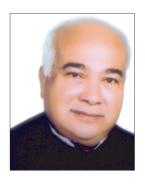


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URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message





Ministry of Housing and Public Works Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

The 'Bangladesh Country Report' has been prepared from the different policy documents of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Present government would continue development of Bangladesh according to the policy statements and challenges experienced and lessons learnt in the last twenty years with a view to implement 'Vision 2021' and also to attain Bangladesh as the status of upper income country from middle income country by the year 2041.

I thank all, who prepared the 'Bangladesh Country Report' for Habitat III.

(Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, MP)

Message





Ministry of Housing and Public Works Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

I thank Urban Development Directorate for preparing the 'Bangladesh Country Report' in consultation with the different urban stakeholders. I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to the 'National Habitat Committee' for the valuable contribution to develop the country report further and to the 'Review Committee' for taking the pain of furnishing the report. Last but not least, I also show my appreciation to all other persons, who extended their efforts in preparation of the report.

I hope that Bangladesh would attain a balanced, sustainable, inclusive and disaster resilient urbanisation as per the policy guidelines of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and challenges experienced and lessons learnt in the past.

(Md. Shahid Ullah Khandaker)

Message





Urban Development Directorate Ministry of Housing and Public Works Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Urban Development Directorate has taken the opportunity to prepare the 'Bangladesh Country Report' for Habitat III on the basis of guidelines provided by UN-Habitat in consultation with civil society, NGOs and different urban related public and private stakeholders. The report was further improved by a 'Review Committee' according to the directions provided by the 'National Habitat Committee, Bangladesh'.

I thank all the members of civil society, NGOs, urban stakeholders and the members of the 'National Habitat Committee' and the 'Review Committee' for their valuable contribution to prepare the report. I also thank the personnel of Urban Development Directorate (UDD), who were actively involved in preparation of this report, for their ceaseless and whole-hearted efforts in preparation of the report. I also express my gratefulness with high appreciation the direct leadership of Mr. Md. Shahid Ullah Khandaker, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Public Works and blessing of Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, MP, Honorable Minister for Ministry of Housing and Public Works in course of preparing the endeavor.

(Dr.-Ing. Khurshid Zabin Hossain Taufique)

PROLOGUE

With the view to participate UN Habitat III conference to be held in Ecuador in 2016 in continuation of Habitat I conference in Vancouver in 1976 and Habitat II conference in Istanbul in 1996, Urban Development Directorate (UDD), Ministry of Housing and Public Works, the People's Republic of Bangladesh participated in the Second Preparatory Meeting on Habitat III in Nairobi on April 15, 2016. UDD along with urban stakeholders and development partners prepared the draft "Bangladesh Country Paper" according to the Guidelines provided by UN-Habitat. Later a 'National Habitat Committee' was formed on January 3, 2016, chaired by the Honorable Minister, consisting of 45 (forty five) members by the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh [Annex-I]. National Habitat Committee is composed of representatives from different urban stakeholders such as civil society, concerned public and semi-public agencies, NGOs, urban research organisations, Local UN-Habitat (Bangladesh), Bangladesh Urban Forum, Urban Planning Departments from three renowned public universities, three professional bodies (Planners, Architects and Engineers), Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund and Municipal Association of Bangladesh. The National Habitat Committee was further revised on February 22, 2016 and the size of the committee had been increased to 49 (forty nine), where representative from UNDP was included [Annex-II].

The drafted 'Country Paper' was discussed in the first meeting of the National Habitat Committee on January 10, 2016 [Annex-III]. After detailed discussion, a Review Committee consisting of 15 (fifteen) members was formed. The Review Committee edited the Country Paper, according to the Table 01, through four consecutive meetings held during January 10, 2016 to March 15, 2016. The edited "Bangladesh Country Paper" was presented in the seminar titled as "Habitat III: New Urban Agenda 2016-2032 and Draft Country Paper" chaired by Mr. Md. Shahid Ullah Khandaker, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Public Works held on May 22, 2016. A list of the meetings is shown in the Table 2.

The Country Paper was finalised and approved, along with some recommendations for fine tuning, in the second meeting of the 'National Habitat Committee', which was held on 07.08.2016 in consultation with the members of the National Habitat Committee. Urban Development Directorate composed the Country Paper accordingly and printed the report.

Table 01: List of the Reviewers' of the Country Report

Chapter	Chapter Title	Reviewed by	
I	Urban Demographic Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda	Professor Dr. Sarwar Jahan, BUET Mohammad Aminul Quaium, RAJUK	
II	Land and Urban Planning: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda Professor Dr. AKM Abul Kalam, B Representative form MAB		
III	Environment and Urbanization: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda Mr. Shahinul Islam Khan, CDA		
IV	Urban Governance and Legislation: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda Ms Quazi Baby, PDAP Mr. Ahammed Zaman Tariq, BMDF		
V	Urban Economy: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda	Professor Dr. Mustafa Saroar, KU Mr. Md. Mahabubur Rahman, KDA	
VI	Housing and Basic Services: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda	Mr. Shahinul Islam Khan, CDA Mr. Md. Rahanul Islam Rony, RDA Mr. Mostafa Quaium Khan, BUF Mr. Ashekur Rahman, UNDP	
VII	Indicators: Percentage of people living in slums, access to adequate housing, safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, regular waste collection, public transport	Professor Dr. Nurul Islam Najem, CUS Dr. K Z Hossain Taufique, UDD Mr. Maqsud Hashem, UDD Mr. MostafaQuaium Khan, BUF Mr. Ashekur Rahman, UNDP	
VIII	Case Studies and Policy Documents Mymensingh Strategic Development Plan (MSDP), 2011-2031 Community Resilience through Women Leadership in Bhola slum of Mirpur Urban Partnerships for Poverty Reduction (UPPR)	Dr. K Z Hossain Taufique, UDD Mr. Maqsud Hashem, UDD Mr. MostafaQuaium Khan, BUF Mr. Ashekur Rahman, UNDP	

Table 2: Finalisation Process of Draft Country Report

Meeting	Date	Meeting Agenda/	Chaired by
no.		Seminar	
1	10 January, 2016	National Habitat Committee on Draft Country Report	\mathcal{E}
2	14 February, 2016	Review Committee on Draft Country Report	Professor Dr. Sarwar Jahan, Urban and Regional Planning (URP) department, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
3	25 February, 2016	Review Committee on Draft Country Report	Professor Dr. Sarwar Jahan, URP Department, BUET
4	08 March, 2016	Review Committee on Draft Country Report	Professor Dr. Sarwar Jahan, URP Department, BUET
5	15 March, 2016	Review Committee on Draft Country Report	Professor Dr. Sarwar Jahan, URP Department, BUET
6	22 May, 2016	Habitat III: New Urban Agenda 2016- 2032 and Draft Country Report	Mr. Md. Shahid Ullah Khandaker Secretary Ministry of Housing and Public Works
7	07 August, 2016	National Habitat Committee on Draft Country Report	\mathcal{E}

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, and is taking place in Quito, Ecuador, on 17-20 October 2016. In Resolution 66/207 and in line with the bi-decennial cycle (1976, 1996 and 2016), the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene the Habitat III Conference to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization and to focus on the implementation of a New Urban Agenda, building on the Habitat Agenda of Istanbul in 1996. In the process towards Habitat III, country papers are prepared by Member States to provide evidence-based knowledge on how the Habitat Agenda from 1996 was implemented on a national level.

The Country Report has been prepared from the different policy papers of the government of Bangladesh to achieve the status of middle income country, such as: (i) Perspective Plan of Bangladesh 2010-2021, (ii) National Sustainable Development Strategy 2010-2021, (iii) National Social Security Strategy of Bangladesh, (iv) 6th Five Year Plan, (v) 7th Five Year Plan, (vi) National Water Management Plan, (vii) Millennium Development Goal (MDG): Bangladesh Progress Report, (viii) Guidelines for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction, (ix) Dhaka Structure Plan, (x) Mymensingh Strategic Development Plan (MSDP), 2011-2031.

The Draft Country Paper contains 42 sections within 6 chapters with 13 Urban Indicators regarding base year 1996, 2006 and 2013. Chapter I describes the Urban Demographic Issues including challenges experienced and lessons learnt. Chapter II covers the Land and Urban Planning Issues and Challenges along with experiences and lessons learnt. Chapter III includes the Environment and Urbanization Issues and Challenges and also challenges experienced and lessons learnt in this arena. Chapter IV expresses Urban Governance and Legislation Issues including improving participation and human rights in urban development; and challenges experienced and lessons learnt. Chapter V covers Urban Economic Issues and challenges. This chapter also comes up with challenges experienced and lessons learnt in urban economic sector. The last chapter, Chapter VI explained the Housing and Basic Services Issues and Challenges encompassing challenges experienced and lessons learnt in the sector. Chapter wise summary has been stated in the foregoing sub-section as indicated in the right margin of the section.

Bangladesh has been experiencing rapid increase in its urban population ever since its independence in 1971. Urban population as a percentage of total population increased from around a little below one-tenth to nearly one-third during 1974-2011 periods. It is estimated that by the year 2021 about one-third of the population of Bangladesh will be living in urban Urban

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