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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific	PPAB	Programme Participatif d'Amélioration des Bidonvilles
ADB	Asian Development Bank	SUDP	Sustainable Urban Development Programme
AFD	Agence Française de Développement	UNDAP	United Nations Development Assistance Plan*
ASUD	Achieving Sustainable Urban Development	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme*
CCCI	Cities and Climate Change Initiative	UNEP/GEF	United Nations Environmental Programme /Global Environment Facility*
CERF	Central Emergency Response Fund	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund*
DfID	Department for International Development	UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*
EAC	East African Community	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund*
ECHO	Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization	UNIPV	Università degli Studi di Pavia*
ECOWAS	Economic Commission for West African States	UNISDR	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*
EC	European Commission	UNMISS	United Nations Mission in South Sudan*
FEICOM	Fonds Spécial d'Équipement et d'Intervention Intercommunale	UNOCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs*
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services*
GiZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit	USAID	United States International Aid
HVWSHE	Human Values Based in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Education	VAA	Vulnerability and Adaptability Assessment
IDPs	Internally displaced persons	WASH	Water and Sanitation
IOM	International Organization for Migration*	WFP	World Food Programme*
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals	WHO	World Health Organization*
MTSIP	Medium Term Strategic and Institutional Plan		
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations		

**United Nations Organizations and the trust funds*



FOREWORD



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As of the fourth quarter of 2012, UN-Habitat had cooperation programmes and projects in **over 70 countries**, with a majority of these in the least developed countries.



UN-Habitat's country activities are focused on supporting governments in the formulation of policies and strategies with a view to creating and strengthening self-reliant urban planning and management capacity at both national and local levels and promoting sustainable urbanization. Technical and managerial expertise is provided for the assessment of human settlement development problems and opportunities.

Country-level activities also seek to identify and analyse policy options; design and implement housing and urban development programmes; and help mobilize national resources and external support for improving human settlements conditions.

National capacity-building processes involve central government institutions, local authorities and their partners among community-based and non-governmental organizations, universities and research institutes. Emphasis is placed on strengthening the monitoring of governmental capacities in human settlements management.

In line with UN-Habitat's on-going institutional reforms, country-level activities are focusing on the following thematic areas: Urban legislation, land and governance; Urban planning and design; Urban economy; Urban basic services; Housing and slum upgrading; Risk reduction and rehabilitation; as well as

Research and capacity development. Acting as a catalyst in the mobilization of technical cooperation, UN-Habitat is supporting the implementation of the urban agenda at the local, national, and regional levels, as well as achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on improving the lives of slum dwellers and improving access to water and sanitation. Lessons learned from country-level activities are utilized to formulate regional policy options and guidelines.

As of the fourth quarter of 2012, UN-Habitat had cooperation programmes and projects in over 70 countries, with a majority of these in the least developed countries. Country-level activities can be normative or operational, but in most cases they combine these two elements of UN-Habitat's mandate. More than 30 countries were further supported by UN-Habitat's *global* programmes.

As a direct consequence of increased demand from countries, UN-Habitat's portfolio of projects has grown remarkably over the past decades with its total budget for 2011/2012 of USD 442.7 million. More than 75 per cent of the financing of country projects in 2011/2012 came from multilateral and bilateral agencies; about 20 per cent from UN agencies; and the remaining 5 per cent through government's cost sharing, non-governmental sources, foundations and various financial institutions. It is important to note that the total budget

has been maintained at a high level due to several large programmes in Asia and the Arab States, financed through various global trust funds. With these activities, UN-Habitat maximizes the use of national expertise and national execution of projects and procurement from developing countries.

In addition to these country activities, UN-Habitat has embarked on the publication of a series of regional *State of the Cities Reports* providing region-wide policy analyses, with the findings intended to stimulate debate on urban issues in these regions. These reports are further intended to provide a tool towards improved national and regional policy formulation for the achievement of sustainable urban development. In 2012, this report series – which already covered Africa and Asia and the Pacific – was expanded with a State of Arab Cities and a State of Latin America and Caribbean Cities report. Preparations for a third Africa and a second Asia and the Pacific, as well as a first State of European Cities in Transition report were on-going in 2011/2012 towards their publication in 2013 and 2014.

The present report is divided into six sections. The first covers UN-Habitat's global programmes. This is followed by five sections describing activities in the regions: Africa; the Arab States; Asia and the Pacific; Latin America and the Caribbean; and Europe.

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