



THE URBAN TREND

It is estimated that the world's population will grow to 8.5 billion people by the year 2025. More than 5.5 billion will live in urban areas.

The three largest cities will be Mexico City, São Paulo, and Tokyo. Of the 18 cities with populations over 10 million, eight of the ten largest will be in the developing world. They will

include Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai, Tehran, Jakarta and Buenos Aires.

Cities in the developing world with more than four million inhabitants will also increase. In 1960, there were nine; in 1980, there were 22; by the year 2000, there will be 50.

Approximately half of the urban dwellers in developing countries will live in cities of a million or more.

By the year 2000, about half the poor will live in urban areas — 90% of poor people in Latin America, 40% of the poor in Africa, and 45% in Asia.

Unprecedented in scope, dramatic in consequence, and irreversible in direction, the rural to urban movement is inexorable.

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