



# Ailing Cities

## History, Assessment, and Remedy

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- The reader gets to appreciate why housing and community development is essential to city development, as well as the relevance of urban planning
- Gives a concise outlay of the fundamentals of city planning
- Provides an historical overview of planning in Accra, which is similar to many sub-Saharan countries. Citizens will get a better appreciation of how decisions made at the local level contribute to the overall functioning of any town or city
- The context of Ghana makes it relatable to other African and South American countries
- Carefully selected images help readers from other regions of the world to understand the context within which the book was written

**Ailing Cities** is a book written largely to educate and facilitate a dialogue with people of all backgrounds on environmental sustainability, architecture, urban planning, and design. It has been necessitated by urban ills in Ghana and other sub-Saharan African countries. Urbanisation has led to the creation of informal settlements within communities in sub-Saharan countries that are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, coupled with the lack of enforcement of planning and building laws that have resulted in spatial chaos and vegetative depletion. **Ailing Cities** addresses relevant topics essential to give the reader an understanding of how individuals and communities can bring lasting changes to their communities.

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