

**STATEMENT BY ELENA ZUÑIGA HERRERA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF
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skills poverty. Urban zones, however, comprise slightly more than half the population suffering from asset poverty.

Over the next few decades, Mexico will reinforce its urban profile.

Source: United Nations, "World Urbanization Prospects: The 2008 Revision,"

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on improving the physical accessibility of rural communities and reinforcing the centrality of those with greater advantages for providing basic services, as alternative means of attending the population living in small, scattered, isolated localities.

Territorial approach of public policies has also made it possible to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of programs designed to achieve urban and rural development, through the convergence of multisectoral actions and projects, such as coordinated participation of the three orders