

Observance of World Cities Day 2025
Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families Project
Annual Monitoring Report

For almost a decade, the **International Federation for Family Development (IFFD)** has advanced a family-centered vision of urban development through the **Venice Declaration on Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families**, a joint initiative with UN-DESA and the Veneto Region. On the occasion of **World Cities Day 2025**, IFFD reaffirms its commitment to inclusive, family-oriented urban growth in alignment with **UN-Habitat's Urban October** initiative, highlighting this year's progress toward **SDG 11** and **SDG 17** through the **Annual Monitoring Report**, which presents key milestones and results achieved in the past years.

Good Practices Platform

This platform serves as the **first international database for family-centered urban policies** and features the **Venice Declaration**, which outlines **10 commitments** for signatory cities and regions to advance inclusive, family-friendly urban development.

This platform continued its expansion by showcasing over **230 good practices** and a network of cities and regions working toward the same vision. In the year of **2025**,

- **20 signatories** from Italy, Mexico, Spain, Brazil, Argentina, and Poland have engaged;
- **51 new good practices were recorded** –the highest number reported to date– addressing all 10 commitments and focusing on: families in vulnerable situations, parents as primary caregivers, children and youth, women, single mothers, victims of violence, and older persons and children with disabilities.
- **Over 90% of the good practices are related directly to care**, reflecting the growing recognition of care as a structural foundation of urban sustainability.

Signatories

Since its launch in **2017**, the **Venice Declaration** has gained significant momentum. As of **2025**, it is promoted by **three regional delegates**—*ELISAN* for Europe, *Family Talks* for Brazil, and *IAE* for Argentina—and has been **endorsed by more than 250 cities and regions**, all committed to designing urban systems and services that actively support families.

Meetings

Annual Technical Meetings

Signatories have the opportunity to **showcase good practices and policy innovations** that strengthen family well-being in their regions. The **outcomes of the Annual Technical Meeting**—including **policy recommendations** and **exemplary practices**—serve as a key **capacity-building tool** and a driver of the Project. Since the launch of this initiative, **6 Annual Technical Meetings** have taken place:

- **2019: 1st Annual Technical Meeting, Curitiba**, 27–28 November
- **2021: 2nd Annual Technical Meeting, Virtual**, 17 March
- **2022: 3rd Annual Technical Meeting, Brussels**, 30–31 March & 1st April
- **2023: 4th Annual Technical Meeting, Torun**, 31st May & 1st June
- **2024: 5th Annual Technical Meeting, Virtual**, 6–7 November
- **2025: 6th Annual Technical Meeting, Buenos Aires**, 27–28 October

Regional Meetings

In the past few years, three major regional technical events have brought together city officials, urban planners, and civil society actors to strengthen commitments:

- **2024: Buenos Aires, Argentina.** Welcomed 12 new signatories & innovations;
- **2025: São Paulo, Brazil.** Expanded the network and launched new partnerships;
- **2025: Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Italy.** Highlighted youth perspectives & live cases.

Action Plan (October 2025)

- Moving from Qualitative to **Quantitative Approach**
- Urban Family Well-Being **Index**
- **32** Policy Recommendations

Innovation and Solutions

Youth Training: IFFD supports youth engagement by partnering signatory cities with university students to design and implement family-friendly policies.

Live Cases: In collaboration with IAE Business School, we launched “live case” innovation—bringing real city challenges to co-create solutions. Buenos Aires and Friuli-Venezia-Giulia have improved their Good Practices through defined roadmaps.

II World Summit on Social Development (Qatar, 2025): Family, Care and support systems

World Urban Forum (Azerbaijan, 2026): People and family centered urban areas.

Good Practices 2025

N.	Signatory	Good Practice
1	Barueri (Brazil)	The "Paperless Barueri" Program
2		Free Online Courses in Emerging Technologies
3		Health Promotion in Schools
4	Brasilia (Brazil)	Visitação ao planetario de Brasilia Luiz Cruls
5		Prospera - DF
6		Bolsa Atleta
7		Centros Olímpicos e Paralímpicos
8		Metodologia de caracterização de áreas para provisão habitacional
9		EJA Interventiva
10		Centro de Ensino Especial de Deficientes da Visão (CEEDV)
11		Centro de Capacitação de Profissionais da Educação e Atendimento às Pessoas com Surdez do Distrito Federal
12		Escola Pública Integral Bilíngue Libras e Português Escrito
13		Atendimento Educacional Especializado
14		Programa de Educação Bilíngue e Intercultural
15		Guia de Valorização da Vida
16		Acolhimento dos estudantes WARAO na Rede Pública de Ensino
17		Escola dos Meninos e Meninos do Parque (EMMP)
18		Projeto "Manutenção e enriquecimento de áreas em processo de recomposição da flora nativa na Orla do Lago Paranoá, Brasília
19		Implantação de florestas urbanas e plantio de mudas nativas do cerrado
20		Programa Parque Educador
21		Projeto MAPS - DF
22		Desenvolvimento de ações do Programa Saúde na Escola - PSE
23		Aquisição de ônibus elétrico
24		Select Gratuidade no Transporte Público para Pessoas com Deficiência
25		Observatório da Família Sustentável e da Juventude do DF
26	Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Early Childhood Development
27	Friuli Venezia Giulia (Italy)	Prisma 7: A screening to detect older people over 75 frailty

28	Generalitat Valenciana (Spain)	Supported Housing
29		Health Education in a Daycare Center for Older Persons in Situation of Dependency
30	Hermosillo (Mexico)	Participación Ciudadana Programa "Rescate de parques y creces"
31		Programa "Presupuesto Participativo"
32		Promover la Corresponsabilidad Social y priorizar una "Reconciliación entre Trabajo y Familia"
33		Acciones Comunitarias y esfuerzos para alcanzar los ODS
34		Atención a Población en estado de Vulnerabilidad
35		Atención a Población con discapacidad
36		Prog. Protección de los derechos de Niños, Adolesc. y Adultos M.
37		Fortalecimiento de los lazos familiares y los valores esenciales
38		Programa "Salud Pública Municipal"
39		Leandro N. Alem - (Argentina)
40	Metepec (Mexico)	At Home Doctor
41	Osasco (Brazil)	Municipal Food Bank of Osasco
42	Paraná (Brazil)	Praia Accesível
43	Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil)	For a Drug Free Life
44	San Luis Potosí (Mexico)	"Conecta con tu familia"
45		Family-Friendly Sustainable City
46	Sao Paulo (Brazil)	SGD Festival (Virada ODS)
47		1st National Meeting of Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families
48	Veneto Region (Italy)	The House of Abilities
49		Family Size: The Sustainable Urban Development for Families
50		A Model for Affordable, Sustainable Housing for Vulnerable Fam.
51		Unmet needs and living conditions of older persons
	More Good Practices	 www.citiesforfamilies.org/good-practices/