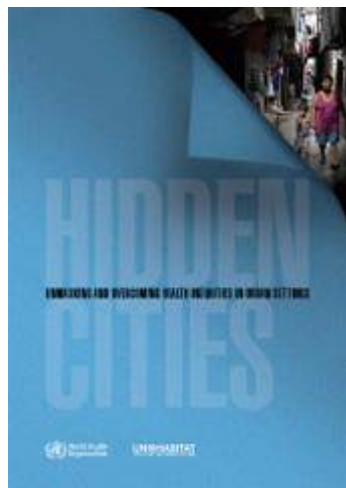


HIDDEN CITIES, NEW UN-HABITAT REPORT ON GLOBAL URBANIZATION AND ITS IMPACT ON HEALTH

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The Program [United Nations Habitat](#), in collaboration with [World Health Organization](#), has published a new report on the state and consequences of the current accelerated process of urban expansion worldwide. **[Hidden cities. Unmasking and overcoming health inequalities in urban settings](#)** focuses on the analysis of the impact of this process on human health. The problems of access to health derived from living and working conditions are the main topic of a new study that helps, like the rest of the always necessary Habitat reports, to understand the social and political challenges that affect the contexts urban. Always from the same paradox: cities are not capable of offering what those who are forced to migrate from rural environments to new urban spaces crave.

Thus, the increase in urbanization rates faces difficulties in the provision of basic public services, weighed down by the inability to sustain new and growing infrastructure needs to ensure public health, access to energy and healthy eating.

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