The City Resilience Program was instrumental in strengthening the World Bank’s National Urban Cadaster and Municipal Support Project (US $50 million, approved in 2020). The project strengthens urban cadasters in 22 municipalities across four provinces (Lima, Chiclayo, Lambayeque and Piura) and improves local government capacity for revenue generation and urban management, including hazard risk management.

In particular, CRP funding enabled a review of the gaps in local property tax revenue and an assessment of hazards in the municipality of Breña. This activity included the use of drone and street view imagery, machine learning, and municipal taxpayer information to build a database that improves property tax assessment and collection. The database provides an overview of the municipality’s housing stock, especially its physical characteristics and vulnerabilities to natural hazards. The valuation of the housing stock will be complemented by an update and deployment of the local urban cadaster. CRP support was key in helping the World Bank team understand the nature of the challenges and opportunities of existing property tax collection and in helping municipalities strengthen their capacity to generate revenue.