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The Global Housing Crisis, Homelessness and Health

Message from the Guest Editor

Globally, there is a dearth of quality, affordable housing, as seen in the high rates of homelessness and eviction in high-income countries (HICs) and the expansion of informal (slum) settlements in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The link between homelessness and housing instability and health has been demonstrated in HICs for some health conditions, and a growing body of research is demonstrating the disproportionate health burdens faced by residents of informal settlements in LMICs; however, much work remains. Housing instability has neighborhood-level effects such as the loss of community cohesion and disruption of social networks in neighborhoods with high eviction rates. Several solutions to the affordable housing crisis have been proposed and implemented but have yet to be evaluated for their effects on housing stability and health.

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