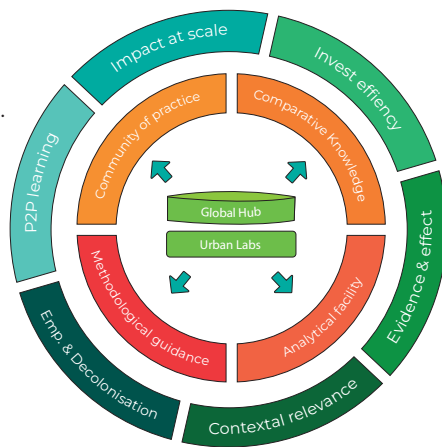


URBAN RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

The ARA provides a platform for funders to design and mobilise funds for innovative new high impact adaptation programmes. Through these activities the ARA has shaped investments made by the £110 million Climate Adaptation and Resilience (CLARE) programme to operationalise the Adaptation Research for Impact principles and the £9.5 million UKRI call on Equitable nature-based climate resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa. This funding has also allowed the ARA to influence the UNFCCC Global Stocktake on Adaptation, support the multi-country Building Approaches to Fund Local Solutions with Climate Evidence (BASE) initiative and launch the Urban Co-creation Space in March 2023 with the objective of developing and scaling-up an innovative and impactful approach to Urban Resilience Labs.

The Urban Co-creation Space yielded the Strengthening & Enhancing Contextual Urban Resilience (SECURE) framework.

The SECURE framework stands out for its ability to leverage and transform city specific institutional, political, economic and cultural drivers of urbanisation and risk, thereby opening more resilient adaptation pathways. As a **pilot-test in a number of cities**, it has informed the development of various tools that facilitate the use of the SECURE framework by practitioners and researchers across the world. This includes an **AI-powered Analytical and Knowledge Facility**.



We seek funding to scale up this initiative and to set up a **Global Hub for organisations facilitating the deployment of Urban Resilience Labs**. The Hub will foster a global community of practice able to collaborate and learn from experiences in different cities. It will help produce and aggregate comparable knowledge about institutional, political, economic and cultural specificities of cities and how they shape the impact potential of different Urban Lab methodologies. This knowledge base will be an asset for members of the community of practice and prospective funders, reducing preliminary research costs for the establishment of Urban Labs, and maximising their effectiveness and impact.



More funding opportunities

- **Advocacy & Global Influence on adaptation research-policy-practice**, e.g. Global Goal on Adaptation, Adaptation factsheets & guidelines.
- **Learning and Knowledge Exchange**, e.g. Member learning journeys, Solutions Hub, Community database.
- **Grassroots Action Research Micro-grants**, e.g. transdisciplinary adaptation research.
- **Co-creative action-oriented research programme design**, e.g. LDC Universities & National Adaptation Action, Smallholder Agriculture.
- **Evidence generation and knowledge products**, e.g. Funding Models & Mechanisms.



SECURE Priorities for 2025–2028

Secure 2.5 million GBP within a three-year timeframe for the establishment of a Global Hub for organisations facilitating the deployment of Urban Resilience Labs. The timeline for achieving these targets is strategically spread over the next 1–3 years to allow for detailed planning and engagement with potential funders and project implementers.

- 1 Onboarding of a new partner: 60,000 GBP per new partner and urban lab.
- 2 Deployment of an Urban Lab by an experienced member of the community of practice: 45,000 GBP per partner and urban lab.
- 3 Deployment of an Urban Lab by an experienced member of the community of practice and in a city where a context analysis has already been performed: 30,000 GBP per partner and urban lab.
- 4 Expansion and refinement of the SECURE AI-powered Analytical facility: 40,000 GBP per sprint of development.
- 5 Extension of SECURE's Methodology: Evaluation framework – 40,000 GBP; Toolkit development – 20,000 GB; and Online Portal development – 25,000 GBP.



Funding Targets

- **Goal:** 100,000 GBP per new partner Urban Lab.
- **Goal:** 85,000 GBP for evaluation and scaling of SECURE.
- **Total goal:** 2.5 million GBP over three years.



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