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# Extreme Heat in Cities: From assessment to action

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# Extreme Heat in Cities

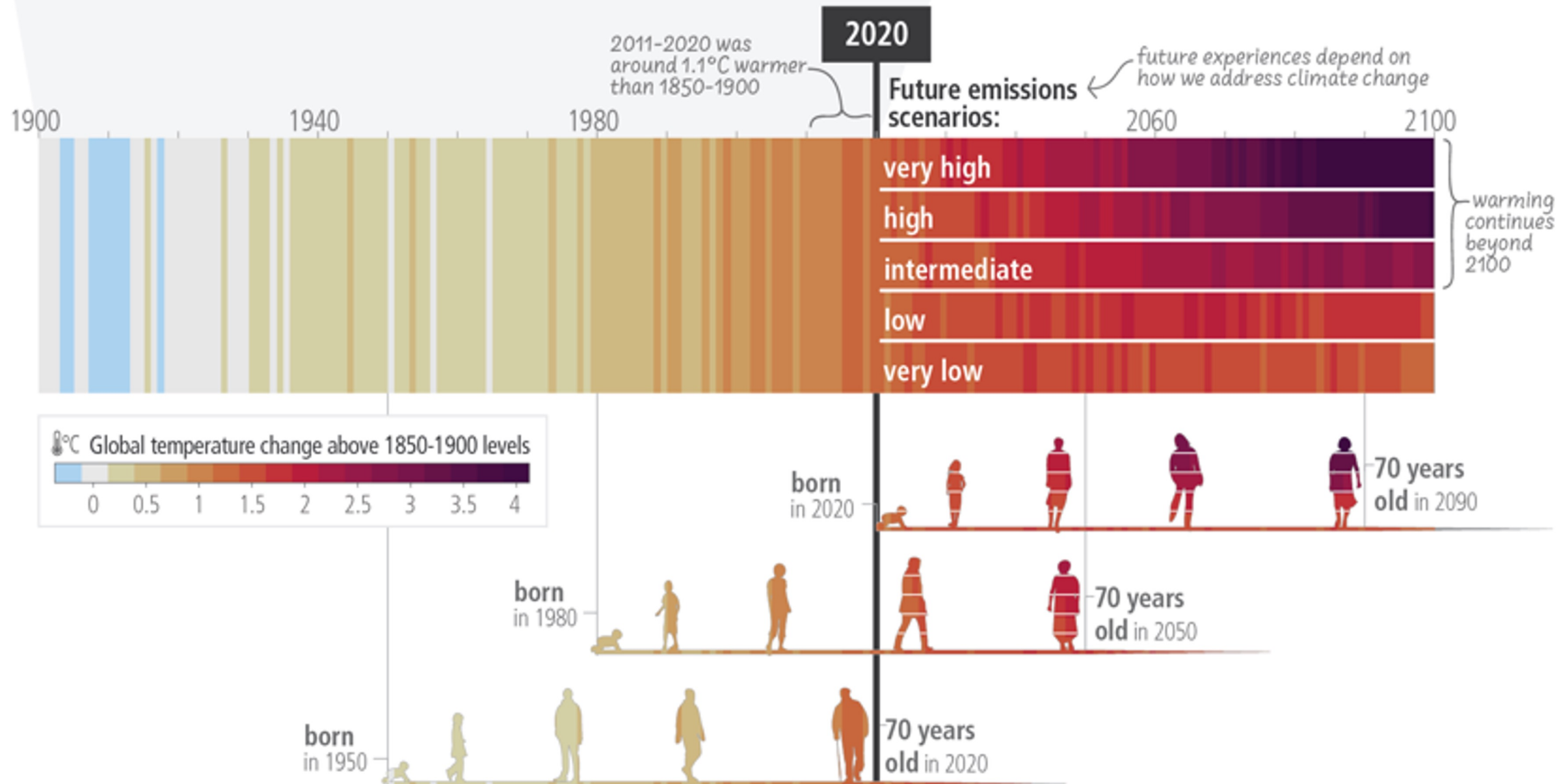
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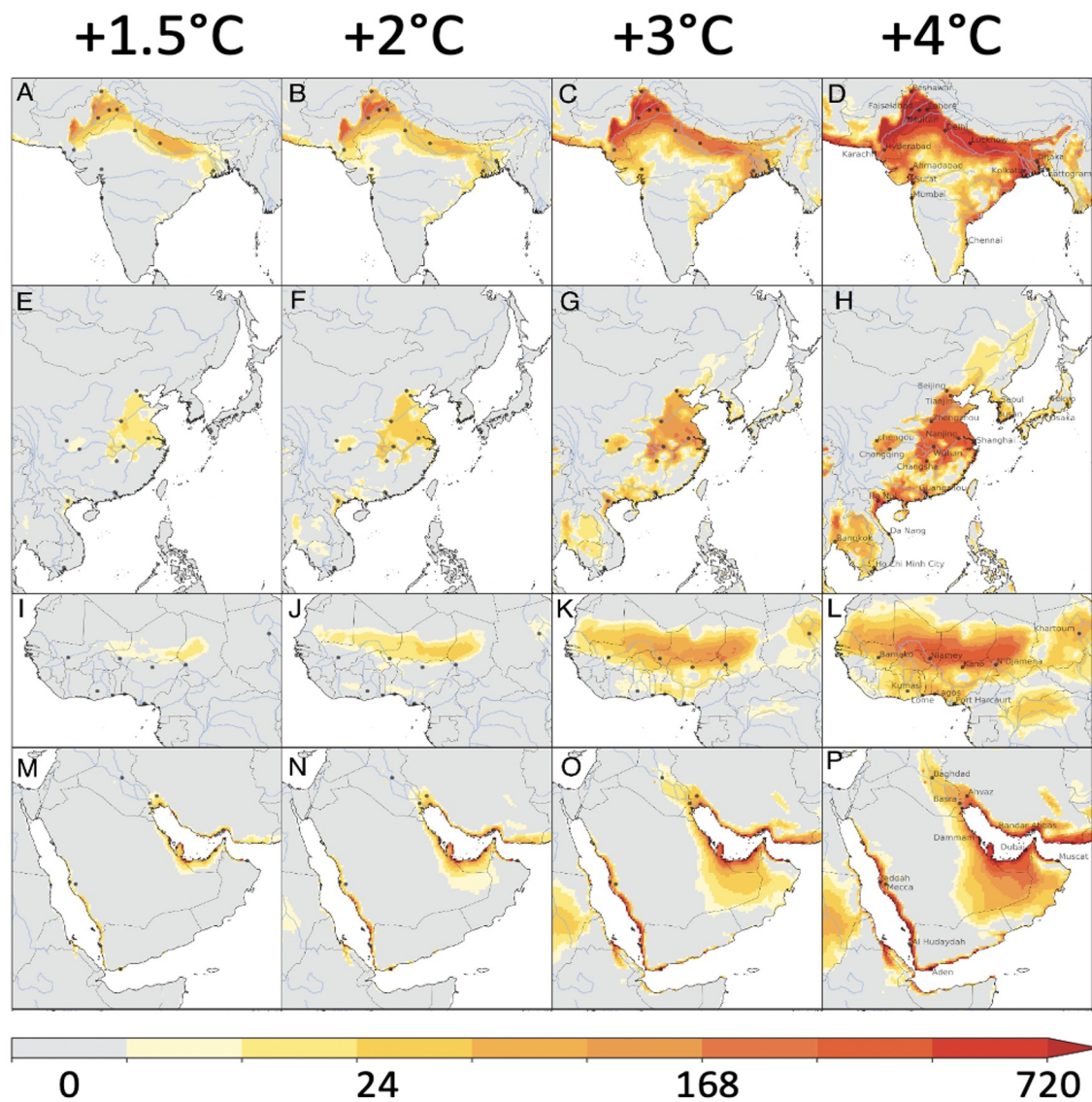
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c) The extent to which current and future generations will experience a hotter and different world depends on choices now and in the near-term





**Extreme heat in 2050: Annual hours above acute heat stress threshold (35°C WBGT) under climate scenarios**

“If global temperatures increase by 2°C, 2.2 billion residents of the Indus Valley, 1 billion in eastern China and 800 million in sub-Saharan Africa will annually experience many hours of heat that surpass human tolerance.”

Indian Express (May 2024) citing Vecellio et al (2023).



**Q1:** What island is this? (c. 1609)

**Q2:** Which would have the greater impact on local temperatures, rain, and wind?

A) 400 years of climate change

B) Building a megacity here





Manhattan 1609



Manhattan 2009



**Cities are heating up twice as fast.**



**Dark urban surfaces**



**Lack of vegetation**

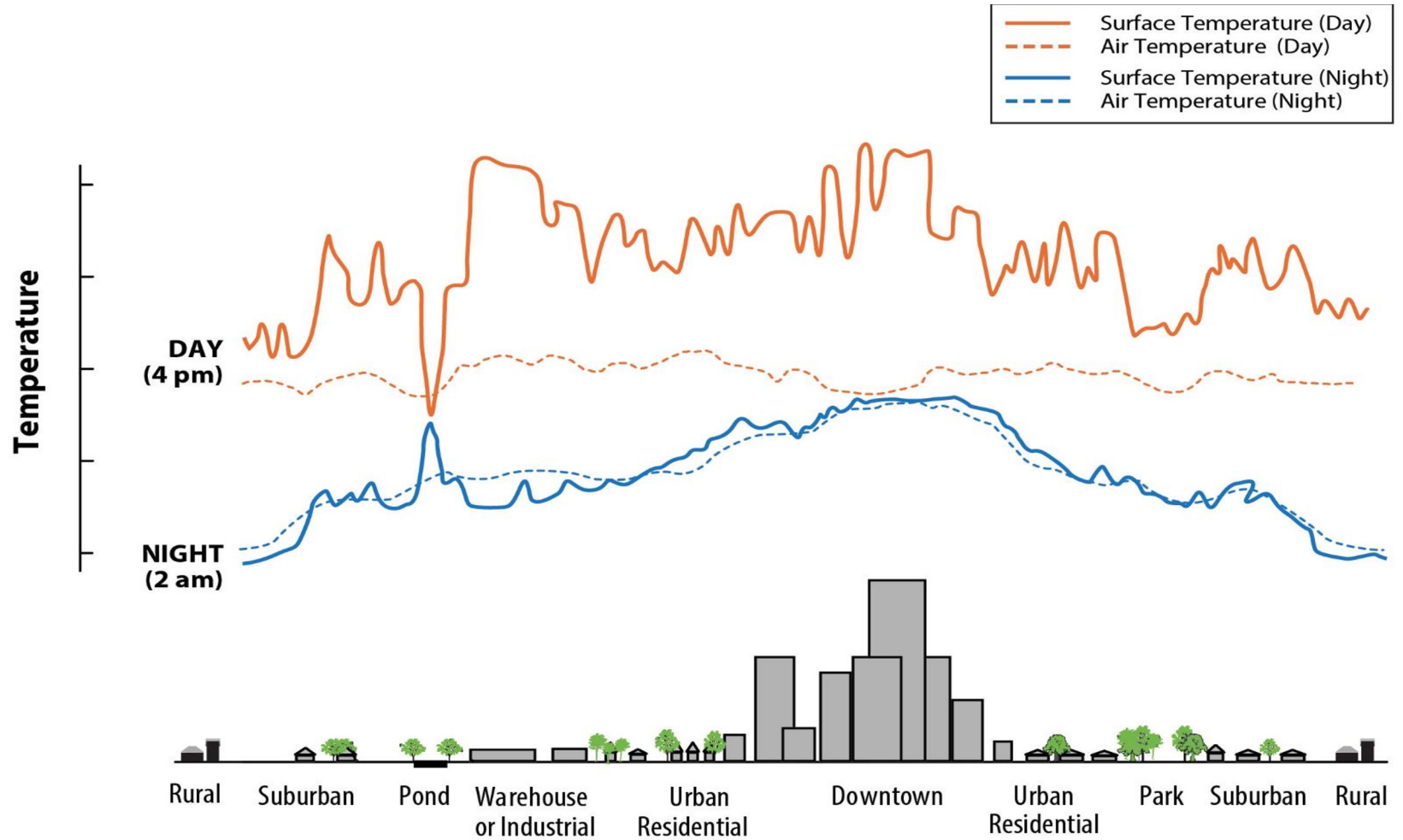


**Human-generated heat**

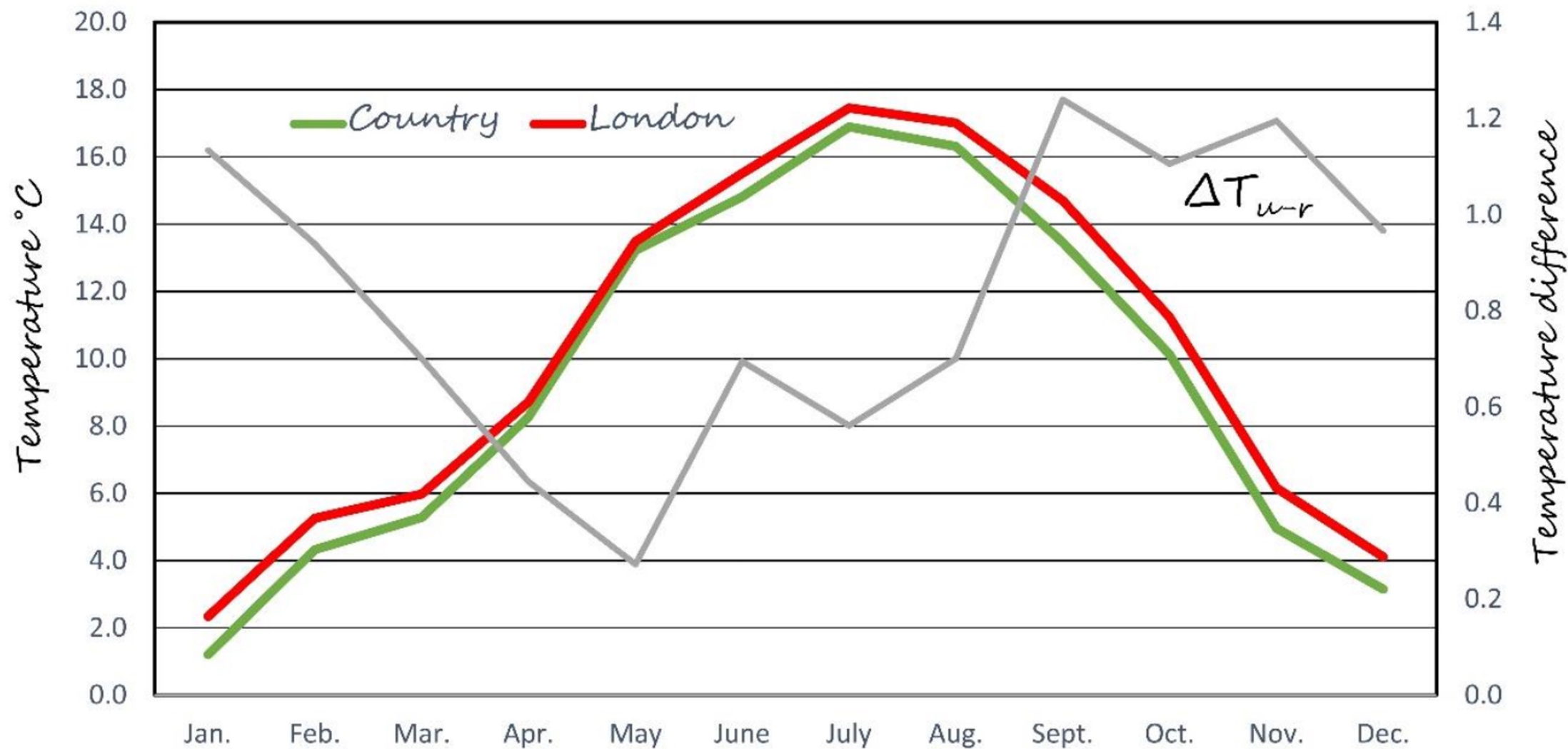


**Heat-trapping urban design**

## Urban materials absorb and radiate the sun's energy



# Average Temperature 1807-1816







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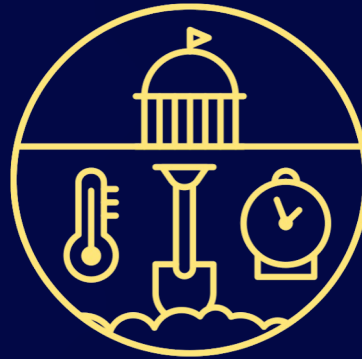
WHAT THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT MEANS FOR EAST ASIA'S CITIES



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People



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# Japan's Heat Stroke Alert System

 COLOR	 HEAT THRESHOLD (°C WBGT)	 CATEGORY	 MAIN ACTIONS RECOMMENDED
Red	Above 31	Dangerous	Exercise should be stopped.
Orange	28–31	Warning	Refrain from heavy exercise; frequent rest and hydration are strongly encouraged.
Yellow	25–28	Watch	Frequent rest and hydration are strongly encouraged during heavy exercise.
Sky blue	21–25	Caution	Hydration is encouraged.
Blue	Below 21	Generally safe	Appropriate hydration is suggested.

# PANELISTS



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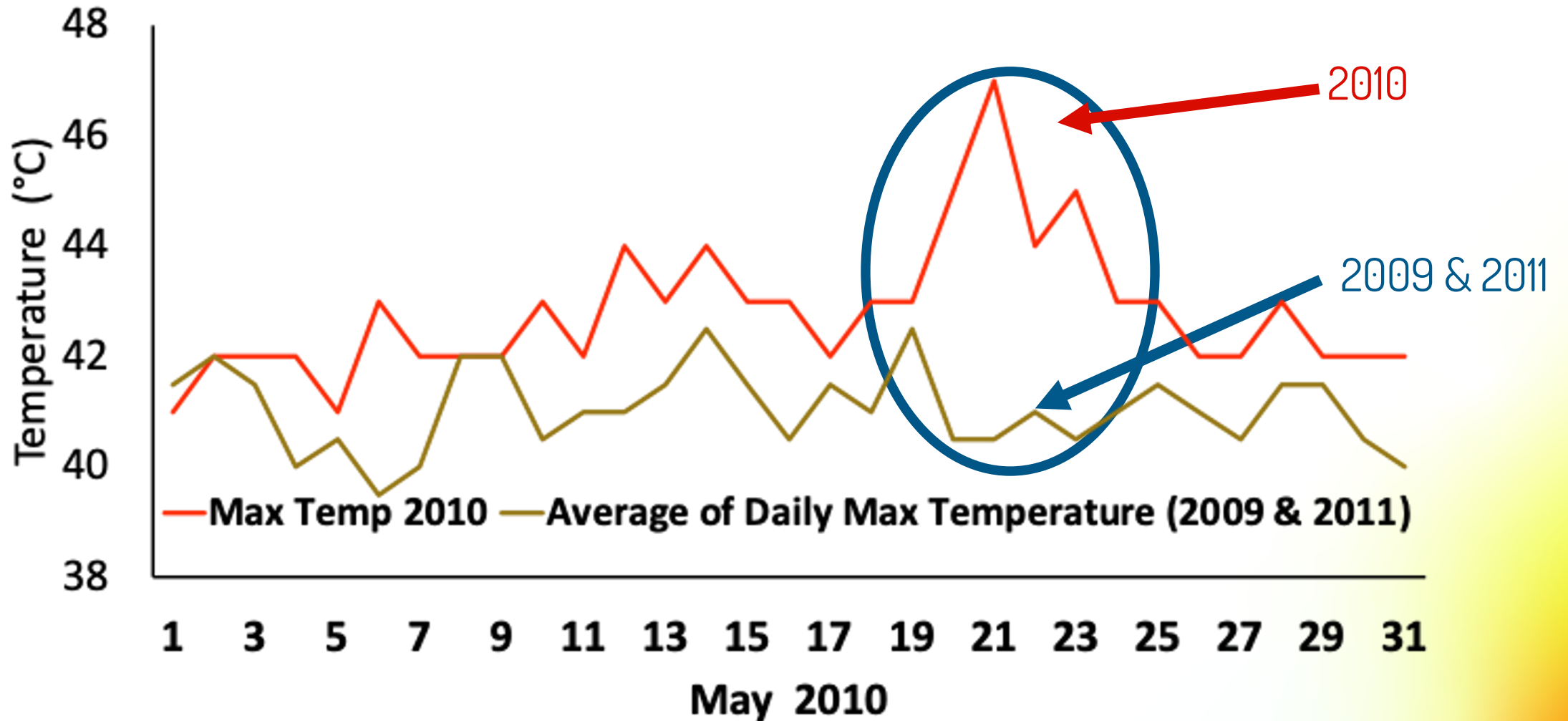


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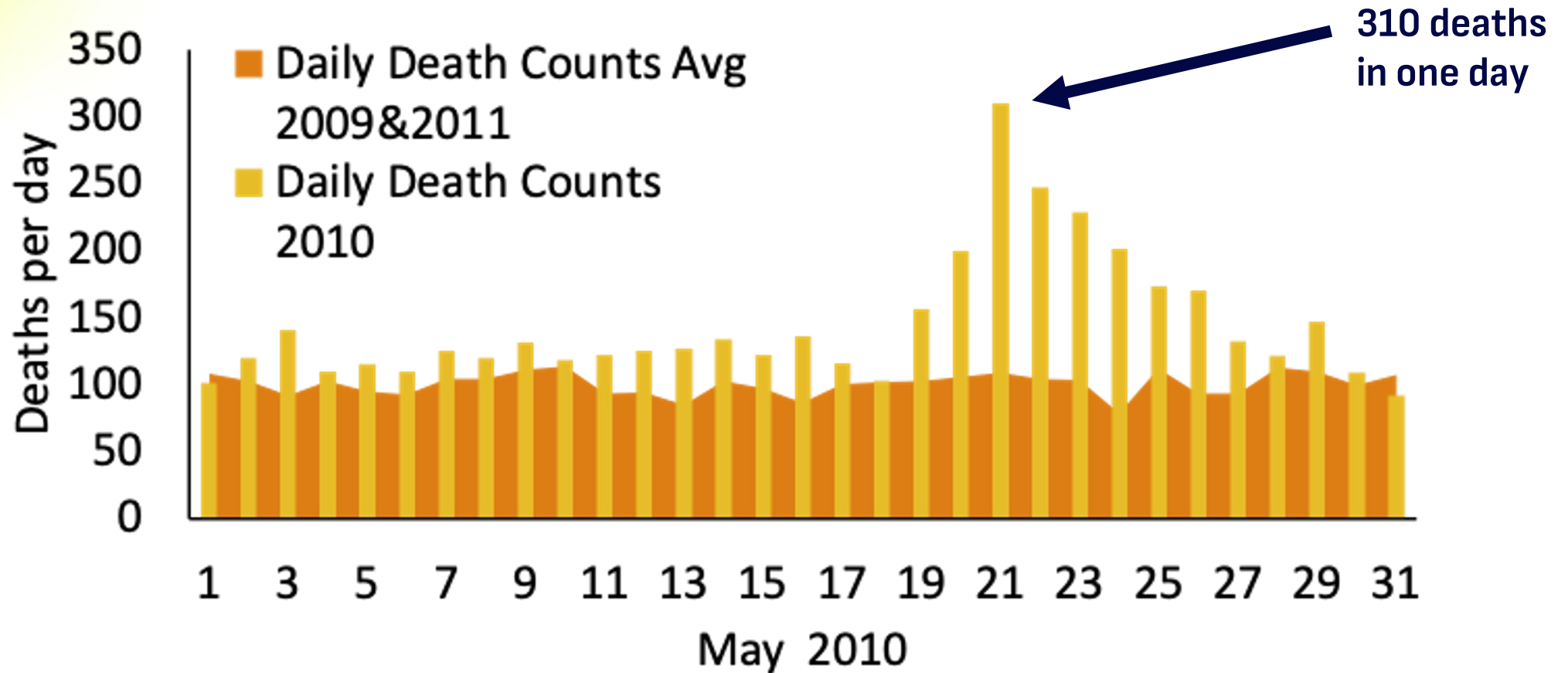
**Experience of the Heat Action Plan  
Ahmedabad city, India**



# During the May 2010 heatwave, temperatures in Ahmedabad hit 47 °C



The all-cause mortality rate increased to 310 deaths per day on May 21<sup>st</sup> (city baseline: 100 deaths per day)



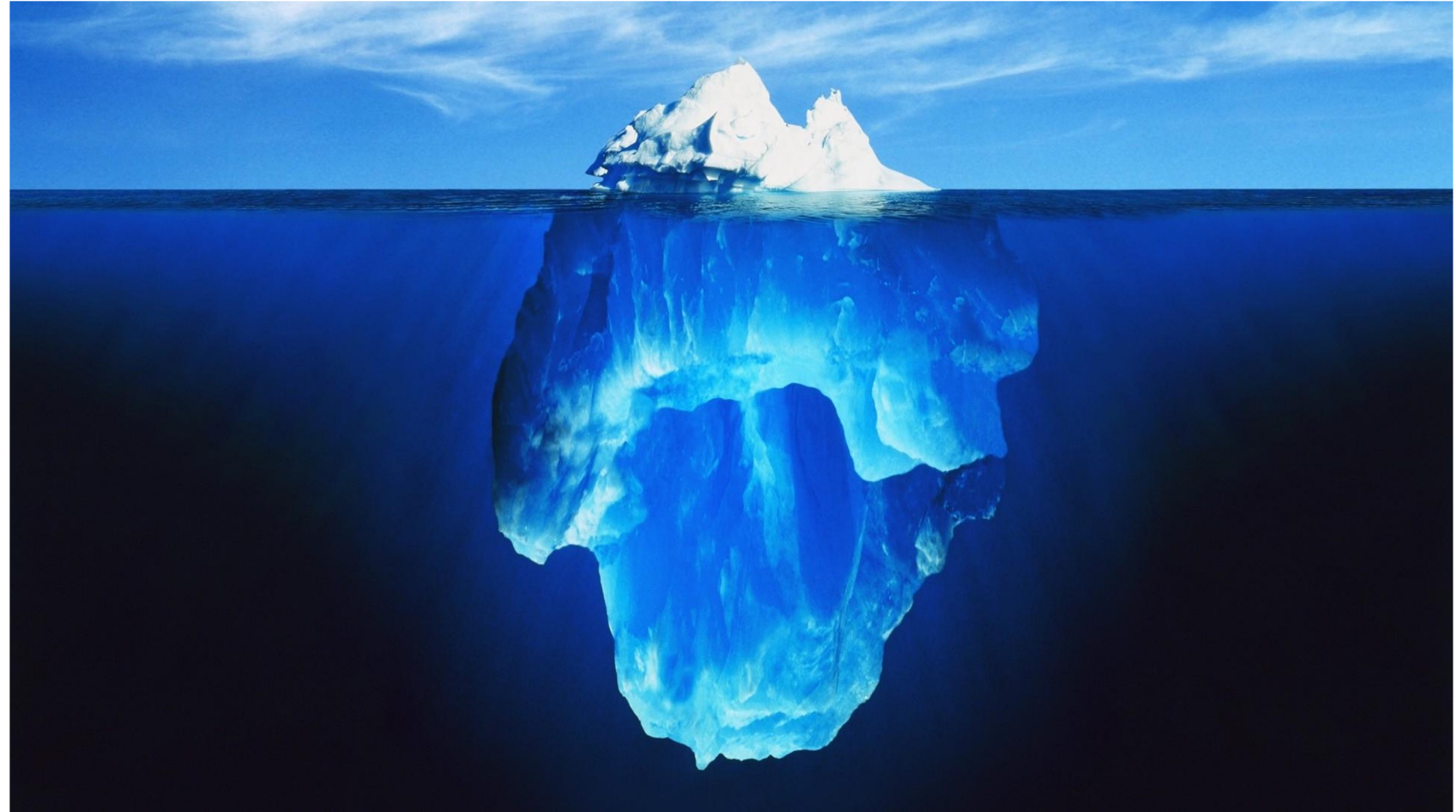
Source: Indian Institute of Public Health - Gandhinagar



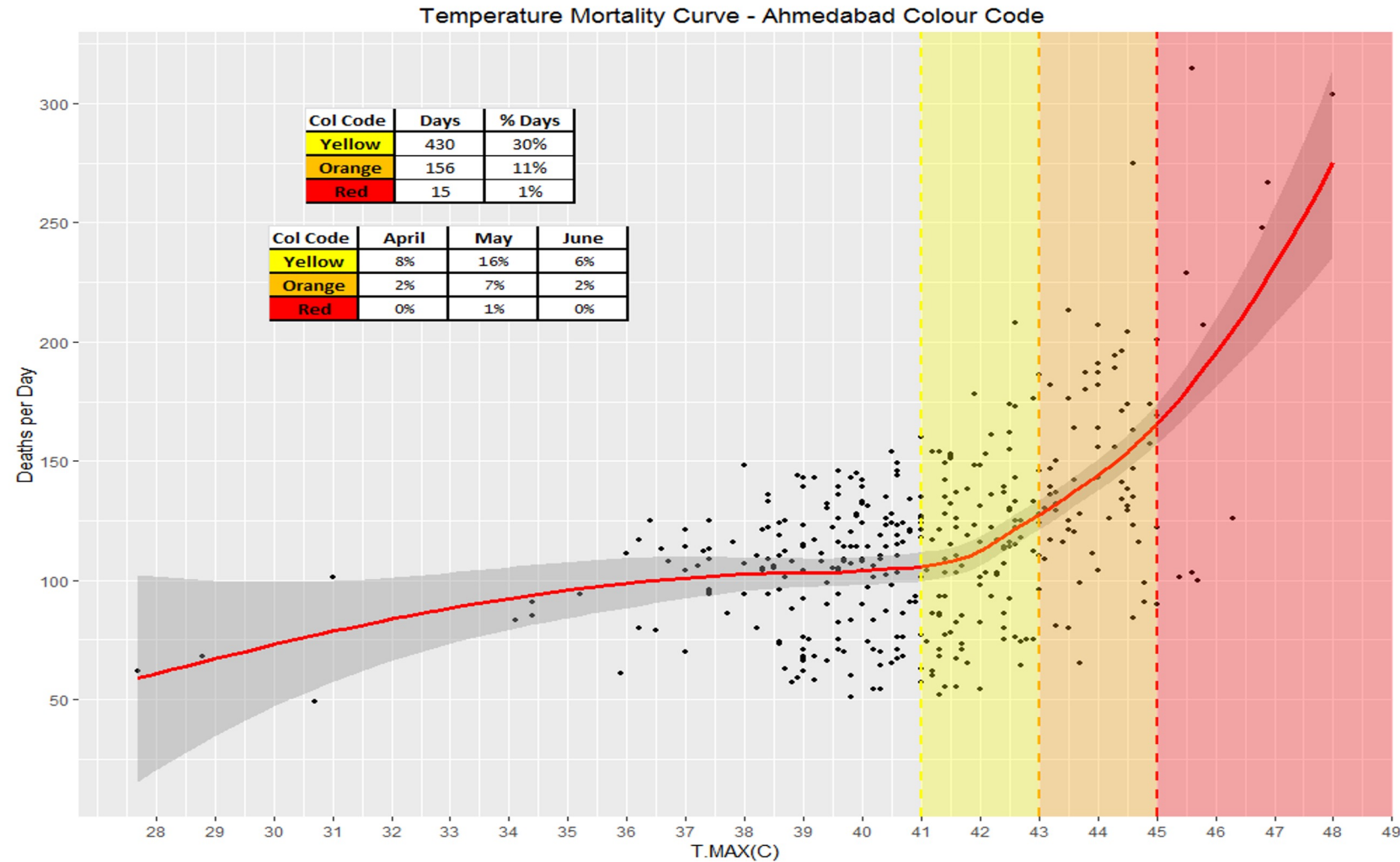
# Reported heat wave deaths are like tip of an iceberg: 10% visible, 90% not visible

Reported heat  
stroke deaths: **76**

Heat wave  
associated excess  
mortality: **800**



# Setting early warning thresholds based on temperature-mortality relationship



Note: The scatter plot and fitted curve show daily maximum temperature and daily all-cause mortality for Ahmedabad between 2001 to 2016. Source: Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar

# HAP COMPONENTS



## EARLY WARNING SYSTEM & INTER AGENCY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Alert residents of predicted high and extreme temperatures & formally communication channels to alert governmental agencies



## PUBLIC AWARENESS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Communicate the risks of heat waves and implement practices to prevent heat-related deaths and illnesses



## CAPACITY BUILDING OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Training focus on primary medical officers and other paramedical staff, and community health staff



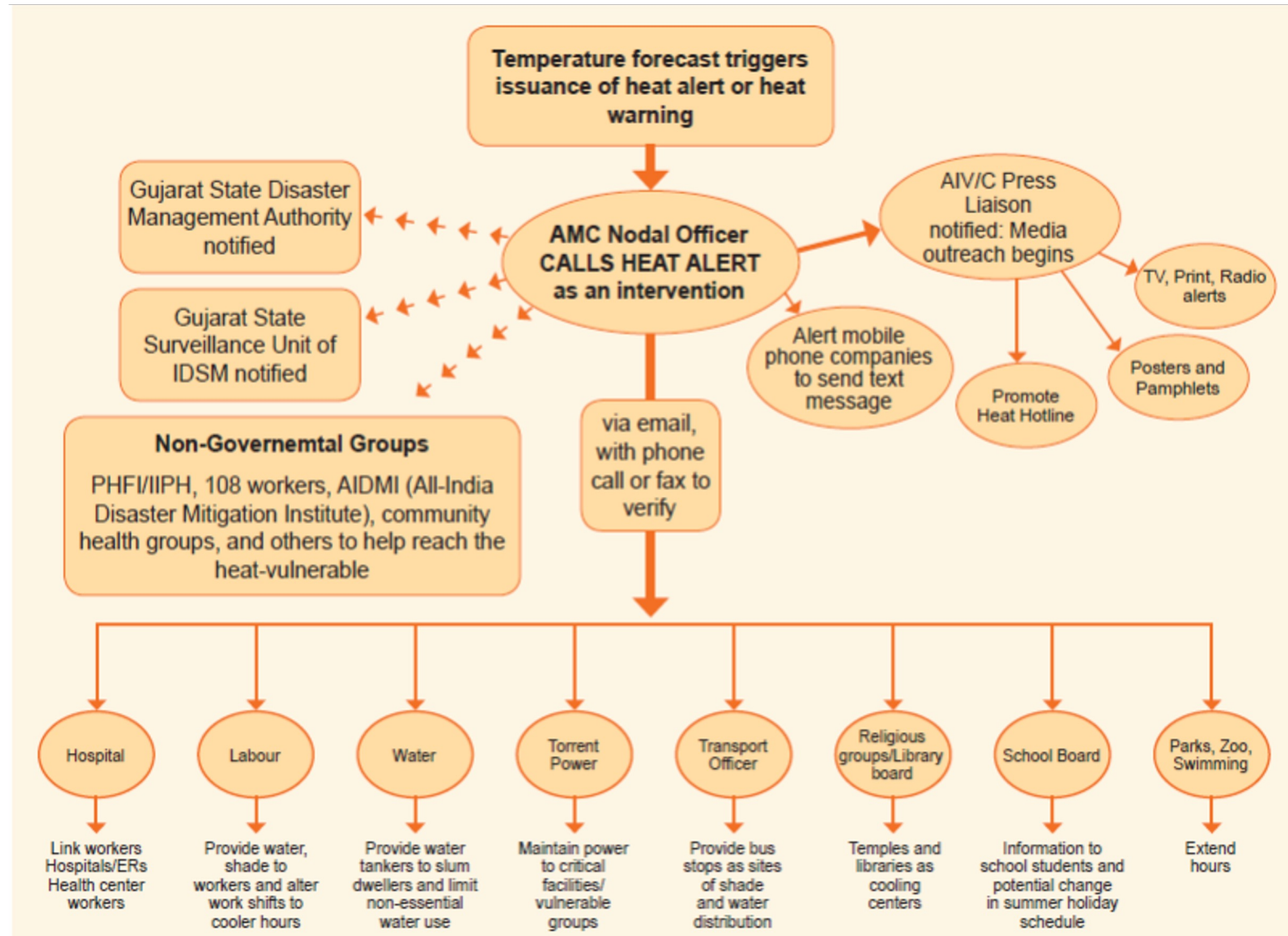
## REDUCING HEAT EXPOSURE AND PROMOTING ADAPTIVE MEASURES

Access to potable drinking water and cooling spaces during extreme heat days & promote adaptive measures.





# Intervention 1: Early Warning System & Inter-Agency Emergency Response Plan



Temp prediction by IMD sent to nodal officer

Yellow, Orange

Red warnings

# Intervention 2: Public Awareness & Community Outreach

## HEAT ALERT

### Dos & DON'Ts DURING HEAT WAVES

- ☀ Drink water, chaas, and other liquids (no soft drinks)
- ☀ Stay out of the sun
- ☀ Find a place to cool down
- ☀ Wear light clothing
- ☀ Check in with friends & family

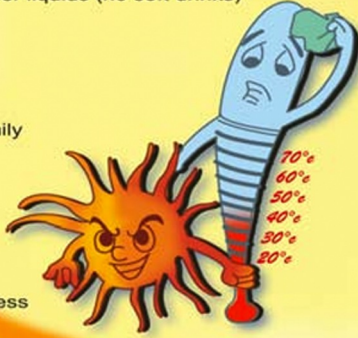
### SYMPTOMS TO WATCH FOR:

- ☀ Heat rash or cramps
- ☀ Heavy sweating and weakness
- ☀ Headache and nausea
- ☀ Lack of sweating despite the heat
- ☀ Red, hot, and dry skin
- ☀ Muscle weakness or cramps
- ☀ Nausea and vomiting

**DRINK MORE WATER**

People at high risk: children, elders, and pregnant women

In case of an emergency, CALL 108



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- ☀ પાણી, છાશ અથવા અન્ય પ્રવાહી પીવો (ઠંડા પીણા નહિ)
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- ☀ ઠંડક વાળુ કોઈ સ્થળ શોધી કાઢો
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# Intervention 3: Building Capacity of Health Staff and Facilities

## Case Definitions

### Heat Illness - Typical Presentations

Clinical Entity	Age Range	Setting	Cardinal Symptoms	Cardinal Signs	Pertinent Negatives	Prognosis
Heat rash	All, but frequently children	Hot environment; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	Itchy rash with small red bumps at pores in setting of heat exposure; bumps can sometimes be filled with clear or white fluid	Diffuse maculopapular rash, occasionally pustular, at hair follicles; pruritic	Not focally distributed like a contact dermatitis; not confluent patchy; not petechial	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care
Heat cramps	All	Hot environment, typically with exertion, +/- insulating clothing	Painful spasms of large and frequently used muscle groups	Uncomfortable appearance, may have difficulty fully extending affected limbs/joints	No contaminated wounds/tetanus exposure; no seizure activity	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care
Heat exhaustion	All	Hot environment; +/- exertion; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	Feeling overheated, lightheaded, exhausted and weak, unsteady, nauseated, sweaty and thirsty, inability to continue activities	Sweaty/diaphoretic; flushed skin; hot skin; normal core temperature; +/- dazed, +/- generalized weakness, slight disorientation	No coincidental signs and symptoms of infection; no focal weakness; no aphasia/dysarthria; no overdose history	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care; progression if continued exposure
Heat syncope	Typically adults	Hot environment; +/- exertion; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	Feeling hot and weak; lightheadedness followed by brief loss of consciousness	Brief, generalized loss of consciousness in hot setting, short period of disorientation if any	No seizure activity, no loss of bowel or bladder continence, no focal weakness, no aphasia/dysarthria	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care; progression if continued exposure
Heat stroke	All	Hot environment; +/- exertion; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	Severe overheating; profound weakness; disorientation, obtundation, seizures, or other altered mental status	Flushed, dry skin (not always), core temp $\geq 40^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; altered mental status with disorientation, possibly delirium, coma, seizures; tachycardia; +/- hypotension	No coincidental signs and symptoms of infection; no focal weakness; no aphasia/dysarthria; no overdose history	25-50% mortality even with aggressive care; significant morbidity if survive





# Intervention 4: Reducing Heat Exposure & Promoting Adaptive Measures

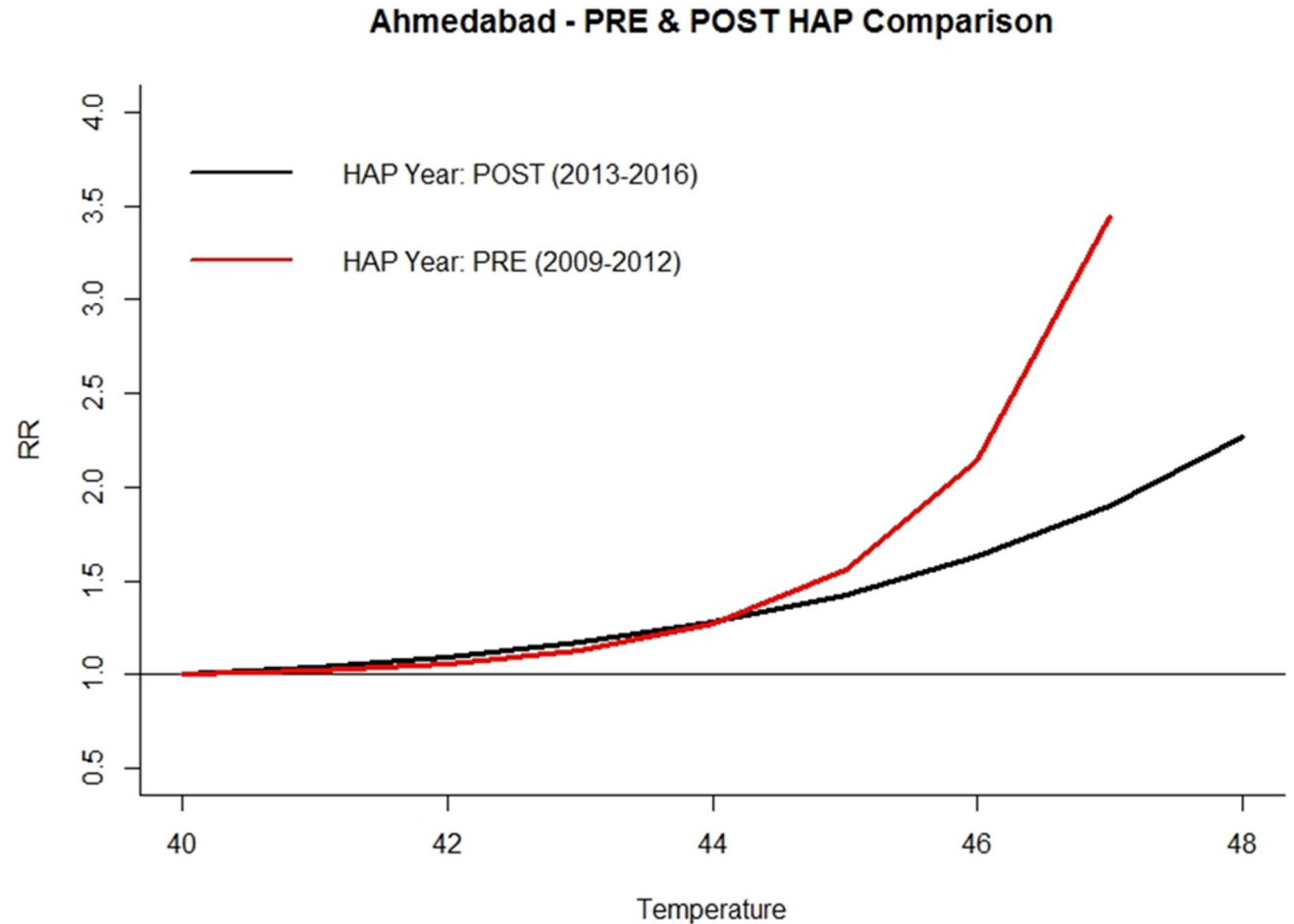




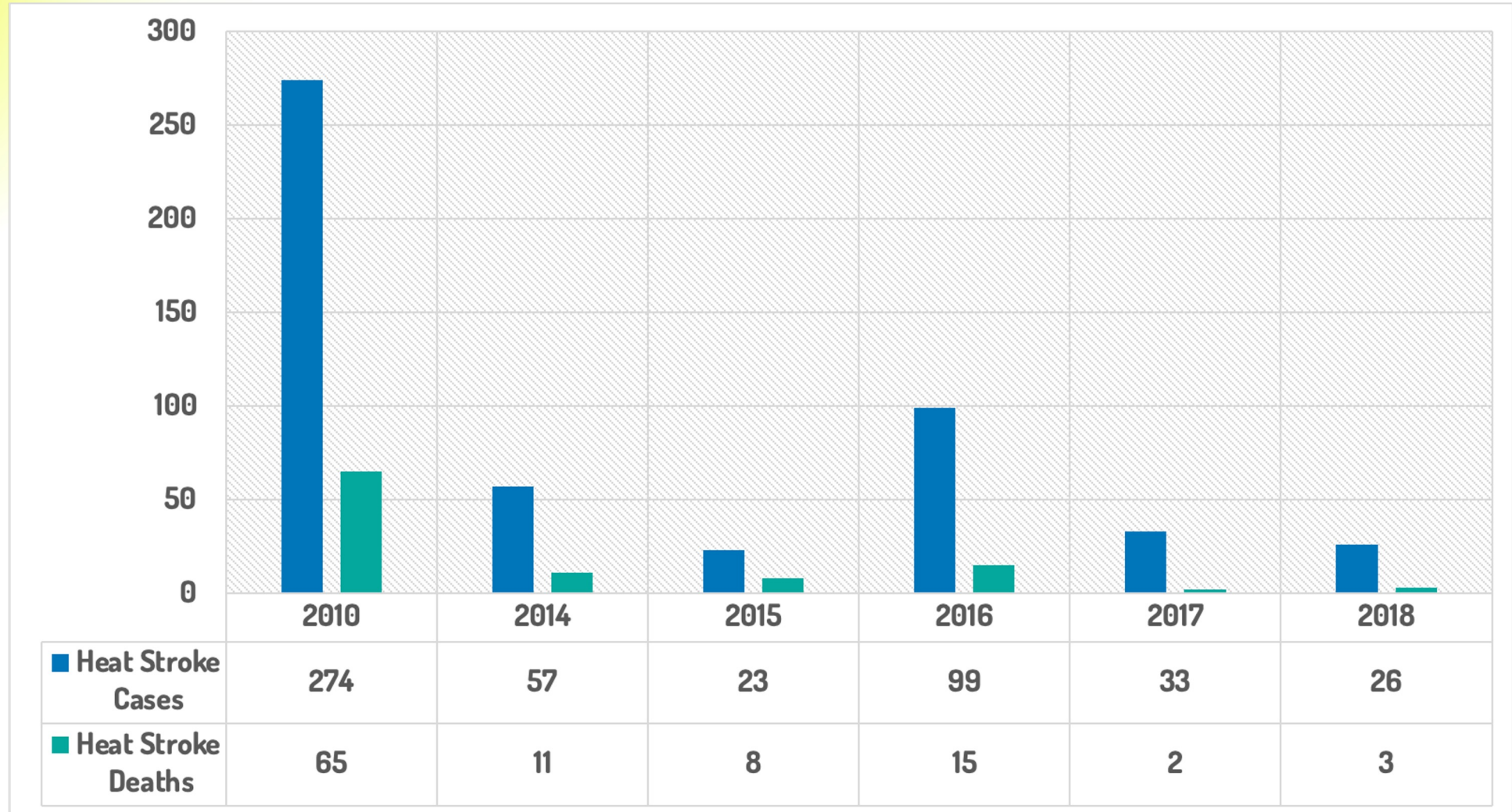
# Impact of Ahmedabad Heat Action Plan

**Estimated 1,190 average annualized deaths avoided in the post-HAP period**

Source: Hess et al., 2018



# Year wise Diagnosed Heat Stroke cases & deaths





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# Key Messages

- **Heat Action Plans can save lives even in emerging economies**
- **Assessment and action leads to Impact**
- **This heat action plan is being replicated throughout India under leadership of National Disaster Management Authority**

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**Embedding a Heat Response**

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## Embedding a Heat Response

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# Resilient Cities > Resilience Strategy



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# Resilience Strategy



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## CITY OF CAPE TOWN CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

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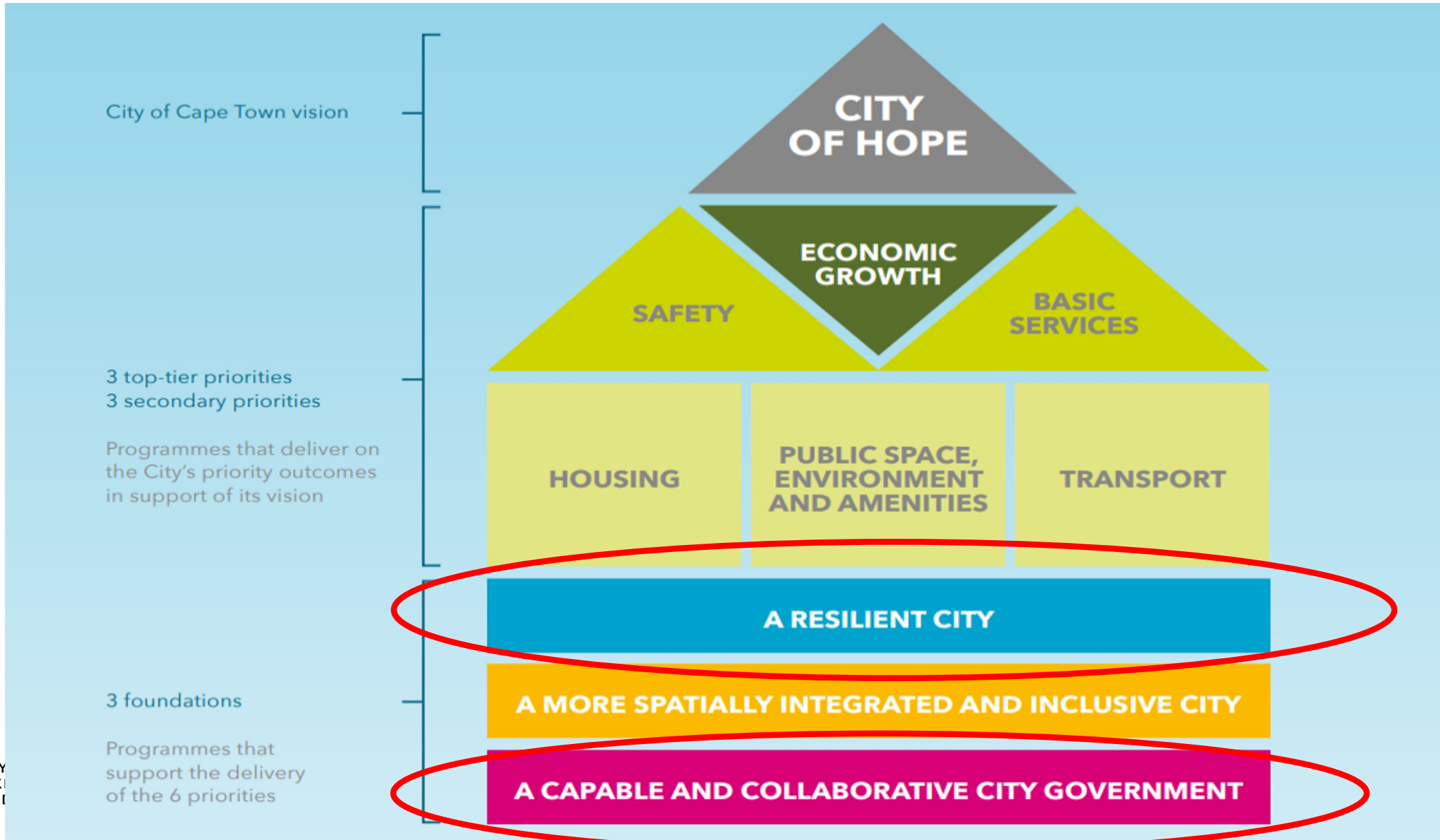
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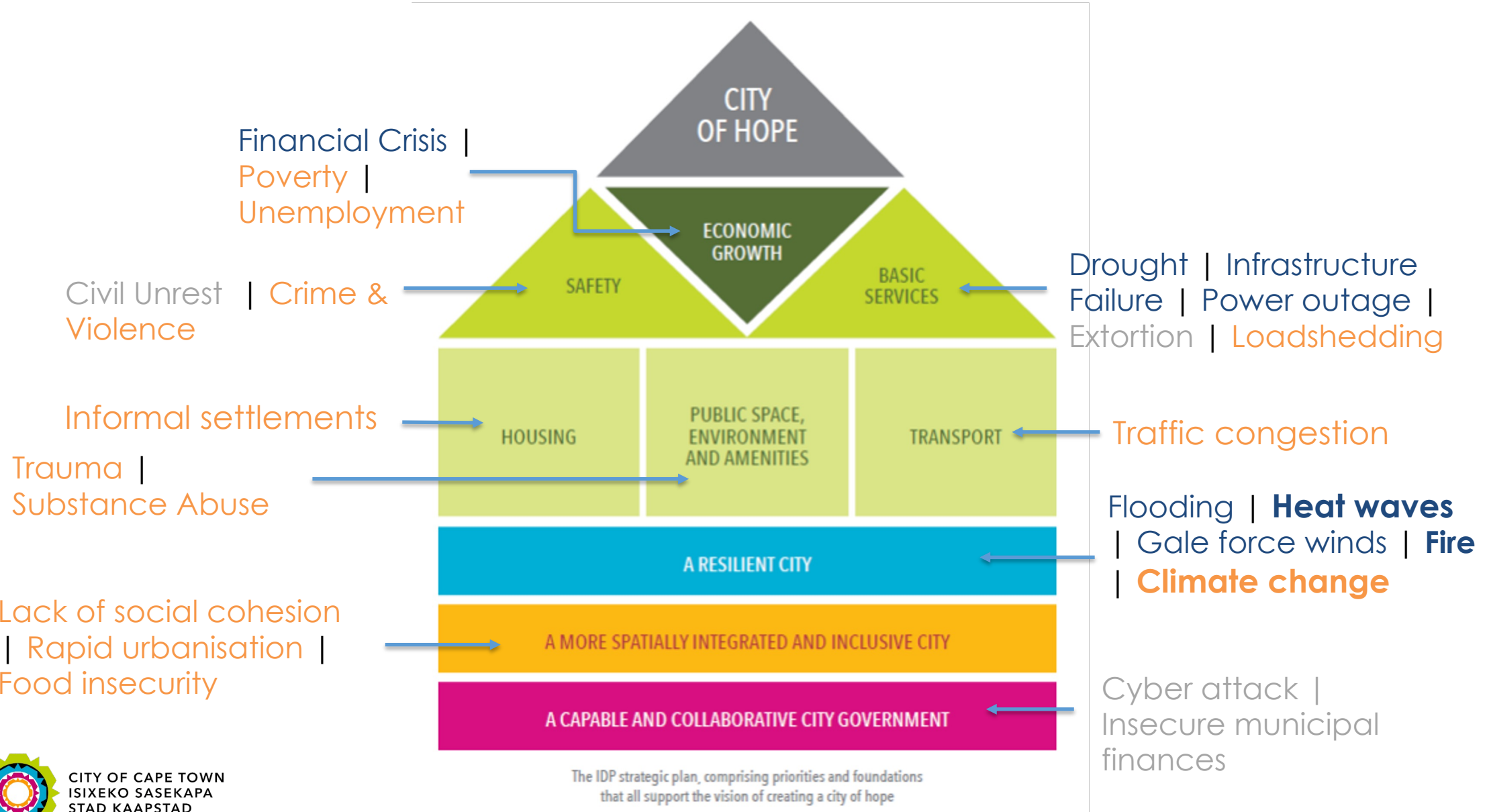


# City Strategy: 5 year plan





# IDP (2022 – 2027): Most relevant shocks & stresses identified for Resilience Responses



# Climate Change Strategy

## VISION:

To become a climate-resilient, resource-efficient, and carbon-neutral city that enables inclusive economic development and healthy, thriving communities and ecosystems



### Strategic focus areas

- SFA 1: Urban cooling and heat responsiveness
- SFA 2: Water security and drought-readiness
- SFA 3: Water sensitivity, flood-readiness and storm management
- SFA 4: Coastal management and resilience
- SFA 5: Managing fire risk and responsiveness
- SFA 6: Spatial and resource inclusivity
- SFA 7: Clean energy for work creation and economic development
- SFA 8: Zero-emission buildings and precincts
- SFA 9: Mobility for quality of life and livelihoods
- SFA 10: Circular waste economy

■ Adaptation focused ■ Mitigation focused



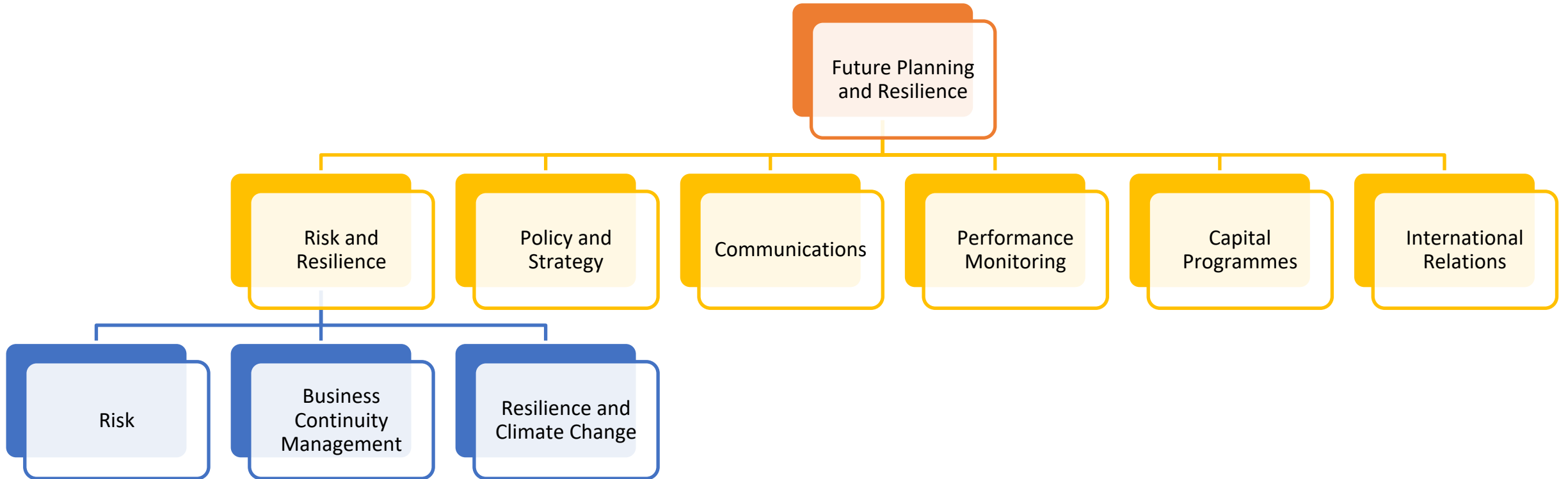
Cross-cutting work areas

# Structures to deliver on strategy





# Transversal Department within City Government



# Overview of Risk and Resilience Functions

To enhance how the City pursues the attainment of resilience outcomes throughout its operations (including to climate change threats) are considered during the ongoing identification and effective treatment of risk and opportunities (this is being encapsulated in Risk and Resilience Framework)



# A networked approach





# Building Heat Resilience



# Heatwaves are identified as a priority risk in the 2020 City of Cape Town Disaster Risk Assessment

STRUCTURAL FIRES (INFORMAL)

CIVIL UNREST

FLOODS

SEVERE WEATHER

COMMUNICABLE HUMAN DISEASES

SEISMIC HAZARDS

SEA-LEVEL RISE

DISRUPTION: WATER SUPPLY

NUCLEAR: KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION

WILDFIRES

STRUCTURAL FIRE: FORMAL

ROAD INCIDENTS

DROUGHT

WATER POLLUTION

PEST INFESTATION

STORM SURGE/ COASTAL FLOODING

HAZMAT INCIDENTS: ROAD, RAIL & INDUSTRIES

DISRUPTION: ELECTRICITY

MAJOR HAZARDOUS INSTALLATION

COASTAL EROSION

ANIMAL DISEASES

**HEAT WAVES**

RAIL INCIDENTS

SHIPPING INCIDENTS

TSUNAMI

DISRUPTION: WASTE REMOVAL/MANAGEMENT  
(ILLEGAL DUMPING)

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: SANITATION

AIR POLLUTION

DAM FAILURE

ENDEMISM: LOSS TO BIODIVERSITY

MARINE POLLUTION

AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS

STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE

AERIAL CABLEWAY INCIDENT HAZARDS

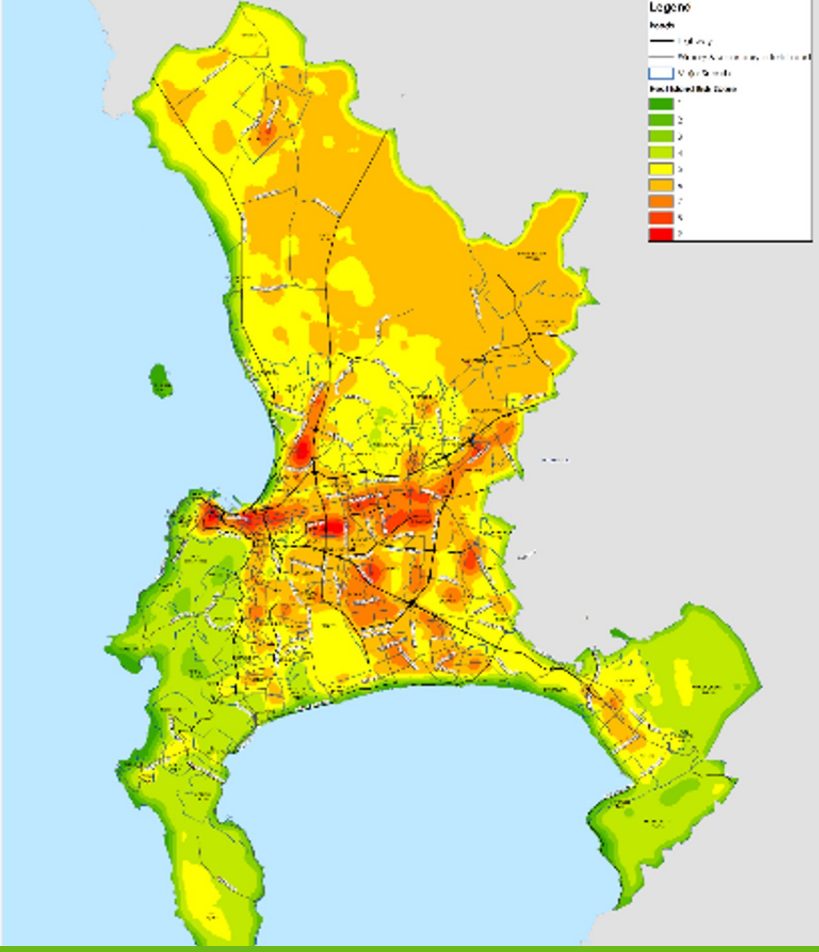
# Some Actions from Heatwave and High-Heat Day Action Plan

**Action 1.1: Establish heat readiness as a function of the City's Business Continuity Co-ordinating Committee**




**2024 Status: Implementation**  
**Lead: Risk and Resilience**

**Action 1.3 Develop and implement an early-warning and real-time monitoring system for heat**



**2024 Status: Implementation**  
**Lead: Risk and Resilience**

**Action 1.8: Develop a generic high heat day and heat wave guideline for City workers including a departmental risk assessment tool**

 CITY OF CAPE TOWN ISIXEKO SASEKAPA STAD KAAPSTAD	<b>Heat Stress Workplace Management Guideline</b>
	<b>Heat stress risk assessment</b>
Department: Human Resources Branch: Occupational Health & Safety Complied by: Occupational Hygiene Services	Version No: 01 November 2023 Unique No: 6/21/1/P

## 6.3 Implement Heat Stress Control Strategies



**2024 Status: Implementation**  
**Lead: Occupational Health and Safety**





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Thank You

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**Innovative approaches to urban  
heat assessment**

**PARTICIPATORY HEAT MAPPING IN INDONESIA, SOUTH AFRICA & THE WESTERN BALKANS**





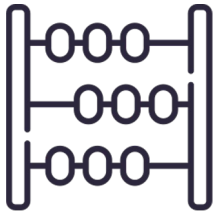


# Measuring heat exposure

WHY?



# From initial awareness to action: **policy roadmap**



## TAKING STOCK

- What is the evidence of urban heat islands in the city?
- How can heat mitigation contribute to my city's existing strategies and plans?

## GATHER & ANALYZE DATA

- How does heat exposure differ within my city?
- Where do vulnerable people live and work?
- Are there already urban cooling measures in place? How are they performing?

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Which groups can serve as effective champions? What support or resources do they need?
- Which organizations/ groups should be part of policy design?

## POLICY & INVESTMENT DESIGN

- What mix of cooling strategies offers the most immediate, high-impact results?

**HEAT MAPPING & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT UNLOCK ACTION**





# Measuring heat exposure

HOW?



# Citizen science heat mapping campaigns



## How do we do it?

Vehicle based heat mapping using mounted sensors

## What are the outputs?

City-wide maps showing heat at different time periods during the day

## What can this tell me?

Does my city experience an urban heat island effect?  
Do temperatures differ sharply between neighborhoods?

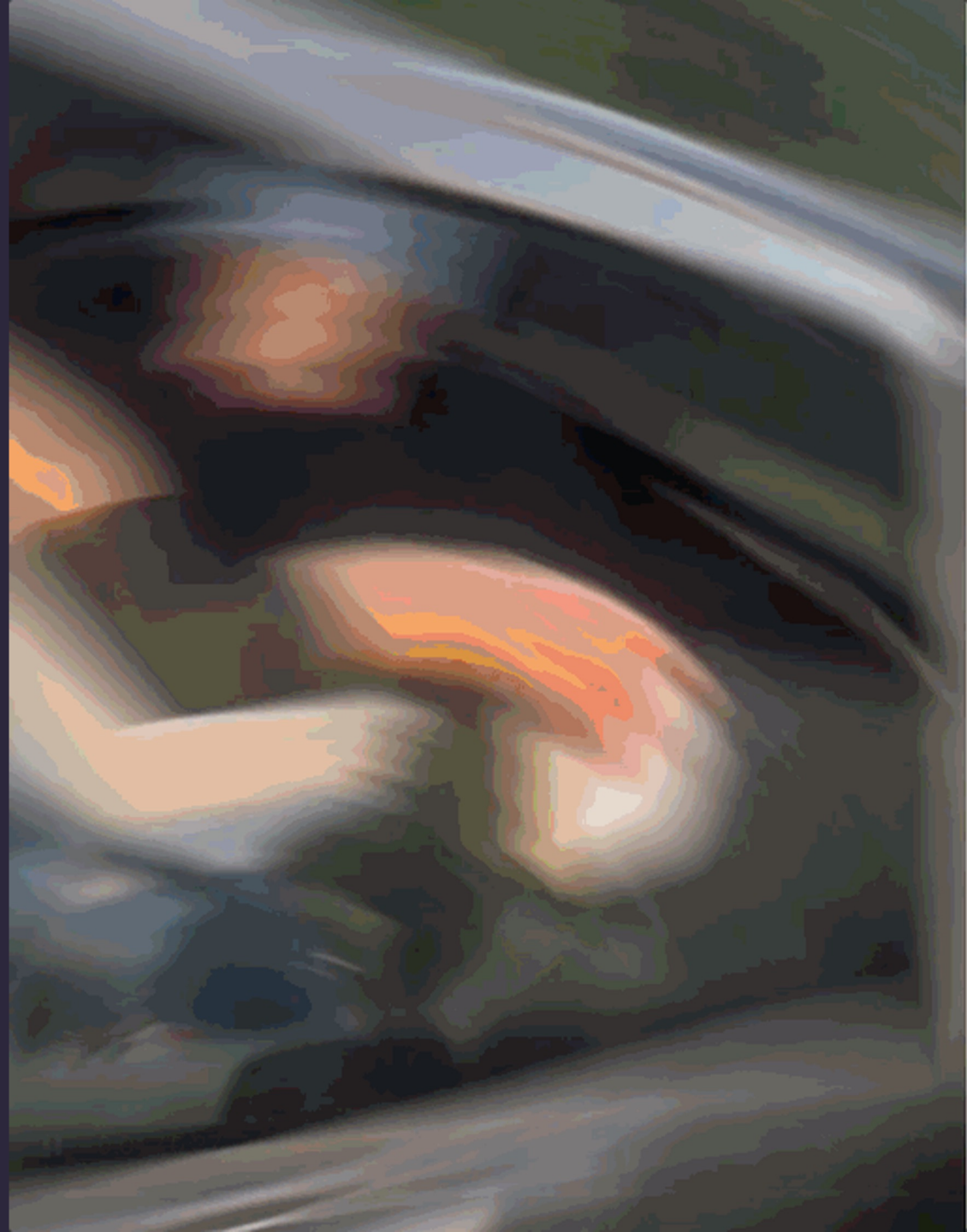
On a hot summer's day, air temperatures can vary by 10°C between neighborhoods. Community heat mapping campaigns provide an established methodology to measure temperature differences across a city. Cities can use the resulting datasets to prioritize heat mitigation actions that target the most affected areas.



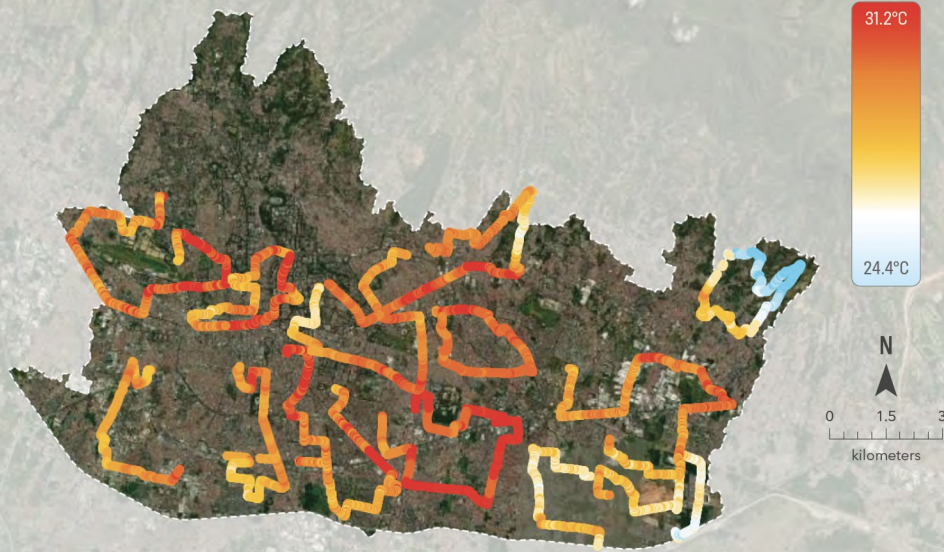
# vehicle traverse method

Participants drive pre-planned routes with heat sensors attached to their vehicles

- 1. Set up:** Partnership established with NGO or university; volunteers recruited.
- 2. Planning:** Set date for campaign; routes planned and equipment shipped.
- 3. Campaign:** Volunteers drive designated routes (during three periods 6-7 am, 3-4 pm, and 7-8 pm) collecting thousands of data points.
- 4. Analysis:** Area-wide map of heat and humidity developed.
- 5. Engagement:** Communication assets; workshop



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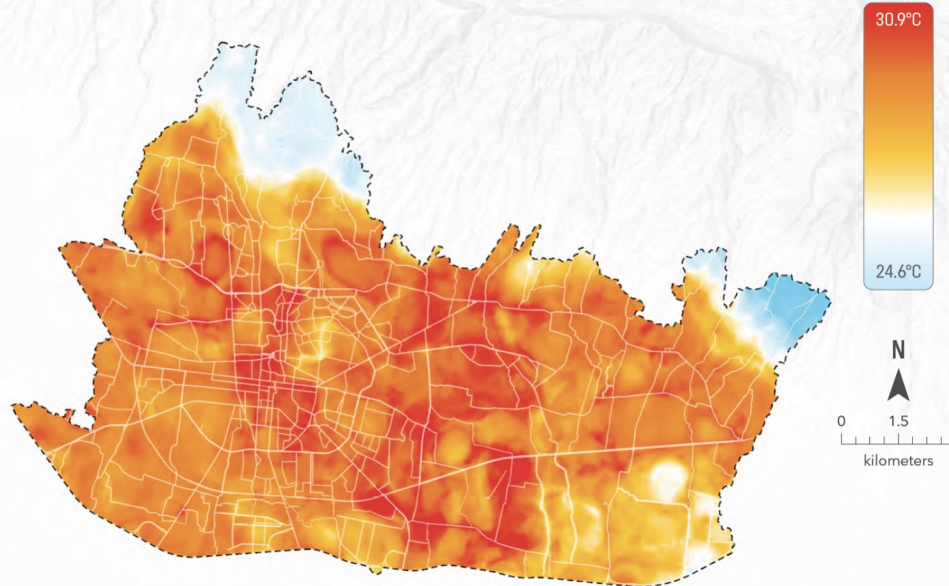


## results: about the maps

Two sets of maps comprise the final results from the campaign process, and they include:

**01 Point temperatures** collected along predetermined routes for **three** traverse time periods; 6 - 7 am, 3 - 4 pm, and 7 - 8 pm

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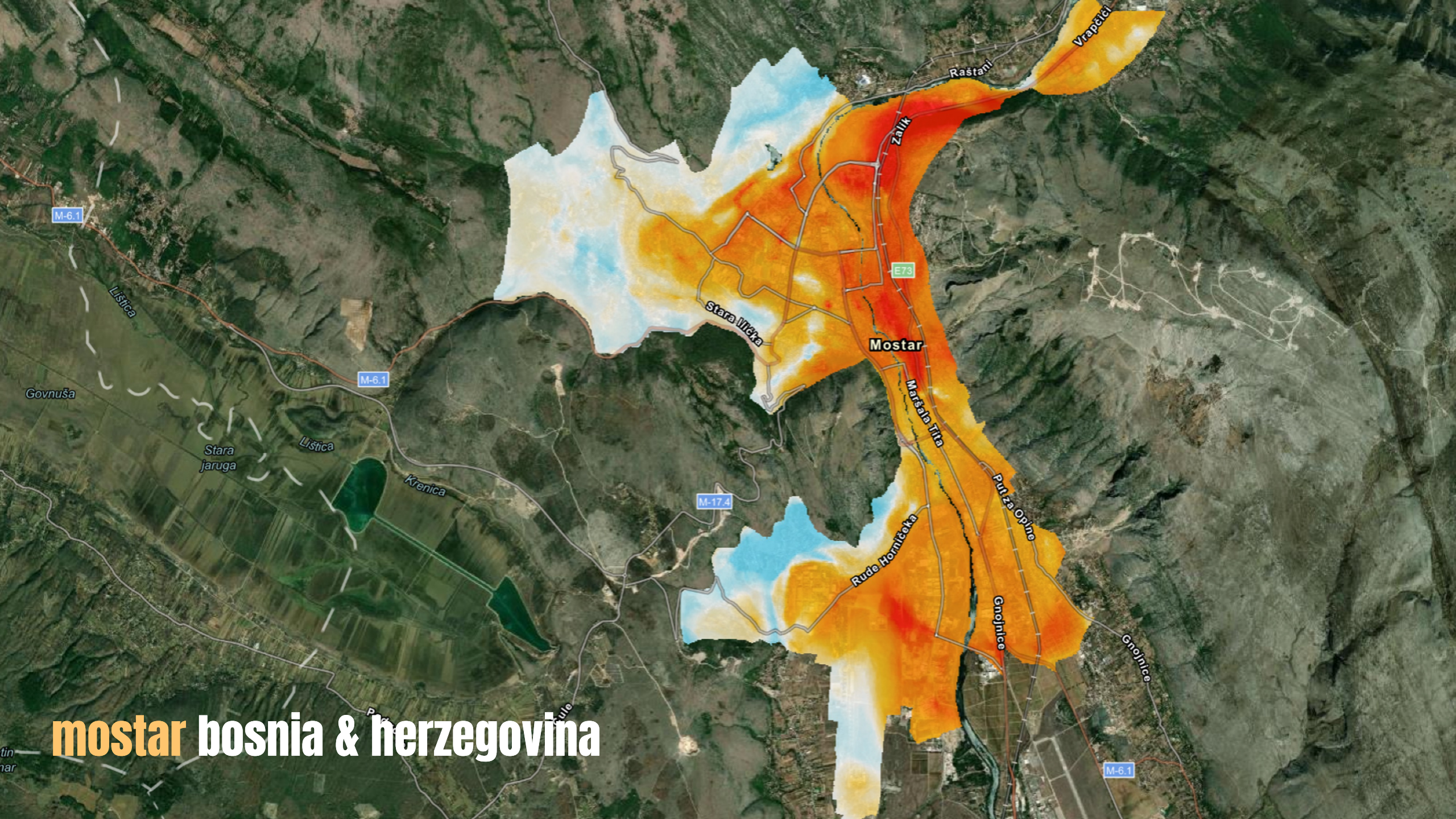
**02 Area-wide heat maps**, displaying either the modeled temperature or heat index across the entire study area at each traverse period.





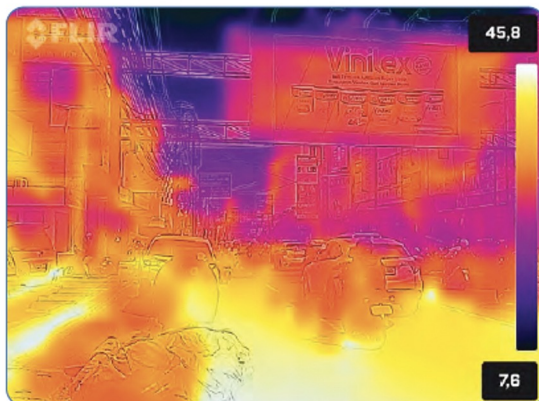
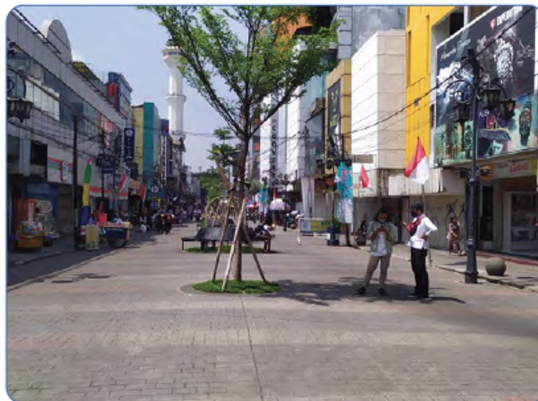
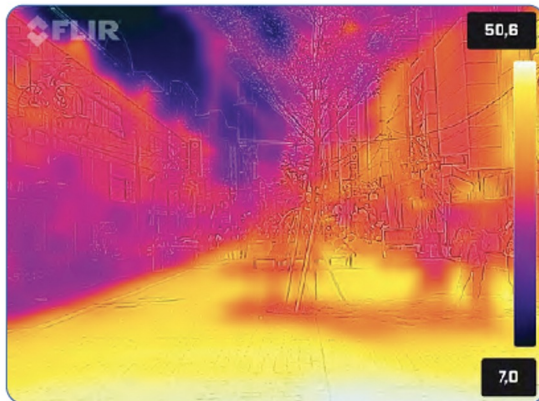
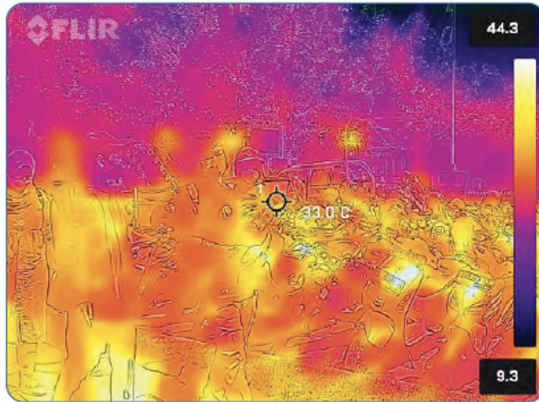
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# FLIR cameras

## investigation at micro scale



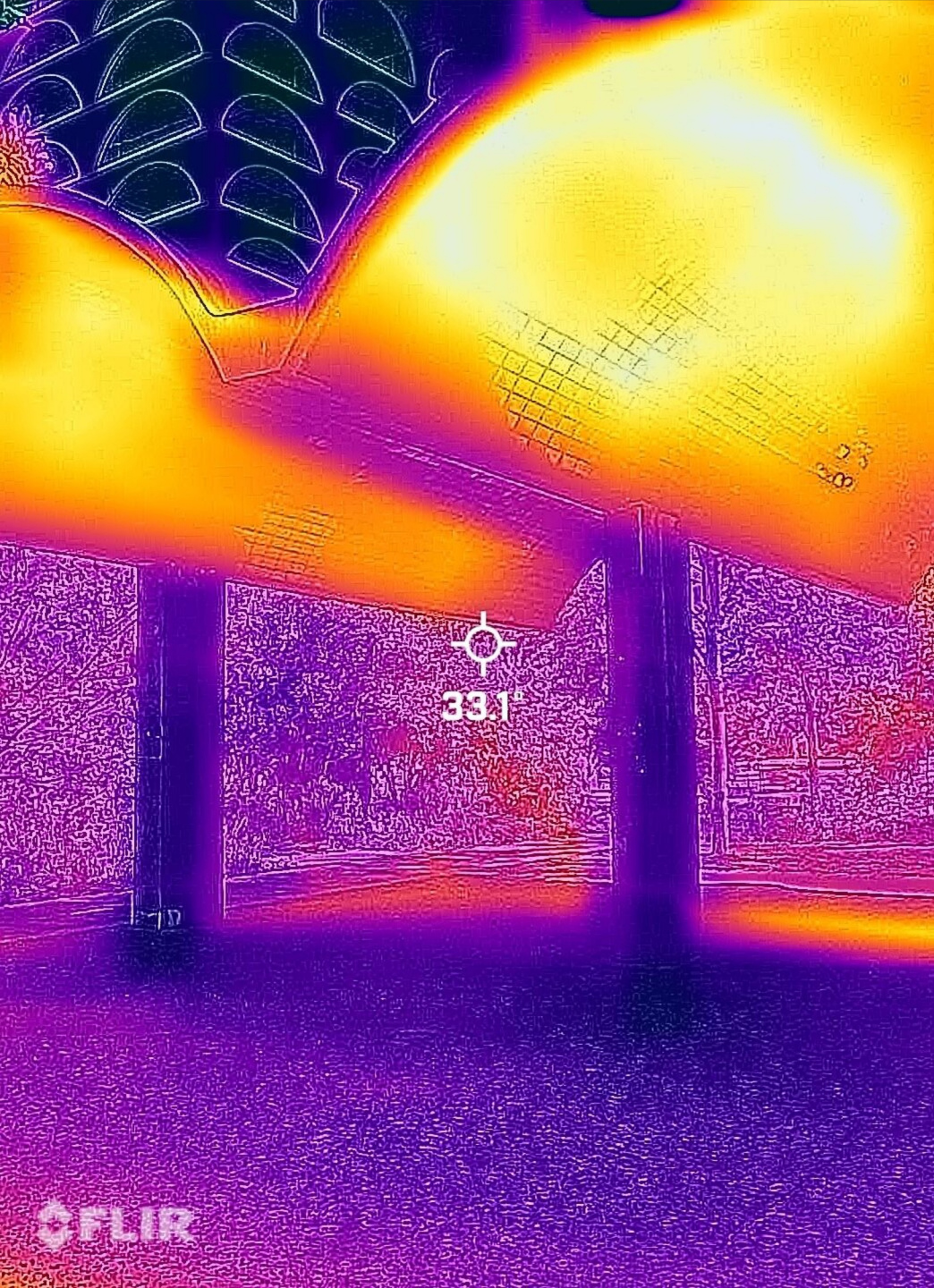
**task:** volunteers also examined the surface temperatures of various locations using FLIR thermal imagery cameras (which can be fitted to a standard smartphone)

**objective:** examine where people are affected by heat (or cool) in their everyday lives.

**approach:** short survey, with geotagged thermal imagery

- Take photos (FLIR picture, normal picture)
- Capture location (lat & lon)
- Fill out a short survey about heat conditions, shade and any obvious heat stress mitigation measures
- Repeat at several other locations

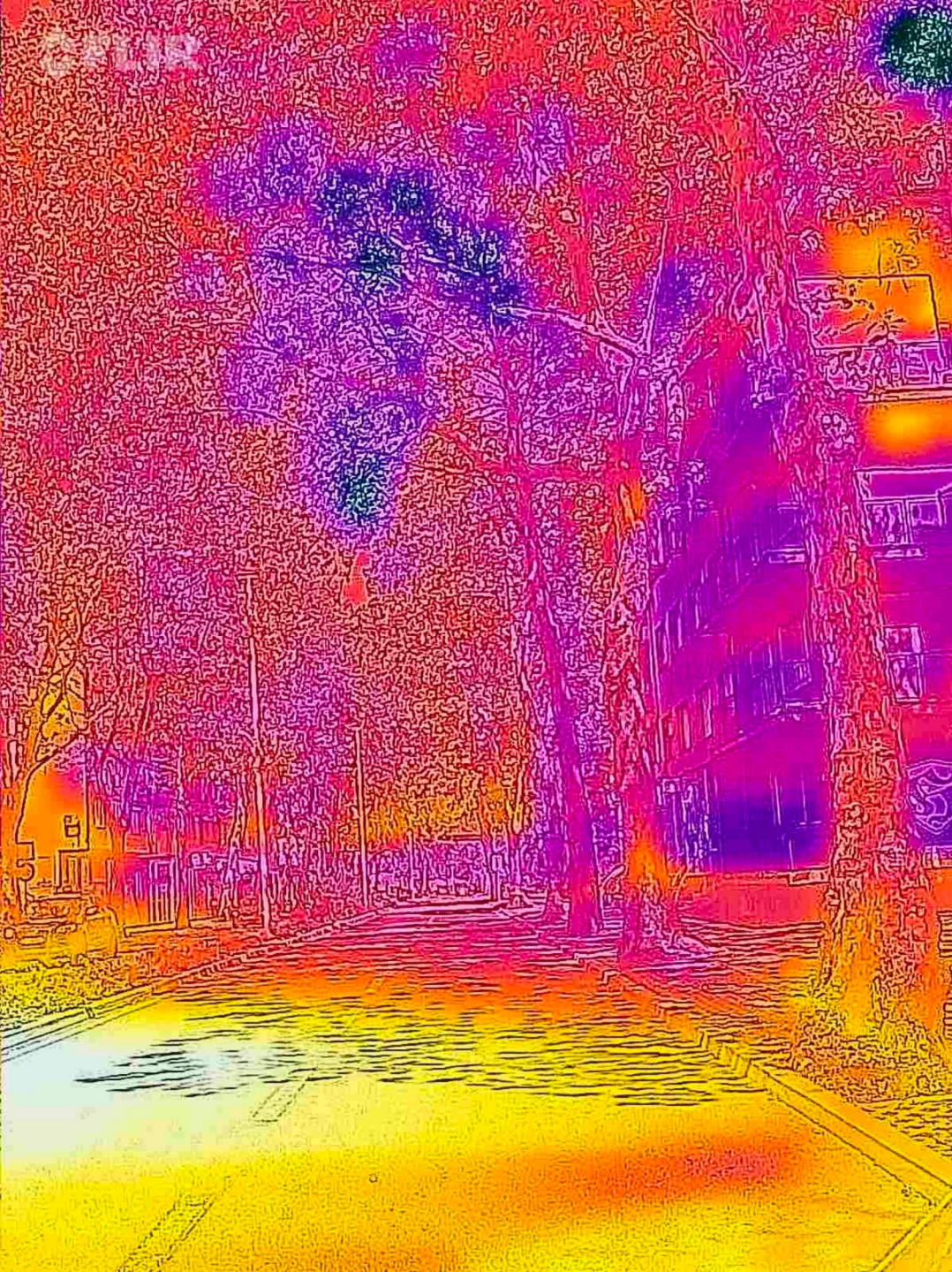




## Shade structures

This shade canopy appears to be soaking up the majority of the heat. There is a significant difference in the temperature of the concrete under the canopy, and the concrete outside



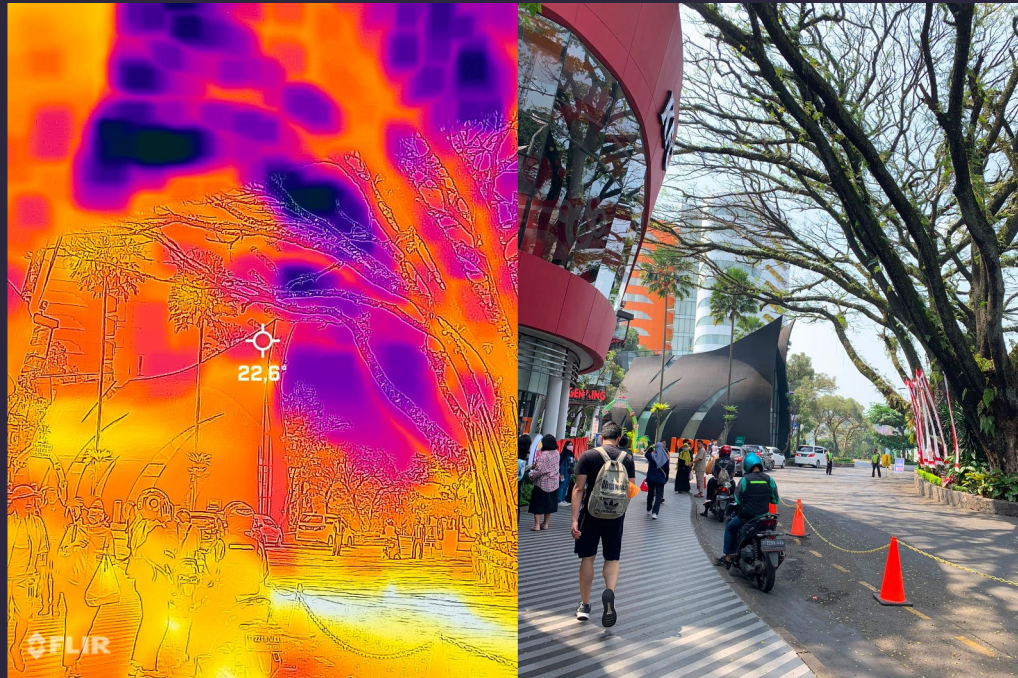


## natural shade

The temperature difference between concrete surfaces (both road and building facade) shaded by tree canopy, and those that are not, are quite apparent



# heat at 'significant places' in Bandung



## Mall of Ciwalk (shopping center)

*"Lots of activities and people gathering at the mall. Not much vegetation because it is located in the middle of tall buildings, hotels and highways. Building materials contribute in generating heat."*



## Shopping center: Pasar Baru

*"The area is very hot because it is a fully built area with trade and service functions (shops and markets) without any trees at all. The type of road pavement and building are quite influential on the heat, coupled with the number of vehicle."*



# Bandung

July 2022

168.6 km<sup>2</sup>

Study Area

36

Volunteers

15

Routes

51,331

Measurements

33.7°

Max Temperature

7.0°

Temperature Differential





# western balkans

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## Tirana, Albania

**57 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area

**36.1°**

Max Temp (°C)

**6.4°**

Temperature Differential (°C)

## Vlore, Albania

**20 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area

**31.4°**

Max Temp (°C)

**4.3°**

Temperature Differential (°C)

## Shkodra, Albania

**20 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area

**32.9°**

Max Temp (°C)

**6.5°**

Temperature Differential (°C)

## Sarajevo, BiH

**31 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area

**34.5°**

Max Temp (°C)

**7.4°**

Temperature Differential (°C)

## Mostar, BiH

**29.5 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area

**40.7°**

Max Temp (°C)

**6.5°**

Temperature Differential (°C)





# south africa

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## Cape Town

**208 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area  
Volunteers

**24**

Number of

**34.5°**

Max Temp (°C)  
Differential (°C)

**7.4°**

Temperature

## Tshwane

**200 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area  
Volunteers

**24**

Number of

**36.2°**

Max Temp (°C)  
Differential (°C)

**6.1°**

Temperature

## Buffalo City

**165 km<sup>2</sup>**

Study Area  
Volunteers

**30**

Number of

**39.0°**

Max Temp (°C)  
Differential (°C)

**6.1°**

Temperature







Together we can adapt and thrive.

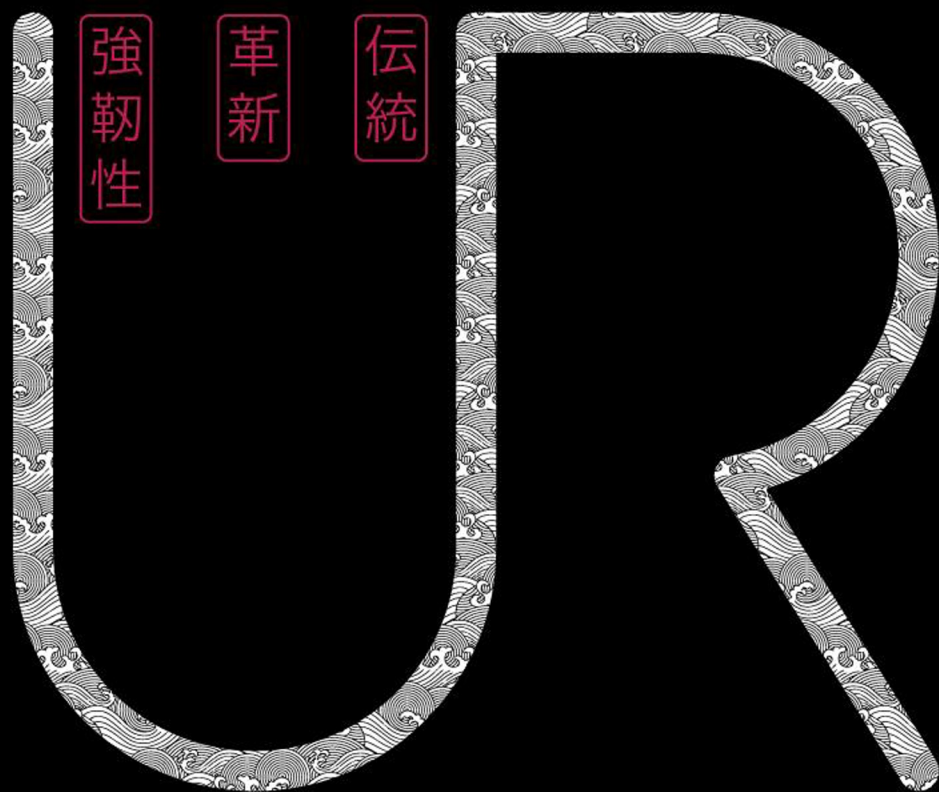
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Thank you !



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