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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BTA	Building Together Association
CODI	Community Organizations Development Institute
Co-op	Community Cooperatives
CPB	Crown Property Bureau
DANCED	Danish Cooperation for Environment and Development
DPF	The Duang Prateep Foundation
Fed	Community Federation
HDC	Human Development Center
HSF	Human Settlement Foundation
NESDB	The National Economic and Social Development Board
NHA	National Housing Authority
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
PI	Plan International
POFD	People's Organization for Development
SC	Community saving groups
UCDO	Urban Community Development Office
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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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.

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.

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