LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: SHIFTS IN PRIORITIES DUE TO COVID-19

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Figure 1: Local public service priorities before (top) and after (bottom) the pandemic

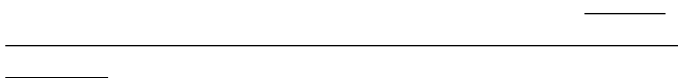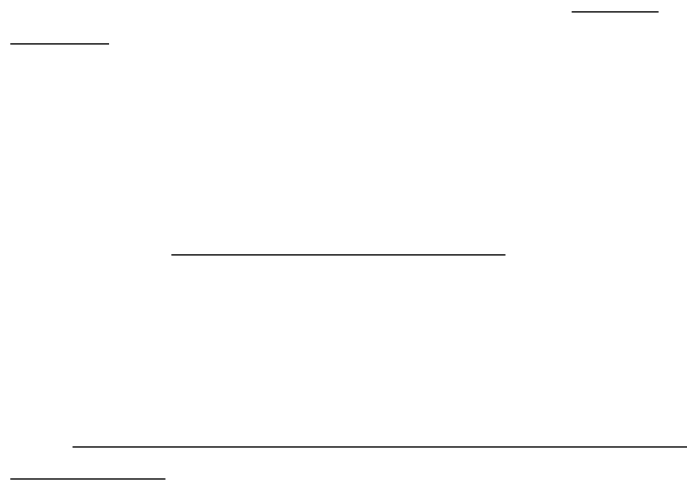# 1. THE PROMINENCE OF DIFFERENT SECTORS ACROSS

Figure 2: Prominence of 'new essential' services before and after the pandemic (percentage change)

2. NEW ESSENTIALS

2.1. EMERGING GLOBAL PRIORITIES

3. LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND THE GLOBAL AGENDAS

The delivery of local public services is how many of the SDGs are translated on the ground. As illustrated in Figure 6, the links between these services and the various targets set for each

APPENDIX

List of search terms

Culture	Utilities	Transport	Environment	At risk populations policy	Social services	Education	Health
architecture	carbon	bicycle	air	at risk	aid	academic	addict
art*	cemeteries	bike	aquifer	disab*	cash assistance	capacity building	death
book	cleaning	bus	biodiversit*	elderly	cash transfer	education	disease
cultur*	dispos*	car	biofuel	equal*	child care	Homework	doctor
dance	drainage	congest*	blue infra*	equit*	child mind	internship	health
drama	electric	corridor	CO2	ethn*	child welfare	kindergarten	hospital
festival	energy	cycl*	carbon	female	childcare	learn*	illness
lm	gas	freight	climate	gender	childmind	literacy	life expectancy
folklor	heating	last mile	contamin*	girl	debt	nurser	life insurance
heritage	kWh	mobilit*	emission	homeless	family cent	school	medic*
librar	land ll	passenger	environment	migrant	family welfare	teach*	mental
literature	meters	pedestrian	fossil fuel	race	food	training	mortality
museum	plastic	rail	green	racial	meal	university	obesity
music	power	ride	greenhouse	reduced mob*	nursing homes	vocational	pharmac*
painting	rain	road	ground water	vulnerab*	social bene t	Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 1,572	physical care
parks	recyc*	subway	groundwater	women	social credit		primary care
sculpture	refuse	taxi	heat	Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 1,154	social polic*	Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 3,896	secondary care
sport	renewable	traf c	material consum*	Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 3,433	social service		vaccin*
theat	reuse	tram	micro plastics		social subsid*		wellbeing
Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 816	sanitation	transit	natural resource		social support		well-being
Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 2,095	sewage	transport	nature reserve		social work		Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 1,424
	sewer	underground	net zero		welfare bene t		Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 4,549
	utilit*	vehicle	pollut*		welfare state		
	waste	walk	production scrap		welfare support		
	water	Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 575	protected areas		youth service		
	wind	Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 1,723	river		Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 425		
	Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 2,645		sea		Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 1,536		
	Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 7,703		zero-energy				
			Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 2,067				
			Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 5,532				

Housing	Economic development	Policing/security	Mental health	Digitisation	Care	Public space
crowding*	business	burglar	addict			
dwelling	companies	crim*	antidepressant			
home	econ* develop*	drug	anxi*			
hous*	employ*	fatalities	belonging			
informal settlement	employment	femicide	communit			
land	enterprise	re	depressio8 (d)18 (eit)]TJ O -1.398 Td [(d)18 (epj O)spno.))T18 .8 (ct)]CJ O -1.398 Td [(ah)18 (t			
property	entrepreneur	gang				
rent	GDP	harassment				
shelter	growth	hate				
slum	local development	homicide				
Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 361	patents	murder				
Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 1,480	private sector	pickpocket				
	seed funding	police				
	Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 1,515	policing				
	Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 3,768	racis*				
		rape				
		safety				
		security				
		terror				
		theft				
		violence				
		Mentions before pandemic (no.) = 776				
		Mentions after pandemic (no.) = 2,024				