

# VLRs as a tool to accelerate SDGs Implementation at the local level

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# UNCT support for VLRs

FROM UN COSTA RICA



## Municipalities network for the SDGs

Red de Cantones  
Promotores de los  
ODS



**39% of local  
governments  
participating**



## 6 VLRs in progress

Working group led by  
the national institution  
and supported by a  
local consultant



Sarchí  
Goicoechea  
Atenas  
Puriscal  
Belén  
Curridabat

## VLRs Results

Local governments  
engaging in national  
and international  
localization events



## VNR 2020

Only around 20% of  
Costa Rican local  
governments are  
Localizing the SDGs



## Engagement VLRs Process

Advocacy campaigns  
UN Habitat Global  
Localization Team  
technical support

# VLRs Costa Rica Main Highlights



## Leadership

High level local leadership is vital for SDGs localization

01

## Local development plans

Local governments have been able to include SDGs targets in local development plans

02

## Data, M&E

Major gaps related to SDGs local data and indicators production have been identified

03

**VLRs have been recognize as an accelerator for local data management**

## Partnerships

The SDGs and VLRs are recognize as a catalyst for strategic alliances with national institutions and international cooperation

04

## Community engagement

The SDGs and VLRs have strengthened the relationship with communities and CSOs fostering participation with a focus on LNOB

05

# LEARNED LESSONS

UNCT SUPPORTING VLRs



1

## NATIONAL STRATEGY

A national localization strategy with national counterparts set the way for engaging in VLRs processes, allocating UN resources.

## GLOBAL RESOURCES

UN global resources coming from entities such as UN Habitat and DESA are vital for connecting cities with international opportunities.

2

3

## VLRs WITH PURPOSE

Include VLRs with a specific purpose within the localization strategy. For CR means data gaps management and future cooperation opportunities at the local level.

4

## PEER TO PEER LEARNING

The VLRs working group allows for good practices exchange and mutual support during the process.

# NEXT STEPS: OUR 3 "E's"

VLRs PROCESS IN COSTA RICA



01

## EVALUATE

Finish and validate VLRs results by October 2022.

02

## ENGAGE

Engage the first 6 Costa Rican VLRs in national and global localization events.

03

## ESCALATE

Escalate Municipalities Network and VLRs presentation for 2023.

# THANK YOU

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