

PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With the advent of 21st century, development has become one of the major concerns especially in the process of nation building and rapid socio-economic transformation. The process of urban development and urbanization has become one of the focal issues confronting national government. The unprecedented urban growth can be attributed interalia to the power of industrialization which contributed immensely to migration from rural areas, along with trans-border migration from neighboring countries.

Since independence and with the increasing pace of urbanization, the demands made on municipal bodies have vastly increased. With time, though taxes and grants-in-aids have been increased substantially efficiency and effectiveness of municipal governance have, in general, been declined. Further, no serious attempt has so far been made to part with the 19th century framework of municipal administration, laws and bye-laws, rules and regulations, procedures and practices. This obsolescence has put a brake on urban development.

The most important ways for accentuating the level of efficiency better financing and adopt cost recovery measures. Over and above all, the level of performance also depends on infrastructure development and an improved service delivery system. In a nutshell, all these require good governance and better management of urban administration and participation of all stakeholders in a positive way.

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