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FOREWORD



The global housing crisis, especially in the developing world, is getting worse by the day making the right to adequate shelter a quest that is becoming more and more difficult to meet, despite the targets set

by the Millennium Development Goals.

Such is the rate of urbanization – the influx of people into towns and cities, and their natural growth – that the world has now reached a point where for the first time now, half the global population lives in towns and cities.

By the year 2050, six billion people – two-thirds of humanity – will be living in towns and cities. And as urban centres grow, the locus of global poverty is moving into towns and cities, especially into the burgeoning informal settlements and slums, of the developing world. In the developing world, this is happening so fast that slums are mushrooming in what is termed the urbanization of poverty.

This makes it imperative that we use every means at our disposal to ensure that we at UN-HABITAT, and our partners, keep applying ourselves to Target 11 of the Goals – to achieve significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers, by 2020.

And for this, we need innovative governance, and local thinking and reporting if we are to bring hope to the urban poor. Equally importantly, we need to support our towns and cities, indeed our countries, to adopt pro-poor policies and strategies that will obviate the need for further slum creation.

It is against this background, that the Human Settlements Financing Tools and Best Practices series focuses on the development of know-how, knowledge and tools in human settlements financing, from which Member States can learn in delivering affordable housing to the poor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Anna Tibaijuka'.

Anna Tibaijuka,
Executive Director, UN-HABITAT
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the United Nations,

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABC	Ahora (or Savings) Bono (or Subsidy) and Credito (or Loan). Affordable housing scheme used in Costa Rica and Guatemala.
ACHR	Asian Coalition for Housing Rights
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AGETIPs	Agences d'Exécution de Travaux d'Intérêt Public (Public Works and Employment Agencies)
BOT	Build Operate Transfer
BSIF	Belize Social Investment Fund
BWI	Bretton Woods Institute
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CDD	Community Demand Driven
CDIA	Cities Development Initiative for Asia (operated through the ADB)
CLIFF	Community Led Infrastructure Finance Facility
CODI	Community Organisation Development Institute (Thailand)
COHRE	Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
FEDUP	Federation of the Urban Poor (South Africa)
FIS (1990-94)	Bolivia's Social Fund,
FIS (1990-93)	El Salvador's Social Fund
FISE (1990-94)	Nicaragua's Social Fund
FISE (1990-93)	Panama's Social Fund
FONAPAZ	Guatemala's Social Fund
FONAVIPO	National Fund for Popular Housing (El Salvador)
FONCODES	Fondo de Cooperación para el Desarrollo Social (Peru's Social Fund)
FOSIS	Fondo de Solidaridad e Inversion Social (Chile's Social Fund)
FSE / SEF	Fondo de Social Emergencia (Bolivia's Social Emergency Fund;1986-1990)
IDB	Inter American Development Bank

IFI	International Finance Institutes
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPF	International Personal Finance
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
LG	Local Government
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OPIC	Overseas Private Investment Corporation
MPI	Zambia (1991-1995)
MU	Management Unit (of Social Fund)
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
NSDF	National Slum Dwellers Federation
PMU	Project Management Unit
PPP	Public Private Partnership
PROCUMUNIDAD	Fondo de Promoción a las Iniciativas Comunitarias (Fund for the Promotion of Community Initiatives) [Dominica]
PRONASOL	Mexico's Social Fund (1989-93)
SA	South African Alliance
SAPs	Social Action Programmes
SDI	Slum/Shack Dwellers International (South Asia and Africa)
SEF	Social Emergency Funds
SF	Social Fund(s)
SFD	Egypt's Social Fund for Development
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SIF	Social Investment Funds
SIRP (1989-93)	Madagascar's Social Fund
SPARC	The Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centres
SRP	Zambia Social Fund (1989-93)
UPDF	Urban Poor Federation (Cambodia)
WB	World Bank

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