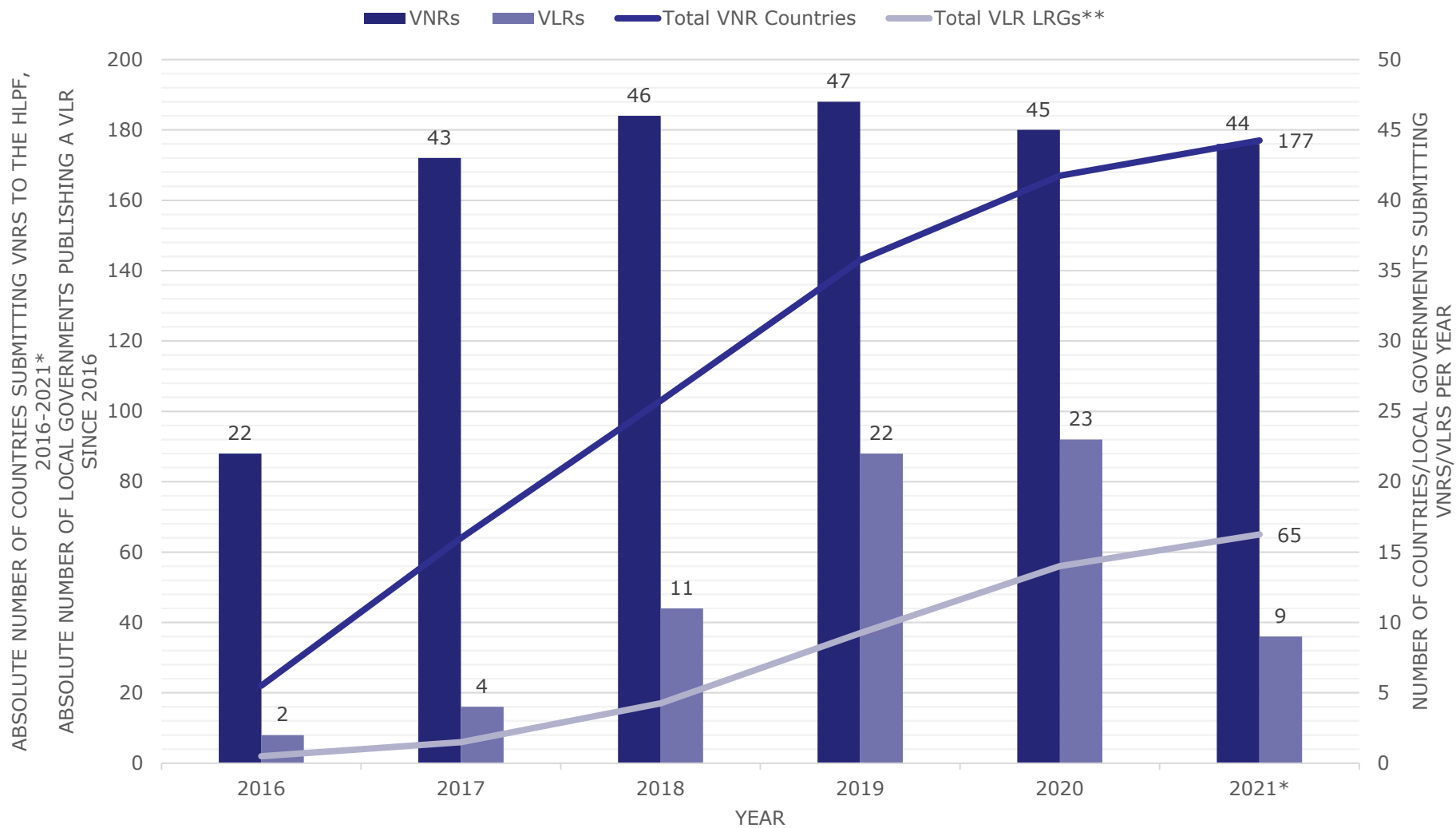


# Voluntary Local Reviews Global Movement



# VLRs vs. VNRs: global overview



# Potential of VLRs: local level

VLRs have the potential to:

- Enable **political dialogue** on sustainable development
- Stimulate new **participatory and inclusive process** and facilitate civic engagement in policy-making processes
- Enhance **transparency** and strengthening the social contract
- Provide priorities and guidance for **strategic planning** - and articulation with local development strategies
- Elaborate and improve local **data and indicators** ecosystems
- Orient **local budgets** and attract funds and **financing**

**VLR are a tool for transforming local governance  
and multilevel governance arrangements**

# COVID-19 Impact on SDGs

## The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2020



### COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



**COVID-19 CAUSES THE FIRST INCREASE**  
IN GLOBAL POVERTY IN DECADES

**+71 MILLION PEOPLE ARE PUSHED INTO EXTREME POVERTY IN 2020**

### COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



HEALTHCARE DISRUPTIONS COULD REVERSE DECADES OF IMPROVEMENTS

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL UNDER-5 DEATHS MAY BE EXPECTED IN 2020

### COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



SCHOOL CLOSURES KEPT 90% OF ALL STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL REVERSING YEARS OF PROGRESS ON EDUCATION



### COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

LOCKDOWNS ARE INCREASING THE RISK OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAVE INCREASED BY 30% IN SOME COUNTRIES

### COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



3 BILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE LACK BASIC HANDWASHING FACILITIES AT HOME

THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION

### COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



OVER 90% OF COVID-19 CASES ARE IN URBAN AREAS

# Technical Assistance and Knowledge Development on VLRs

- **Comprehensive methodology for VLR preparation**
- **Direct technical assistance to cities to develop their VLRs**  
Moscow (Russian Federation); Florence (Italy); many collaborations under definition such as Bangkok (Thailand), Surabaya (Indonesia).
- **Development of normative guidance and knowledge resources**  
UN-Habitat-UCLG VLR Series; Asia-Pacific Regional Guidelines on VLRs; Roadmap on Localizing SDGs; IG-UTP Handbook; Sub-national Urban Policy Guide
- **VLR/VSR Days (14-16 July 2021)** at HLPF by UN-Habitat & UCLG

