build capacity through print ready DIY exhibition panels.

HOW many projects?

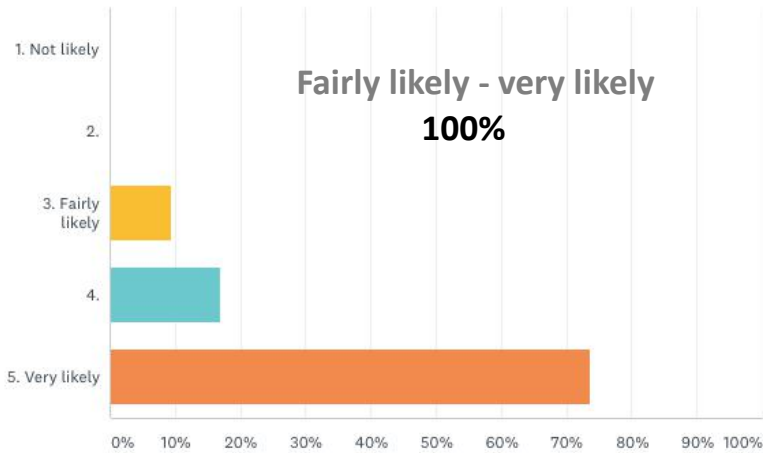
110 projects from 39 countries

- 27 Civil Society projects;
- 49 Professional projects;
- 35 Educational projects.



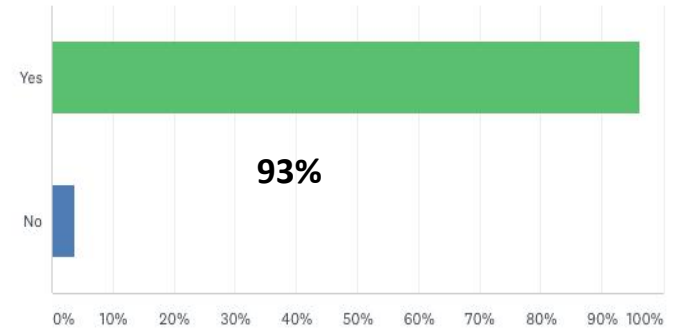
21. On a scale of 1 to 5, in the future, will you be likely to consider the SDGs and their targets?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 5



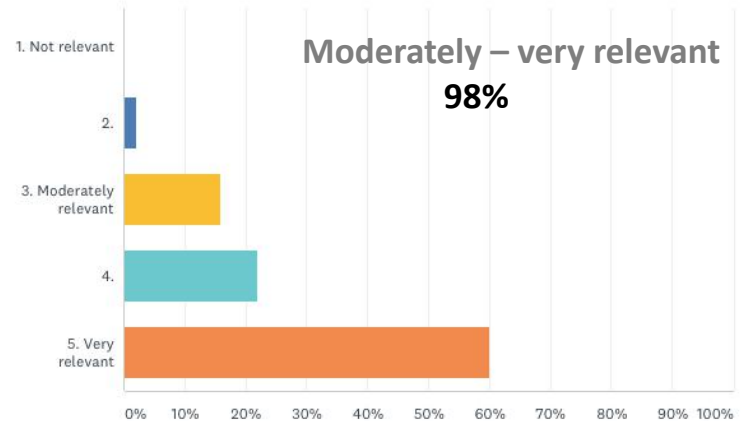
10. Have you shared www.localprojectchallenge.org and your project with your networks?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 4



25. On a scale of 1 to 5, do you think that the SDGs will be relevant and /or useful in helping recreate (physically and mentally) healthy, resilient, and equitable cities AFTER the pandemic?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 8



KEY FINDINGS

- **Take-up of SDGs** in future work
- **Spread /sharing** of LPC
- **Usefulness of SDGs** post pandemic

LOCAL PROJECT CHALLENGE: Examples



CIVIL SOCIETY
GROWNYC TEACHING GARDEN
NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

12 SDGs



PROFESSIONAL
CROSSWALK: 250 METERS OF HAPPINESS

NEW DELHI, INDIA

5 SDGs



CIVIL SOCIETY
SUSTAINABLE FAVELA NETWORK
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

15 SDGs

**COVID 19 RESPONSES
4 CITIES
4 COUNTRIES**



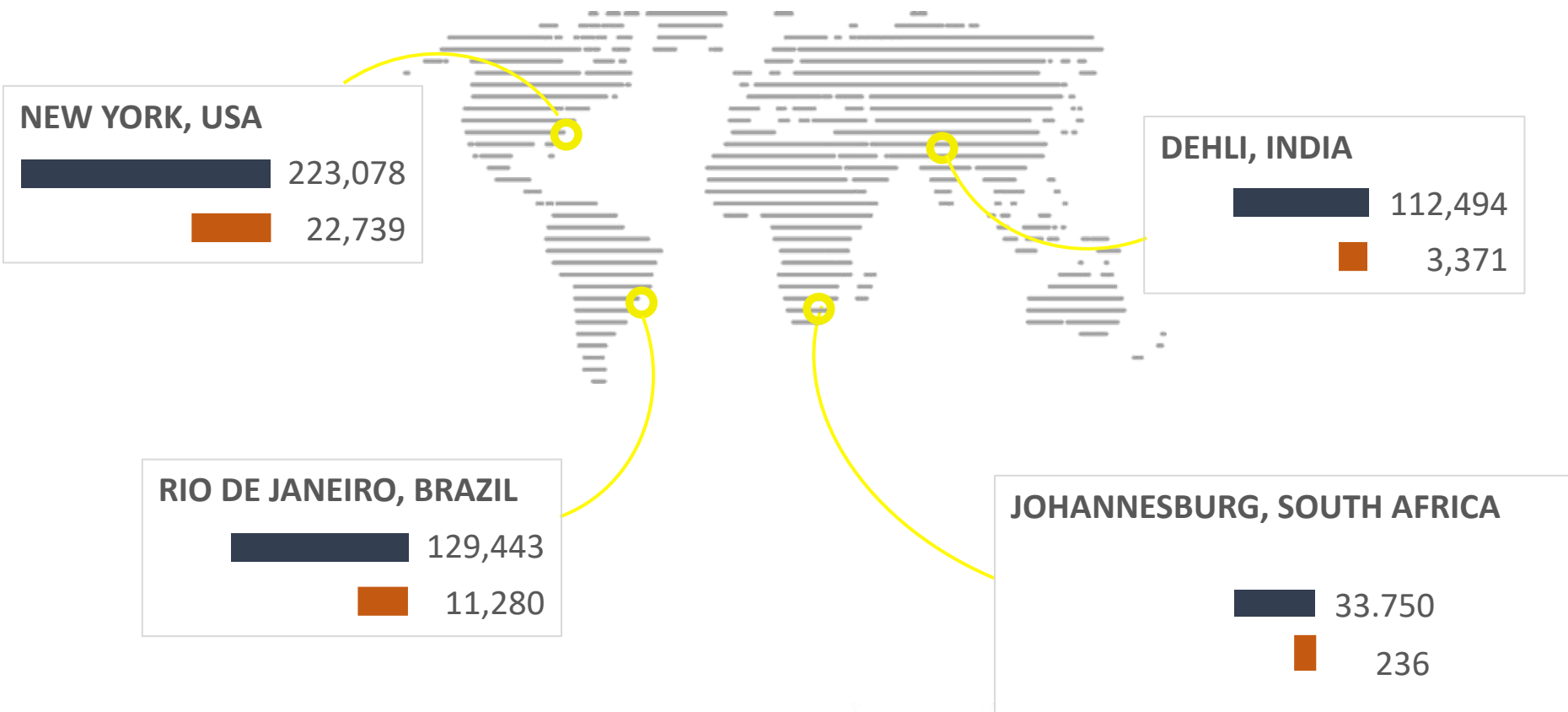
CIVIL SOCIETY
TOILETS WITH DIGNITY: THE WASSUP DIEPSLOOT MODEL

JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA

6 SDGs

COVID-19: Cases and deaths in 4 cities

(July 11, 2020)



■ Number of cases
■ Number of deaths



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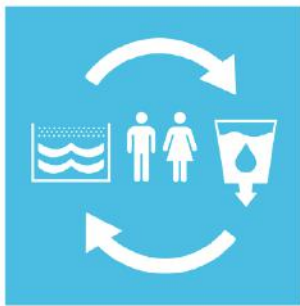
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TARGET 6•B



SUPPORT LOCAL
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WATER AND
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MANAGEMENT



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Sidewalk School, Delhi

Source:HumanQind

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Question: Could COMMUNITY LED COMPACTS
(with civil society, the professions, educational institutions, government and UN)
Help STRENGTHEN these & other extraordinary **COVID responses?**

And ensure that the **BUILD BACK BETTER /NEW** effort succeeds in achieving the
RIGHT TO THE CITY
for all?

issues: Inclusion, equity; racial, health and climate justice

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