

GPA and ITDG are pleased to announce the publication in early September 2004 of 'The Urban Housing Manual: Making regulatory guidelines work for the poor'. The manual and its accompanying CD-Rom provides professionals, communities and administrators with the means to review the extent to which existing planning regulations, standards and administrative procedures constrain or facilitate access by the urban poor to new legal shelter or the upgrading of informal settlements in developing countries.

The manual is written by Geoffrey Payne and Michael Majale. It is written without recourse to technical jargon but covers a wide range of issues relating to housing and urban development. It will be launched at the World Urban Forum at Barcelona in September 2004 and will also be available from the publishers Earthscan, bookshops and on-line retailers.

The Manual is the main output of two complementary research projects carried out by GPA and ITDG and teams of local researchers in eight countries. It comes with a CD-Rom containing background information on methods and case studies, together with a video.

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Further information on the manual and the research can be found at www.gpa.org.uk

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