

# COUNTRY REPORT OF MYANMAR

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## Current Situation

1. The human settlement in Myanmar has become one of the major development activities, particularly since housing policy has been changed into the concept of private sector participation and the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development (DHSHD) is performing as a facilitator to enable private entrepreneurs cooperating in housing development sector.
2. Previously under the limited financial resources from the Government , the housing activities and promoting the housing sector development were restricted and limited to land administration of Yangon city and housing development for Government employees and limited development for public rental housing.

After 1989, the Government had introduced new economic policy; the department has taken a major role as facilitators for providing housing in major cities in Myanmar. Either the revolving fund financing mechanism or private funds are used to cross subsidize the projects.

3. DHSHD has an important and strategic role in supporting the sustainable human development, especially, (1) socially motivated status to ensure the healthy environment (2) enable to increase living standard, eradicate the poverty cycle and managed to enhance the poverty cycle and managed to

enhance the general appearance of the urban areas without financing from state budget, (3) due to the coordination and cooperation of private sector participation to ensure the national development.

4. The government recognizes the need to develop integrated infrastructure for not only housing but also public buildings and public services, and communal facilities in area of rapid urban population growth and strengthening the main transport corridors and put in place commercial and trade centers where needed. And also emphasis on the qualities of life, environment protection and sustainable development in urban areas.
5. After promulgation of the Private Industrial Enterprise Law in November 1990, the department of Human Settlement and Housing Development developed industrial zones in various satellite towns. Programs related with those objectives, consist of (1) to create job opportunities and increase income, (2) to upgrade the social and economic condition, (3) to promote the national economy through the industrial sector.