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**A Feasibility Study Report on
Affordable Housing in Kathmandu
and Pokhara Valleys**

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Housing in Nepal is considered as not only a matter of basic need of life but also a symbol of socio-economic status. People therefore attach top priority to own a house. Due to absence of massive public sector housing program, construction of a house in Nepal is entirely the responsibility of individual or family. More than 90 percent of the houses are said to be built in an informal way on individual basis. The organized private sector has recently emerged in the country undertaking the housing projects where numbers of housing companies are currently involved in the construction of different types of houses in Kathmandu and Pokhara Valleys. However, the target groups of these housing companies are mostly upper income group families rather than middle and low income people. There are similarly some programs that are more focused for economically deprived sector of the population. As a result, economically middle and lower middle sector of the population could never become the target population of any organized housing programs. This clearly indicates towards the need of an appropriate 'Affordable' housing program. In this regard, a feasibility study on affordable housing in Kathmandu and Pokhara valleys was conducted.