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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	United Nations University - International Institute for Global Health
City and country where organization is based	Tokyo
Title of Urban Library event	Thrive Global
Date of Urban Library event	10/19/2016
Name of partner organizations with information on city, and country where organization is based	International Society For Urban Health - New York, USA Urban Health Network For Latin America And The Caribbean - Drexel University, USA
Number of participants	60
Percentage of women participants at the event	50%



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Background information on Urban Library event (themes, issues, context).

THRIVE GLOBAL takes The Kuching Statement of healthy, just and sustainable urban development from the Urban Thinkers Campus on Health and Wellbeing in Kuching, Malaysia to Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador. The publication combines the power of carefully conceived and crafted words with several aesthetically composed photographs selected from two recent art publications of international scope and standing. One of these, the prestigious art journal, European Photography, published a thematic issue in 2015 casting an experienced eye on contemporary cities. The other, an adventurous multimedia project, Hong Kong Waters, by artist Andreas Müller-Pohle, expands the notion of the urban precinct. The photographs, documenting instances in just six cities, issue powerful invitations to wonder about the complexity of the human built environment, to expand perspectives and frames of reference, to instigate reflection on our own formative experiences and together with the Kuching Statement inspire resolute responses to the challenges of realising healthy, sustainable urban living. The Kuching Statement is the result of an international group of participants from 27 countries representing 91 organisations who gathered over three days to debate health and wellbeing issues in sustainable urban development, learn from case studies, and develop recommendations and urban solutions. The Kuching Statement positions health as the central focus of sustainable urban development with people, planet and participation at its core. It builds on two premises: first, people are significantly impacting this planet's ecosystem; and second, only a systems approach that acknowledges the ecological, economic and social foundations of human development and health can address the complex and interlinked urban development process. In order to increase access to The Kuching Statement, it has been translated from English into seven other languages: Chinese, French, Russian, Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese and Malay and has been published in Health Promotion International (doi: 10.1093/heapro/daw046, - July 2016). It is hoped that the synergies between creative art and evidence-based text will stimulate thought and discussion that is conducive to taking positive action for our cities, everywhere, to thrive. For a copy of the document, please visit www.thriveurban.info.



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Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	<p>The session told the development story of THRIVE GLOBAL from an art strategy for the Urban Thinkers Campus in Kuching, Malaysia to increase consideration for Health and Wellbeing in the New Urban Agenda to a partnership with European Photography to combine fine art, text and translations as a means to make messages more accessible to various constituency groups in various regions of the world. This was followed by an overview of the benefit us using art as a means of engaging diverse stakeholders and how the United Nations University art strategy was designed. Building on an overview of the Health and Wellbeing Urban Thinkers Campus, participants learned about its outcome statement, the Kuching Statement of just, healthy and sustainable urban development including the important interplay of people, planet and participation as well as the need to systems approaches to urban health and wellbeing. The session concluded with a brief discussion.</p>
Concise summary of the publication launched or promoted at the event.	<p>THRIVE GLOBAL contains People, Planet and Participation: the Kuching Statement of just, healthy and sustainable urban development. This outcome document of the Urban Thinkers Campus on Health and Wellbeing in The City We Need (Kuching, Malaysia, January 2016) is embedded in fine art photography and translations into seven languages.</p>
Name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker	<p>Uta Dietrich, Research Fellow, United Nations University</p>
Name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker	<p>John Reid, Emeritus Fellow & Curator of THRIVE GLOBAL, Australian National University</p>
Name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker	<p>Trevor Hancock, Senior Scholar, Victoria University</p>