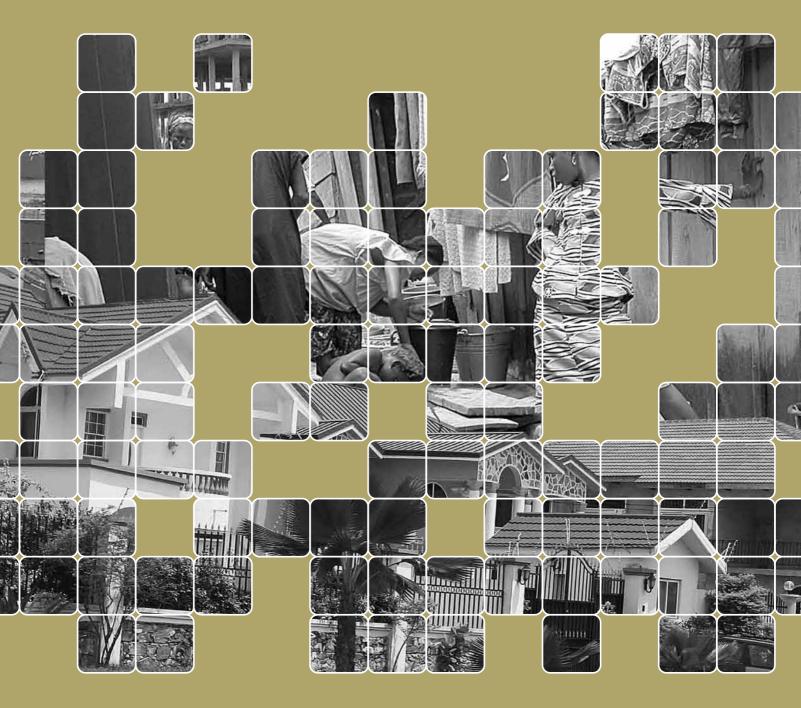
GHANA HOUSING PROFILE





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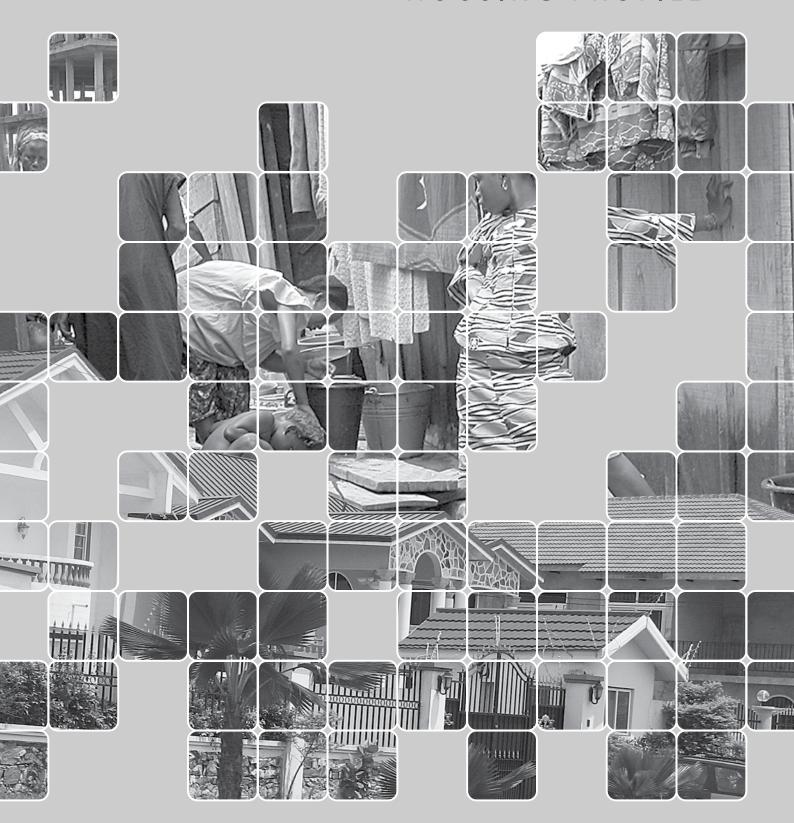
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FOREWORD

UN-HABITAT is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

This new report on Ghana finds the housing situation to be inadequate, especially for the urban poor. Such is the challenge, that the Government of Ghana approached UN-HABITAT to help it formulate a new national housing policy. Given the important role of the housing sector as a driver of economic growth, the National Housing Policy is aimed at addressing shortfalls in the way transaction costs imposed by legislation and regulations reduce the efficiency of supply rather than making it better.

Our new Ghana Housing Profile is a comprehensive, in-depth study of the major sectors contributing to all aspects of availability and affordability of housing. It also serves as a specially commissioned sample survey of urban households in Ghana's four largest cities.

The key elements of land, basic services, housing finance, building materials, construction technology, and labor are analysed through an assessment of how these elements are governed by policy, institutional and legal frameworks, and how they are linked with one another as well as with other urban policies.

The Ghana Housing Profile offers interesting ways forward as to how the country's housing needs can be met at the cost and scale required, while providing much-needed developmental benefits.

In view of the pivotal importance of the housing sector for the wider economy, I am confident that the Ghana Housing Profile will serve as an important tool for all those dealing with housing in Ghana.

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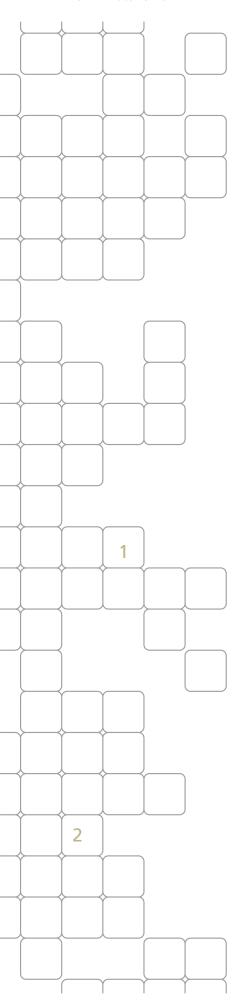
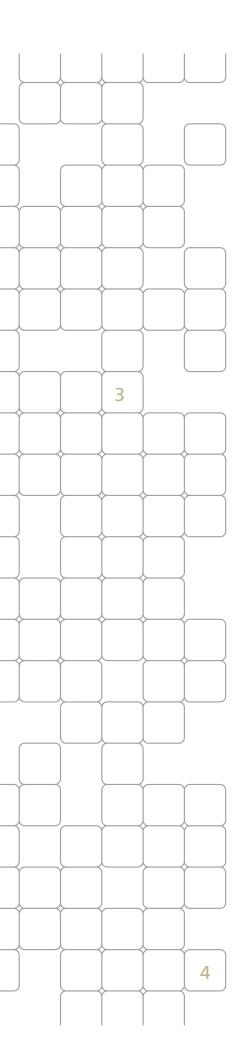


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