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## Urban & Cities

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This section focuses on making cities more equitable, efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly. While rapid urban expansion can lead to challenges, effective urban management is crucial for sustainable development. Achieving this requires strong local governance and institutional capacity, alongside a committed effort to support cities in becoming more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive.

Today, more than half of the world's population - 4.4 billion people – lives in cities. This shift is set to continue, with the urban population expected to more than double by 2050, at which point nearly 7 in 10 people will live in cities. ([World Bank Group, Urban Development](#))

Cities must meet the growing demand for more and better jobs, efficient infrastructure and services, and affordable housing while managing their vulnerability to natural disasters and rising rates of global conflicts. By investing in urban infrastructure, national and local governments can shape urban growth, expand opportunity, and drive inclusive, long-term development.

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Figure 1: Analytical and Operational Frameworks



Figure 2: Structure: Land-Based Financing Options for Cities



Figure 3: Challenges in Low- and Middle-Income Countries



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