

team lead. Canada's partners included the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the International Organization for Migration and Guinea's Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire. The four-week intermediate-level learning program builds on the Public Health Agency of Canada's work in Guinea during the Ebola epidemic of 2014 to 2016. The program is designed to help attendees understand and apply public health emergency management principles and practices in their own context. The primary focus is on the core functions and critical infrastructure needed to set up and operate an emergency operations centre for public health. Such a centre must meet the basic requirements of the World Health Organization Framework for a Public Health Emergency Operations Centre. The training supports Global Health Security Agenda goals to:

- increase global capacity to detect, assess, notify and respond to disease threats;
- strengthen global public health emergency management partnerships; and
- help other countries implement the International Health Regulations.

In June 2016, the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank approved the National Slum Upgrading Project in Indonesia. This project runs until 2022 and is co-financed with the World Bank. The project is improving access to urban infrastructure and services in targeted slums in Indonesia. The project aims to raise the bar in five areas:

- institutional and policy development;
- integrated planning support and capacity building for local governments and communities;
- urban infrastructure and services in selected cities;
- implementation support and technical assistance; and
- contingency for disaster response.



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THEATRE THERAPY

Diana, 17, is a Palestinian refugee from Syria with a passion for theatre. In 2013, Diana and her family fled the war in Syria and found safety in South Lebanon. The Canada-funded Youth for Tomorrow program has reached out to hundreds of youth like Diana who have suffered the effects of conflict and displacement. It works with youth to help them find dignity amid crisis. Program staff encouraged Diana to register in a theatre class. "When I stepped on stage, I forgot my depression, I forgot death and all the sadness. I remembered the old days when I loved to act," said Diana. Through theatre therapy, Diana is beginning to see possibilities in her future again: to go to school and help her community. "The Bussma Center has helped me become more positive and believe in myself. . . . You have abilities and talents, and can do something better with your life."

The project is expected to improve living conditions directly and indirectly for 9.7 million people living in 154 cities, through improvements in access to, and quality of, urban infrastructure.