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Press Release on World Health Day

With over half of world's population residing in cities, the rapid increase in population of cities will pose significant global health challenge in the 21st century. Unplanned urbanization can intensify existing humanitarian crisis and has adverse consequences for the health security and safety of city residents. Some 32% of urban residents in developing regions lack improved sanitation, one of the three causes for 3% of all deaths globally.

Urban planning can promote healthy behaviors and safety. Improving urban living conditions in the areas of housing, water and sanitation can contribute in mitigating health risks. Such actions do not necessarily require additional resources, but commitment to redirect resources to priority interventions.

On the occasion of World Health Day, we urge for collaborative efforts between health and other key sectors together with civil society for making our cities safer and healthier through effective urban policy and action.

In line with this year's global theme '*1000 Cities, 1000 Lives*', and as part of the campaign being organized globally on this day, we are organizing Free Health Camp in Thapathali slum area in collaboration with four other organizations.

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