


DESIGNING VIBRANT AND LIVABLE CITIES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SHARING

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An aerial photograph of the World Bank Group building, a large modern structure with a grid-like facade. A large banner with the word 'poverty' and portraits of people is visible on the side of the building. The image is used as a background for the text overlay.

145
Countries
\$77
Billion

in loans, grants, equity and
guarantees to countries and private
sector

**The World
Bank Group**

Tokyo Development Learning Center

- Launched in 2004 under a **partnership between Japan and the World Bank.**
- **A global knowledge hub** with a mission to maximize the impact of the Bank's urban development projects in developing countries.
- We **synthesize Japanese and global best practices and solutions** to generate new knowledge and technical insights.
- We curate and practice urban knowledge by applying them Bank projects.



How does TDLC work?

TDLC integrates its four activities to maximize development impact



Knowledge Identification

We work by continuously learn from Japanese cities to identify, codify and distill project-level experiences and knowledge through our City Partnership Program.



Knowledge Acceleration

We accelerate knowledge sharing through our one-week cohort-based knowledge-sharing program called Technical Deep Dives (TDD).





Knowledge Implementation

We operationalize knowledge at the design, implementation and evaluation stages of World Bank projects in developing countries.



Knowledge Generation

We generate knowledge on frontier and cutting-edge topics leveraging Japanese and broad networks of experts and partners.



Supported a total of

US\$61 billion

of committed World Bank lending in

80 Countries

28 Technical

Deep Dives 1,462 Participants
from 80 Countries

representing

US\$60.2 billion
in World Bank
lending operations

**104 Operational
Support**

projects in 35 Countries

representing **US\$7.7 billion***

in World Bank lending operations

*includes US\$5.9 billion supported by TDCs

TDLIC IMPACT DURING

PHASE 3

FY2016 - 2020



Learning from Japanese Cities

- TDLC has built strong relationship with world-class Japanese cities since 2016 (City Partnership Program).
- TDLC leverages partner cities' expertise gained through real-world experience to generate knowledge and best practices that are shared via various collaborative activities.

A photograph of a street scene in Barranquilla, Colombia. A large, leafy tree stands in the foreground, casting shadows on the sidewalk. To the left, a red building with a black metal gate is visible. In the background, several people are walking along the street, and a blue car is parked. The scene is captured in a slightly desaturated, artistic style.

Barranquilla, Colombia

**Urban Knowledge in Practice: Applying Yokohama CitySketch
Methodology in Promoting Citizen-driven Planning**

Fostering Diverse Perspectives via Collective Envisioning

- Organized Yokohama Citysketch Workshop in Feb 2020
- Architects, experts and researchers from Japan joined by local municipal official, community leaders and architecture faculty from Barranquilla's Universidad del Norte
- Visited different areas of the Barranquilla waterfront – residential areas, commercial fishing ports and historic neighborhood



Citizens as Architects

- TDLC helped identify the power of early community engagement in urban design and regeneration projects.
- Urban sketch workshop provided the first opportunity for city planners to actively interact with local citizens to envision together for solutions to urban development issues.
- Barranquilla shown interest in further applying the methodology to analyze other city areas



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