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URBAN HOUSING SECTOR PROFILE



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FOREWORD

UN-HABITAT is delighted that the Government of Uganda approached UN-HABITAT to help formulate its new national housing policy. We also welcome the steadfast commitment shown by the Government throughout the process of producing this report.

What we now have in this Uganda Urban Housing Sector Profile is a comprehensive, in-depth analysis of the structure and functioning of Uganda's urban housing sector. It discloses its strengths and weaknesses, and at the same time makes suggestions on directions for policy intervention.

Uganda is one of nine countries around the world where UN-HABITAT is applying the housing sector profile methodology. This involves a participatory research process whereby a team comprised of Ugandan and international experts conducts the research. The approach they take is based on UN-HABITAT's integrated and holistic view of housing. It thus focuses on the performance analysis of its five components: land; basic services; housing finance;

building materials and construction technologies; and labour.

It then gives an assessment of how these components are governed by policy, institutional and legal frameworks, and how they inter-connect with one another and other urban policies.

Through an evaluation of the urban land and housing markets (supply and demand needs), this report identifies the factors that compromise smooth market functioning which leads to the exclusion of certain social groups.

Based on research findings, recommendations are drawn to inform the housing policy formulation process and embark upon the necessary housing reforms in Uganda. It is my hope that this will lead to the design of programmes, including implementation arrangements, for enhancing the performance of the urban housing delivery system.

UN-HABITAT also leads the parallel and complementary Rapid Urban Sector Profiling for Sustainability (RUSPS) in Uganda to help inform urban poverty reduction policies and the urban policies required to guide the rapid process of urbanisation.

Our focus on housing reflects the importance of this sector for the overall economy. A thriving housing sector contributes to economic and social growth through the creation of employment opportunities, and helps contribute to better economic health for the country as a whole.

I am confident that the Uganda Housing Profile will serve as a key tool for all actors in the housing sector in their joint efforts to generate affordable housing opportunities at scale.

I congratulate all those who have contributed to the preparation of this report.

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the commitment of
the Government of
Uganda to facilitating
the improvement of the
housing conditions of its
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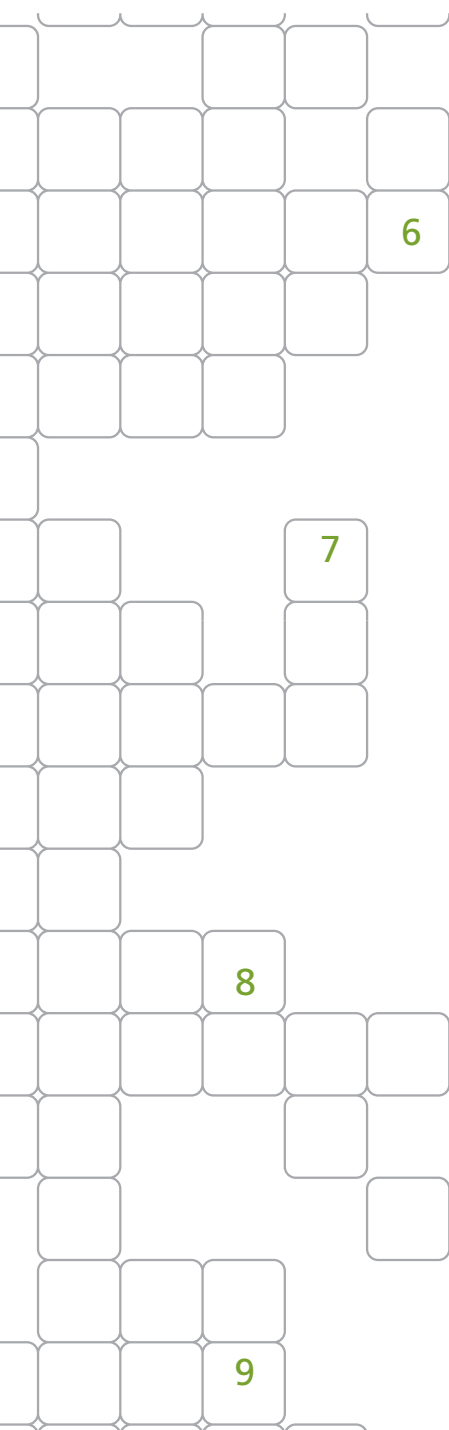
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