



# Global Report on Human Settlements 2009: Planning Sustainable Cities

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# Philippines

- **120 cities**
- **88.5 M population (2007)**
- **92.23 M population (2009)**
- **60 % urbanization rate**
- **33% poverty rate**



- **The issue of sustainable urbanization becomes crucial since unplanned urbanization will constrain the sustainable development of cities.**
- **Urban planning can play a vital role in ensuring sustainable urbanization.**



# Planning requires...



- **Proactive policy-making**
- **Reactive problem-solving**

***Local Governments***

- 1) incorporate strategic planning frameworks that will provide long term solution to urban development;**
- 2) implement performance monitoring systems to evaluate progress;**
- 3) adapt local development regulations, e.g. building codes, zoning ordinances, to effectively mitigate disasters and reduce risks; and**
- 4) pursue public-private participation without compromising the integrity of the environment.**

***Local  
Government  
Associations***

- 1) Build capacities of local governments on strategic planning and plan implementation;**
- 2) Promote development of new competencies including strategic planning , development of city clusters or city regions, metropolitan management, integrated resource management and other similar approaches and adaptation to the effects of climate change; and**
- 3) Support transborder cooperation and information exchange among cities.**



**Through partnerships,  
we aim to improve  
our urban planning  
systems to fully and  
unequivocally  
address the current  
and emerging urban  
challenges including  
climate change.**



*Maraming Salamat!*