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For the first time in history, half of the world's population lives in urban areas and it is expected that, by 2050, that figure will rise to above two-thirds. A large proportion of this urban growth will be taking place in the cities of the developing world, where the provision of adequate health, shelter, water and sanitation and climate change adaptation efforts for rapidly-growing urban populations will be an urgent priority. This transition to an urban world could be a negative transformation; but, if well-planned, it could also offer an unprecedented opportunity to improve the lives of some of the world's poorest people.

This volume brings together some of the world's foremost experts in urban development with the aim of approaching these issues as an opportunity for real positive change. The chapters focus on three strategically critical aspects of this transformation:

- public health
- shelter, water and sanitation
- climate change adaptation.

These are considered using an integrated approach that takes account of the many different sectors and stakeholders involved, and always in terms of the solutions rather than the problems. The book offers a blueprint for action in these sectors and will be of great interest to academics and policy-makers in all aspects of urban development and planning.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

AAG	Adaptation Assessment Guidebook	COP17	17th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
ACHR	Asian Coalition for Housing and Rights		
ACTED	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development, France	CRS	Catholic Relief Services
ADB	Asian Development Bank	CVCCCM	Mexico City's Virtual Center on Climate Change
AFCSR	Asian Forum on Corporate Social Responsibility	DAC	Development Assistance Committee
AHC	Alliance for Healthy Cities	DEP	Department of Environmental Protection, US
AIDF	Asian Infectious Disease Project	DHS	Demographic and Health Survey
BARR	Building assessment and rubbish removal	DRR	disaster risk reduction
CapEx	capital expenditures	FAP	flexible adaptation pathways
CapManEx	capital maintenance expenditures	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency, US
CBO	community-based organization	FHC	family health center
CLACC	Capacity Strengthening in Least Developed Countries for Adaptation to Climate Change	FUPROVI	Foundation for Housing Promotion, Costa Rica
		GAR	global assessment report
		GDP	gross domestic product
		GHG	greenhouse gas
CMP	Community Mortgage Program	GIS	geographic information systems
CMU	contract management unit		
CNG	compressed natural gas	GLAAS	Global Annual Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water
CO ₂	carbon dioxide		
CoC	cost of capital	GNI	gross national income
CODI	Community Organization Development Institute, Thailand	GNP	gross national product
		GRET	Groupe de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques, France
COMFORÇA	a committee intended to give citizens a voice at the municipal level in the participatory budgeting process, Brazil	HCP	Healthy City Project
		HDI	Human Development Index

HUDCO	Housing and Urban Development Corporation, India	NHB	National Housing Bank, India
HVAC	heating, ventilation and air conditioning	NHMFC	National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, Philippines
ICICI	Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Bank	NOx	nitrogen oxide
ICLEI	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (Local Governments for Sustainability)	NPCC	New York City Panel on Climate Change
IFI	international financial institution	NYCDEP	New York City Department of Environmental Protection
ILO	International Labour Organization	O&M	operations and maintenance
IMR	infant mortality rate	ODA	official development assistance
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
JMP	Joint Monitoring Program	ONEA	National Water and Sanitation Office, Burkina Faso
JNNURM	Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, India	OPP	Orangi Pilot Project, Pakistan
KIP	Kampung Improvement Programme, Indonesia	OPP-RTI	Orangi Pilot Project Research and Training Institute (OPP-RTI) of Karachi
LDCs	least developed countries	PHP	People's Housing Process, South Africa
LECZ	low-elevation coastal zone	PLANASA	National Water Supply and Sanitation System, Brazil
LWUA	Local Water Utilities Administration, Philippines	PPAG	Plano Plurianual de Ação Governamental, multi-year plan, Brazil
MAUC	Mongolian Association of Urban Centres	PPI	public-private infrastructure
MDF	Municipal Development Fund	PRODEL	Local Development Programme, Nicaragua
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals of the UN	RBI	Reserve Bank of India
MEC	Metropolitan East Coast Regional Assessment of Climate Variability and Change, USA	RWSA	Rural Waterworks and Sanitation Association
MFI	microfinance institution	SDFN	Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia
MIREP	mini drinking water networks programme (French acronym)	SDI	Shack/Slum Dwellers International
MoU	memorandum of understanding	SEWA	Self-Employed Women's Association, India
MRGO	Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, US	SOFELIS	Sociedades Financieras de Objeto Limitado, Mexico
NBFC	non-banking financial company	SOx	sulphur oxide
NGO	non-governmental organization	SPARC	Society for the Promotion of Area Resources Centres, India
NHAG	Namibian Housing Action Group	SSIP	small-scale independent provider
		Sida	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

SUD-Net	Sustainable Urban Development Network	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
TDR	transferable development rights	UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UCDO	Urban Community Development Office	UNISDR	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
UCLG	United Cities and Local Governments	UQLI	urban quality of life index
UHI	urban heat island	WHO	World Health Organization
UHLP	Unified Home Lending Program, Philippines	WSS	water and sanitation systems
UN	United Nations		
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme		

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