

Ideas to Improve Bangladesh's Urbanization

- Provide new type of financing for low-cost housing (in between micro-credit and traditional loans).
- Build more east-west roads in Dhaka.
- Establish satellite townships around Dhaka.
- Establish and improve transport to satellite suburbs around Dhaka.
- Limit immigration to the Capital.
- Develop a distinct financial district in Dhaka.
- Create a high-powered body to holistically plan and oversee development in Dhaka (fewer standalone projects).
- Provide education and healthcare services found in the Capital to rural areas.
- Establish infrastructure to facilitate RMG factories relocation outside major metropolitan cities.
- Tax new, free-standing housing (encourage high density housing).
- Improve drainage system of cities.
- Establish health centers in slums.
- Improve infrastructure resilience against natural disasters and earthquakes.
- Congestion tax or regulate number of cars in Dhaka.
- More public transport in Dhaka.
- Increase autonomy of local bodies for accelerated service delivery.
- Ensure a competitive but regulated market in land, housing finance and building materials.
- Improve road safety for pedestrian traffic.
- Relocation of urban poor to city's outskirts.
- Investing in R&D for improving infrastructure management system.
- Set up public-private-partnership (PPP) for establishment of low-cost housing facilities.
- Set up a separate ministry to deal with urbanization.
- Conduct regular land settlement mapping.
- Strengthen municipality and city corporation bodies.
- Engage communities in projects related to tackling urban poverty.
- Assess the impact of climate change on urban water and sanitation facilities.
- Encourage agricultural activities in city and fringe areas.
- Promote use of unused land by the poor within the city or fringe areas of Dhaka for cultivation of fruits, vegetables and flowers.
- Improve sanitation facilities.
- Ensure urban poor's rights to basic services i.e., housing, water and sanitation.
- Legalize illegal slum settlements.
- Establish affordable health facilities in urban areas.
- Enhance urban poor's access to low cost fruits and vegetables.

- Strengthen community clinics to reduce dependency on Dhaka's specialized hospitals.
- Regulate traffic flows in Dhaka following the Kolkata model (one-way street system in the morning and evening).
- Scale up UNDP's Urban Partnerships for Poverty Reduction (UPPR) project.
- Community level savings and credit schemes for community housing development.
- Relocate offices, private schools and hospitals from residential areas.