



Interplay Between The Environment And Health Issues In Cities Of Developing Countries

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Message from the Guest Editors

With 2.3 billion extra people living in the world's cities by 2050, urban growth represents a significant challenge for management authorities, especially in less-developed countries, where the urban population will be multiplied by 1.7 within the next 30 years. It is expected that this growth will be mostly absorbed by the development of unzoned neighbourhoods in metropolitan areas, as well as secondary cities. One third of the world's urban citizens are currently living in informal settlements, and this value reaches two thirds in Africa. These unprecedented trends of urbanization are greatly contributing to an accelerated modification of the socio-environment of the cities' inhabitants and has a wide range of consequences: high human population densities; poorly-developed basic services; increased exchange of goods and population mobility; increases in air, soil and water pollution; shifts in cultural food resources and habits; etc. This Special Issue of IJERPH will focus on the environment–health interplay in the cities of less-developed countries.





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