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Housing for All

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The Challenge of an Urban World



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The International Housing Coalition (IHC)

is a 501(c)3 non-profit advocacy organization focused on housing. Formed in late 2005, the IHC's founding sponsors are Habitat for Humanity International, the National Association of Realtors, and the Canadian Real Estate Association. Since its founding, 34 other organizations have joined the Coalition as contributing members. The Coalition draws on the support of several foundations, which enables the IHC to carry out an expanding program of activities. The IHC is headquartered in Washington, DC.

The IHC promotes adequate housing conditions, slum improvement and effective programs to accommodate rapid urban growth in the developing nations of the world. It advocates that development agencies address these issues as a matter of priority, raising overall attention to housing and urban development on the world development agenda.

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Letter from the Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends of the International Housing Coalition:

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank everyone who helped to make FY 2009 a successful year for the IHC. The willingness of you and the organizations you represent to contribute time, resources and support to the IHC is much appreciated and speaks of our mutual commitment to the housing and related needs of the poor around the world. I would like to extend a special thanks to Habitat for Humanity International for its support and for printing this report.



The past year was a pivotal one for our organization. The IHC is now a more stable and effective organization, with a growing network of partners and colleagues, access to a larger group of policy makers in Washington and around the world and a growing reputation as an informed and critical advocate for the under-housed and urban poor around the world. Over the next year the IHC expects to stay actively engaged with the new U.S. Administration and with Congress as they give serious consideration as to how to make U.S. foreign assistance more effective, efficient and relevant to the problems of the 21st Century.

I would like to highlight a few of the most important IHC accomplishments over the past year.

- The IHC received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to prepare a White Paper on the increasingly important issue of urbanization and the growth of slums in the developing world. The IHC White Paper, "The Challenge of an Urban World: An Opportunity for U.S. Foreign Assistance," authored by Raymond Struyk and Stephen Giddings, effectively makes the case for directing more resources and attention to urban areas. Based on their findings, the IHC makes specific policy and programmatic recommendations to Congress, USAID and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Copies of the White paper can be obtained from the IHC (10 G Street NE, Suite 710, Washington D.C. 20002).
- The IHC was an active participant in the World Urban Forum IV held in Nanjing, China in November 2008. It sponsored two networking sessions: one describing land market functionality in cities in the developing world and a second on the level of program resources international donors allocate to the growing cities of the developing world.
- The IHC joined other advocacy groups in support of efforts to modernize U.S. foreign assistance and increase the attention given to poverty alleviation, urbanization, improved services for the urban poor, and slum improvement. The IHC made several presentations to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which is rewriting the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. It also submitted testimony to the House of Commons International Development Committee to inform their examination of the ability of the UK Department of International Development (DFID) to effectively confront issues related to poverty and urbanization.
- Throughout the year we collaborated with a wide range of organizations, including InterAction, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), UN-HABITAT, the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN), Water Advocates and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), on research and advocacy efforts.

In FY 2010 we will continue our proactive efforts to bring attention to the international housing crisis and the growing urban slums of the developing world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Kimm". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Peter Kimm

Chairman of the Board



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FY 2009 Highlights and Organizational Developments

FY 2009 was a very successful year for the IHC as it continued to raise awareness about the importance of urbanization and housing to international development efforts. The IHC forged new partnerships and actively participated in discussions about foreign assistance reform in the U.S. as well as in the UK. The IHC continued to produce high-quality and timely research, receiving an important grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to prepare a White Paper on urbanization, housing and slum improvement. The IHC also continued to engage with the international community, sponsoring two workshops at UN-HABITAT's World Urban Forum IV held in Nanjing, China in November 2008. The IHC thanks its founding sponsors—Habitat for Humanity International, the National Association of Realtors (NAR), and the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) for their continued support.

Governance, Administration and Organizational Development

FY 2009 brought several important administrative and organizational changes:

- **Expansion of the IHC Board.** During the fiscal year the IHC expanded the Board of Directors through the addition of two members: John McIlwain, a Public Policy Fellow at the Urban Land Institute in Washington, D.C., and Roger Williams, Director/Senior Fellow of Neighborhood Development for the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, MD.
- **IHC Board and Management Committee Changes.** Janet Branton joined the IHC management committee representing NAR and replacing Miriam Lowe. Pierre Beauchamp replaced Gerry Theissen as the CREA representative on the IHC Board.
- **Staffing.** In December 2008, the IHC created a position of Administrative Assistant and hired Cecily Brewer. In May she left and was replaced by Nicole Weir.
- **Audit.** The IHC concluded its second full financial audit in December. The audit concluded that the financial statements of the IHC present fairly the financial position of the organization.

Fundraising and Membership Development

In FY 2009, the IHC continued to seek funding to support its applied research, advocacy efforts, and outreach.

- **Wallace Genetic Foundation Grant.** The Wallace Genetic Foundation provided a grant for core support to the IHC.

- **Rockefeller Foundation Grant.** In December 2008, the IHC was awarded a grant from The Rockefeller Foundation to produce a White Paper on the challenges and opportunities for development agencies of an ever more urban world.
- **Reaume Foundation Grant.** The Reaume Foundation continued to support the IHC with a grant to undertake research on how real estate markets function in slums and particularly in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- **Additional Funding from USAID.** USAID agreed to provide additional incremental funding in September under a USAID Cooperative Agreement. These funds will enable IHC to directly support USAID in its work, notably in participating in World Habitat Day and the World Urban Forum V and in training staff on urban and housing issues.
- **IHC Membership.** The IHC welcomed three new members during FY 2009: Everson Dodge, J.J. Palmtag, Inc., and Relief International. Membership now stands at 37.

Coalition Building and Outreach

The IHC undertook a variety of activities to promote and make other organizations aware of its policy agenda.

- **Partnerships.** The IHC continued to cooperate and coordinate activities with a wide range of organizations including the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), UN-HABITAT, the Cities Alliance, The World Bank and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

- **World Urban Forum IV.** With support from the Reaume Foundation, the IHC sponsored two events at UN-HABITAT's World Urban Forum IV, held in Nanjing, China in November 2008. One event was a panel discussion of land markets in Africa. The other event, jointly sponsored with IHC member, Westat, presented findings from a survey of the extent international donors are supporting urban focused activities.
- **Seminar at Woodrow Wilson Center.** Peter Kimm spoke at the Woodrow Wilson Center on May 6 along with North Carolina Congressman Brad Miller as part of a seminar to discuss the impacts of urbanization in the developing world and Miller's SLUM Assistance Act (HR 1702).
- **Activities at the NAR Convention.** Jack Howley and Pat Combs represented the IHC at NAR's annual convention in Orlando, Florida on November 7-9, 2008. They made presentations to the NAR International Operations Committee and the Reaume Foundation.
- **Building a Partnership with InterAction.** The IHC began to work closely with InterAction, in coordination with Habitat for Humanity and CHF International. InterAction represents 195 international NGOs. The objective of the partnership is to get housing and slum improvement concerns incorporated into InterAction's advocacy objectives. The IHC also helped to sponsor a seminar on slums at InterAction's annual forum and organized a meeting for Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, in June to meet InterAction members.
- **Shelter, Land, and Urban Management (SLUM) Assistance Act of 2009 (HR 1702).** The IHC was instrumental in building support for this new legislation, which would direct USAID to focus development planning and assistance on housing, tenure security and urban slum areas.
- **British Foreign Assistance.** The IHC, in conjunction with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) (an IHC member), submitted evidence to a select committee of the British Parliament undertaking a study of the UK's Department of International Development (DFID) and the relevance of its mission and priorities.
- **World Habitat Day.** Working with Habitat for Humanity and UN-HABITAT, the IHC plans to hold a high level policy seminar on housing and slum issues in connection with the celebration of World Habitat Day which will take place in Washington D.C. on October 5, 2009. NAR and the IHC also expect to host a lunch in conjunction with World Habitat Day.

Applied Research

The IHC sponsored three important, applied research projects.

Education and Advocacy

- **Water for the Poor.** In partnership with Water Advocates and other water NGOs the IHC helped convince Congress to appropriate an additional \$315 million for the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act, which supports USAID funding for clean water and basic sanitation. With Water Advocates the IHC met with the Acting USAID Administrator and the Obama Transition Team to discuss implementation of the Simon Act.
- **Re-Writing the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.** The IHC advised the House Foreign Relations Committee in its rewriting of the Foreign Assistance Act and is building an advocacy network of organizations engaged in convincing Congress to give more attention to urban development, housing, and private property issues.
- **Congressional Contacts.** The IHC on an ongoing basis met with Congressional staff to introduce them to the IHC and promote its education and policy agenda.
- **Rockefeller White Paper.** The IHC White Paper, "The Challenge of an Urban World: An Opportunity for U.S. Foreign Assistance," authored by Raymond Struyk and Steve Giddings was completed. It makes the case for focusing more attention and resources on urban investments and slums and recommends actions the U.S. Government could take to play a leadership role in urban development programming. Habitat for Humanity International generously agreed to print the White Paper as a contribution to the IHC.
- **Kampala Land Markets.** The IHC produced a study examining how urban land markets function in Kampala, Uganda and identified the constraints that make it very difficult to develop affordable housing. The study makes recommendations to improve the efficiency of the markets. The study was authored by Steve Giddings and the work was funded by the Reaume Foundation.
- **Rio Property Markets.** The IHC initiated a study to examine how property markets function in the slums (i.e. favelas) of Rio de Janeiro. The study will compare and contrast the informal and formal property markets. The study is being undertaken by Dr. Janice Perlman and is funded by the Reaume Foundation.

World Urban Forum IV

On November 3 - 6, 2008, UN-HABITAT sponsored the fourth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF IV) in Nanjing, China. Nearly 8,000 participants from 155 countries attended, including officials from 1,000 cities and 120 local government associations, representing, by some counts, half the world's population. The World Urban Forum is a biennial event designed to focus attention on housing and urban development issues.

The Forum was, in essence, a renewed call for policies and interventions to ensure that the growing legions of urban poor in a rapidly urbanizing world do not get left behind. The theme of the session was Harmonious Urbanization. This concept was meant to encompass the environmental and economic cornerstones of sustainable development, alongside the critical, but often neglected, human element. It also encompassed the less measurable dimensions of sustainable development, such as culture, identity, respect for diversity, and community.

The IHC was privileged to be selected to organize and host two networking sessions. The first concerned the essential role of well-functioning urban land markets in supporting affordable housing and alleviation of slum conditions. The second looked at the current role of international donor agencies in the housing and urban development sector. The IHC-led networking sessions, described below in more detail, were well received and attended.

1. The Role of Effective Land Markets for Housing Development in Africa

Well-functioning land markets and land tenure systems are key to the development of adequate new housing and the upgrading of existing urban slum areas. IHC consultant, Steve Giddings, prepared a case study of urban land markets in Kampala, Uganda. This case study examined the factors that impede access to land for the development of critically needed housing, especially for low and middle-income families. The report also considered strategies the Government of Uganda could pursue to accelerate land development to relieve urban slum conditions. It traced the complicated history of land tenure from its African roots through the imposition of a British-style land tenancy system. It also analyzed the critical issues of housing affordability and infrastructure provision that are essential for forging a workable strategy for improving housing conditions in the future. (Giddings IHC report was funded by the Reaume Foundation and can be found on the IHC website: www.intlhc.org.)

Bob Dubinsky, IHC CEO, led a panel discussion on land markets. Giddings, who presented the results of his work in Uganda, was joined on the panel by Robin Rajack, senior urban development specialist at The World Bank, who talked about land market characteristics in Sub-Saharan Africa, and Savino Katsigaire, Acting Planning Director for Uganda, who commented on Uganda's new land policy.

2. The Role of Donor Agencies in Housing and Urban Development

The IHC, in partnership with WESTAT, a private research firm and IHC member, sponsored a second session at WUF IV to review trends in donor support for housing and urban development. Bob Dubinsky represented the IHC and discussed the IHC's advocacy program. Mike Shea, senior study director for WESTAT, joined him on the panel and presented the results of his recent survey of the extent to which donors were funding urban activities. Other panelists included Steve Karam, senior urban economist at The World Bank, who talked about the Bank's new urban strategy, and Jessica Tulodo, team leader for urban programs at USAID, who talked about USAID's views on urban assistance.





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IHC Coalition Building and Outreach

The IHC is a small organization with a modest budget. To enhance its effectiveness and visibility, the IHC has developed partnerships with other likeminded organizations and joined coalitions and networks that are actively involved in foreign assistance reform. These relationships expand IHC contacts, help leverage its resources, reinforce its educational and advocacy efforts and facilitate the exchange of views with other development groups. Some of the key partnerships the IHC was involved in during FY 2009 are described below.

- 1. The IHC is working with many organizations in the planning for World Habitat Day.** The IHC is an active member of a Planning Committee established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to plan the celebrations. Working with Habitat for Humanity International, UN-HABITAT, The Aspen Institute, InterAction and the Cities Alliance, the IHC will be sponsoring a high level policy seminar on housing and slum issues on October 7, 2009 at the Peterson Institute in Washington D.C.
- 2. The IHC, in partnership with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) (an IHC member), submitted “evidence” to a select committee of the British House of Commons undertaking a study of the UK’s Department of International Development (DFID) and the relevance of its mission and priorities.** The select committee is examining DFID’s role in addressing

urbanization and urban poverty, including its contribution to meeting Millennium Development Goal 7, which seeks to improve the lives of the urban poor by expanding access to basic services, infrastructure, and livelihoods in slums.

- 3. The IHC is working closely with two large membership organizations -- InterAction and the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN) -- to make Congress more aware of opportunities to improve foreign aid.** It also facilitates the exchange of ideas and working relationships between InterAction, The World Bank, and UN-HABITAT. Throughout this process, the IHC has worked with many partners, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Habitat for Humanity International, the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the Cities Alliance, Water Advocates and the Woodrow Wilson Center.

The Challenge of an Urban World: An Opportunity for U.S. Foreign Assistance

The continued demographic transformation of the developing world from rural to urban is inexorable and will play a critical role in the efforts of developing countries to improve the standards of living of all of their citizens. Virtually all world population growth for at least the next fifty years will be urban and cities in the developing world will absorb most of this increase.

Urbanization presents many challenges for the developing world. Poverty is increasingly becoming an urban phenomenon -- one third of all urban residents in the developing world are poor. This has led to a proliferation of urban slums, particularly in south Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, which lack adequate, affordable shelter and access to basic health and social services. Currently, over one billion people, one sixth of humanity, now live in urban slums, a number that is likely to double over the next twenty years.

In December 2008, the IHC received a grant from the New York City-based Rockefeller Foundation to develop a comprehensive, succinct "White Paper" outlining the challenges and opportunities of addressing urban poverty and fostering economic growth through strategic urban investments and slum upgrading. The IHC contracted with the National Opinion Research Corporation for the services of Ray Struyk, a well-known housing and urban development expert, to be the principal author of the White Paper. He has extensive experience both in the United States and overseas, and is familiar with donor agency approaches and strategies in the urban sector. He was assisted by Steve Giddings, an IHC consultant and former USAID Foreign Service officer.

The authors conducted a literature review and interviewed urban experts in Washington D.C. They presented drafts at two advisory panel meetings during the process and incorporated the suggestions.

The pre-publication of the White Paper, "The Challenge of an Urban World: An Opportunity for U.S. Foreign Assistance," was completed in August and distributed to IHC members and the DC policy community. In August, the IHC hired a design firm, SQN Brands, to design and produce the final version of the paper. The design process was completed in late September and printing is expected to be completed by early October. The IHC recognizes the generous assistance of The World Bank and Cities Alliance in providing images for the paper, and Habitat for Humanity International for both providing images and for printing the White Paper.

The paper describes the rapid urbanization that is taking place across the world, lower-income countries in particular, and examines the challenges and opportunities this trend poses for economic growth, global and national security, poverty alleviation and human development.



The authors highlight a number of promising projects and approaches being piloted around the world and cull from them best practices for addressing urbanization, urban planning, and slum upgrading. Based on these best practices, the IHC makes recommendations to increase the effectiveness of U.S. Foreign Assistance programs in overcoming the challenges of urbanization.

The final document, with an accompanying two-page document containing specific policy recommendations for the State Department, USAID, and the MCC, will be widely distributed to IHC members, DC policy decision makers, nonprofits engaged in Foreign Assistance reform, the Administration and Congress. The paper will also be distributed during several World Habitat Day events in early October and will be publicized at an IHC-sponsored event on October 7th focusing on urbanization, slums and U.S. Foreign Assistance.



IHC Education and Advocacy

A central goal of the IHC's advocacy program is to increase Congressional awareness of the rapid urbanization that is transforming countries in the developing world. Half the world's population now lives in cities. A billion people, one sixth of the world's population, live in urban slums in abysmal housing without adequate access to clean water, sanitation and other basic services. While the growth of slums and urban poverty constitutes a complex development challenge, it also creates numerous opportunities to promote economic growth, improve living conditions and alleviate poverty.

The IHC meets regularly with Congressional staff to introduce them to the IHC and promote its legislative agenda, which is focused on raising the priority of housing and urban development within the U.S. foreign assistance program. The IHC also

actively participates with a network of organizations in discussions and educational initiatives to explore ways in which U.S. foreign assistance programs and structures can be improved to better meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century.

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During FY 2009 the IHC education and advocacy agenda was focused on three main objectives:

I. Rewriting the Foreign Assistance Act

The IHC provided periodic advice to the House Foreign Relations Committee which is engaged in rewriting the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. The Act as originally written provides confusing and, at times, contradictory guidance, lacks the ability to effectively address contemporary foreign assistance needs and fails to reflect recent thinking on foreign aid efficiency. The IHC made Committee staff aware of the significance of urbanization and how it is shaping the developing world, suggesting that urbanization and the importance of urban investments be recognized in a new act. It proposed that increased assistance to urban areas, particularly urban slums, should be an important U.S. development priority and emphasized the importance of developing coordinated, multi sector approaches to urban poverty alleviation and development. The Committee is expected to introduce a new Act in FY 2010.

II. Shelter, Land and Urban Management (SLUM) Assistance Act

The IHC was instrumental in building support for the Shelter, Land and Urban Management (SLUM) Assistance Act of 2009 (HR 1702), which was introduced by Congressmen Brad Miller and David Price from South Carolina. The Bill would require the President, in consultation with the USAID Administrator, to develop a specific affordable housing and sustainable development strategy to assist the urban poor in gaining access to basic shelter, tenure security and urban services.

III. Water for the Poor and Water for the World Acts

The Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act, signed into law on December 2005, made access to safe water and basic sanitation for the poor a specific policy objective of U.S. foreign assistance. In partnership with Water Advocates and other water NGOs, the IHC helped convince Congress to appropriate an additional \$315 million for the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act in FY 2009. Water Advocates, the IHC and other groups concerned with water and sanitation met with the Acting USAID Administrator to discuss implementation of the Simon Act and the need for a specific USAID implementation strategy. The IHC is particularly interested in ensuring that a substantial portion of the funds are used to give slum dwellers access to clean water and basic sanitation. The Act requires that funds be allocated in a balanced manner between rural, peri-urban and urban areas.

The IHC supported the Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act (S624) introduced by Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois and other senators. The legislation would place water at the forefront of U.S. development priorities, seeking to reach 100 million people with first-time, sustainable access to clean water and sanitation by 2015. It would, among other things, target underdeveloped countries, foster global cooperation on research and technology and provide technical assistance, seed money and capacity-building support.

In support of its education and advocacy activities the IHC will be distributing its White Paper, "The Challenge of an Urban World: An Opportunity for U.S. Foreign Assistance," to Members of Congress and the Administration in the fall of 2009.





Century of the City: No Time to Lose

Book Launch

In 2009, the IHC hosted two events to launch Neal Peirce's new book, Century of the City: No Time to Lose, published by the Rockefeller Foundation. Neal Peirce is one of the foremost American journalists writing on urban issues.

On December 3, 2008, the IHC hosted a book launch at the Washington, DC office of the National Association of Realtors (NAR). Robert M. Buckley, Managing Director at the Rockefeller Foundation, provided introductory remarks, followed by Neal Peirce, who summarized the key findings in the book. Peter Kimm, IHC Chairman then moderated a question and answer session.

On June 4, 2009, the IHC sponsored a discussion on urbanization in the twenty-first century for members of the U.S. Congress at the Capitol Hill Visitor's Center. Congressman Brad Miller, a strong supporter of legislation to increase funding for urban development and slum upgrading, opened the event and Neal Peirce presented thoughts from his book.

Century of the City emerged from the seminal Rockefeller Foundation Global Urban Summit and its urgent agenda for harnessing the vast opportunities of urbanization for a better world and more sustainable future. For more information, go to: http://www.rockfound.org/about_us/news/2008/century_of_the_city.shtml.



Upcoming Events

World Habitat Day

Monday, October 5, 2009 is World Habitat Day. World Habitat Day, designated by UN-HABITAT in 1986 as the first Monday of October every year, is intended to highlight the importance of decent shelter for all and, for the first time, will be held in Washington, DC with Shaun Donovan, U.S. Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Under Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, Anna Tibaijuka, serving as official hosts. Speakers at the October 5 celebration at the National Building Museum will include Melody Barnes and Valarie Jarrett from the White House as well as a video message from President Obama. Judith Rodin, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, will moderate the event.

The IHC is involved in planning World Habitat Day celebrations and was appointed to a planning committee headed by HUD. In addition to participating in the opening celebrations on October 5th, the IHC will sponsor two affiliated events to highlight the role of the U.S. and U.S. foreign assistance in housing and urban development in developing countries.

On October 5th, the IHC and the National Association of Realtors (NAR) will host a luncheon in honor of the Honorable David H. Stevens, FHA Commissioner at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Peter Kimm, Board Chairman of the IHC, and Charles McMillan, President of NAR, will both participate and FHA Commissioner Stevens will briefly comment on current HUD initiatives.

On October 7th, the IHC is organizing a seminar entitled, “Urbanization, Slums and the Future of U.S. Foreign Assistance,” at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C. This event will focus on the international implications of shelter, drawing much-needed attention to the issues of urbanization and slums. Following opening remarks by Anna Tibaijuka of UN-HABITAT and Peter Kimm, IHC Board Chairman, Neal Peirce, a well-known

writer and reporter on urban affairs, will moderate a panel discussion on these issues and the role U.S. foreign assistance. The panel will include: Billy Cobbett, Manager of the Cities Alliance, Bob Buckley, Managing Director for Program Initiatives at the Rockefeller Foundation, Sam Worthington, CEO of InterAction and Abba Joshi Ghani, Manager, Urban Development at The World Bank.

The seminar will conclude with a presentation by Steven Feldstein from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about the Congressional perspective on foreign assistance reform and the issue of urbanization. David Devlin Foltz of the Aspen Institute will facilitate the event.[i]

World Urban Forum V

March 22-26, 2010 UN-HABITAT will sponsor the fifth World Urban Forum (WUF V), a biennial event focusing world attention on housing and urban development issues. The theme for WUF V, “The Right to the City: Bridging the Urban Divide,” will be reflected in a wide array of networking sessions that will highlight new research and bring together academics and policymakers around these critical issues.

The IHC expects to sponsor two networking sessions. The first will focus on land markets in urban areas in lower and middle income countries. Janice Perlman, an IHC consultant, will speak at this session about her new research on real estate markets in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, and a representative from the World Bank will also participate in a panel discussion.

The second session, co-sponsored by the IHC and USAID, will explore the current approaches to slum upgrading. It will feature research by IHC consultant Richard Martin that explores the experience of slum upgrading in South Africa, its successes and challenges, drawing also on the slum upgrading experiences of Tanzania. Martin will be joined by a representative from USAID for a panel discussion on current best practices in slum upgrading in Africa, Latin America and South Asia.

[i] Co-hosts include Habitat for Humanity International, UN HABITAT, the Cities Alliance, InterAction, the Aspen Institute and the Rockefeller Foundation. The Rockefeller Foundation provided financial support.

2009 IHC Financial Summary

ASSETS

Cash	\$7,019
Certificate of Deposit	\$164,611
Contract Receivable	\$5,191
Deposits	\$2,200
Prepaid Expenses	\$784

TOTAL ASSETS **\$179,805**

LIABILITIES

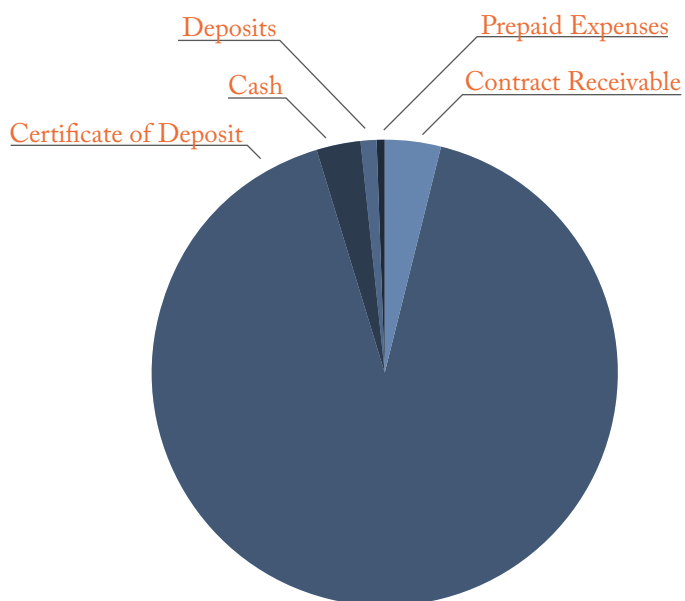
Accounts Payable	\$10,304
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TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$10,304**

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$169,500
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$179,805**



IHC Publications to Date

The Challenge of an Urban World: An Opportunity for U.S. Foreign Assistance (Giddings and Struyk, September 2009)

The Challenge of an Urban World: IHC Recommendations to Improve U.S. Foreign Assistance (Giddings and Struyk, September 2009)

The Land Market in Kampala, Uganda and its Effect on Settlement Patterns (Giddings, November 2008)

Multilateral and Bilateral Funding of Housing and Slum Upgrading Development in Developing Countries (Shea, October 2008)

Estimate of Millennium Challenge Corporation's Urban and Shelter-Based Investments (Lombardo, April 2008)

Urban Investments and Rates of Return: Assessing MCC's Approach to Project Evaluation (Kalarickal, November 2007)

Housing Challenges and Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa (Giddings, July 2007)



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