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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM:Americas	
<i>Statement:</i> UN-GGIM: Americas takes note and acknowledges the report on the efforts of the Expanded Bureau and the Secretariat to take practical and strategic actions to strengthen geospatial information management. The Regional Committee also takes note of the efforts to improve and strengthen national capacities in developing countries, by means of the allocation of extra-budgetary resources that allowed carrying out valuable workshops and technical meetings. In order to support the request to Member States for extra-budgetary resources, UN-GGIM: Americas considers that it would be helpful to count with information on the amount money required, capacity building activities to be conducted, time frame and available funding options and mechanisms. This information could be consolidated in a discussion paper (regionally disaggregated) elaborated by the Secretariat with the support of the regions. Regarding the third edition of the Future Trends Report on Geospatial Information Management, the Regional Committee fully supports the adoption of the document and congratulates all who contributed to the present edition. Even when the countries of the Americas have different levels of maturity and progress in geospatial information management, we can see in the driver related with new data sources and analytical methods, a number of trends able to be addressed and developed in the region. In the ambit of the geospatial response to COVID-19, the Regional Committee acknowledges and thanks the initiative conducted by the UN-GGIM Secretariat to promote the exchange knowledge and experience between countries, through regional virtual seminars. As learning from these activities, we are conscious that to make this response coordinated, effective and sustainable, the implementation of the IGIF, the GSGF and the Strategic Framework for Disasters are crucial. As part of this geospatial response, we suggest deepening the analysis of vulnerability, based on disaggregated demographic and health data.	
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