



## Urban Growth and Spatial Transition in Nepal An Initial Assessment Directions in Development

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World Bank Publications. Paperback. Condition: New. 160 pages. Dimensions: 9.9in. x 6.9in. x 0.6in. Nepal is one of the fastest urbanizing countries in South Asia. Its spatial transition is characterized by fast-growing population density in the Kathmandu Valley, along the main highways, and close to the border with India. Yet this urbanization has been less correlated with economic growth than in other South Asian countries. Accelerating growth would require broadening the base of economic activities and job creation in urban areas. Nepals cities have not fully exploited their comparative advantages in strategic sectors like tourism, handicrafts, and agroprocessing. Lack of effective planning and inadequate infrastructure are major constraints for sustainable urban growth and city competitiveness and have increased vulnerability to natural disasters. To unlock urban-based growth and ensure the sustainability of the urban transition, Nepal needs to facilitate the clustering of economic activities, while creating the enabling environment for sustainable urban development and service delivery; promote the development and regeneration of the Kathmandu Valley; and enhance the competitiveness of strategic urban clusters-such as tourism, handicrafts, and agroprocessing-based on a partnership between the public and private sectors. Urban Growth and Spatial Transition in Nepal carries out an initial assessment of Nepals urban...



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