

# Asia-Pacific Housing Conference Asian Development Bank

## Technical Session 1

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# Some Context on Affordable Housing


What is **Good for Housing** is often  
**Very Good for Economic Development**

Conversely,

What is **Bad for Housing** can be **Very Bad for Development.**

# Some Examples of **Housing's Broader Beneficial Effects**

Affordable Housing  Contributes to Major Spatial Productivity Gains

Better Quality Housing  Significant Health Gains

Housing Finance  Can Improve Financial System and Subsidy Targeting

## Some Examples of **Housing Policy's Adverse Effects**

**When Subsidies offset the Higher Costs of Excessive Regulations, it is like a dog chasing his tail.**

The  
Economist

Saudi Arabia: the long goodbye

Welcome to Britaly

India's next green revolution

Rethinking drugs for depression

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# A HOUSE-PRICE HORROR SHOW



# Some Examples of Distortive Housing Policy's Adverse Effects

Large scale, poorly-targeted programs often lead to “White Elephants,” and can be Unsustainable

