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Note by the secretariat

1. The objective of the Country Activities Report 2019 is to ensure that Member States are adequately informed of UN-Habitat project portfolios and the progress made in their implementation, pursuant to Commission on Human Settlements resolution 5/5 (1982). Previously known as the Operational Activities Report, the report has been an integral part of the mandatory documentation prepared by the secretariat for consideration by the Governing Council since the establishment of the latter in 2002. In recent years, the report has been expanded and redesigned to include analytical information on each portfolio at the country, regional and global levels, and renamed the Global Activities Report.
2. The report maintains its focus on the normative and operational support provided by UN-Habitat to all levels of government in the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies to strengthen human settlement planning and management capacity. UN-Habitat projects and programmes also provide technical and managerial expertise to monitor progress in addressing development challenges and opportunities in human settlements, in line with global development agendas, including the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. The country-level activities of UN-Habitat are also designed to facilitate the analysis of policy options, the implementation of housing and urban development programmes, and the mobilization of endogenous resources and external support to improve human settlement conditions.
3. The report is divided into three sections, which address global, regional and interregional programmes (Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean); country projects; and future perspectives and conclusions. Where applicable, featured programmes and projects have been highlighted for the value they add to knowledge development and technical cooperation. The report provides information on each highlighted programme and project and on the achievements made in capacity-building and poverty alleviation in beneficiary countries and populations. The final section of the document includes a dashboard that provides key financial data on trends and opportunities for future investment.
4. The main source of the information presented in the report is the project accrual and accountability system of UN-Habitat, with additional information having been provided by project managers and teams in the field who verified the status of ongoing activities.
5. The report can be accessed at www.unhabitat.org/habitatassembly.

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