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I. UPFRONT

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We are now at a stage where what we need even more than a global agreement [on combating climate change] is for people to take the initiative to respond (Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, Chairman of the IPCC)¹

 KARIAL SLUM
 Urban slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh (Kibae Park)

1.2 About this **Quick Guide**



Climate change is no longer something that may happen in the distant future. From higher temperatures and rising sea levels to changing rainfall patterns and more frequent extreme Given the significant overlap between climate change vulnerability and urban poverty, poor communities should be actively supported in efforts to strengthen resilience. Urban poor

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