

3. In consultation with the agencies listed below, it formulates policy and sets funding priorities.

NHA. National Housing Authority

1. The management of NHA states that, although it is a member of HUDCC, it exists as an autonomous body reporting to the Office of the President.
2. NHA coordinates with HUDCC on policy.
3. Under the new housing organization, NHA will be the sole body concerned with actual construction activities. They will not engage in building on their own but will contract it out to the private sector. This makes them a key agency for any Canadian builder wishing to enter this market.
4. Of particular interest to Canadian builders is the NHA Joint Venture Private Sector Programme which has no prescribed format and is open to any one, local or foreign. Under this programme, NHA could make their serviced sites available to developers willing to build. This approach avoids the problem of land ownership which is not open to foreign entities.
5. NHA will ultimately take over the functions of BLISS.
6. They are moving away from their former "house and lot" programme because of it being affordable only by the middle class and have evolved three new approaches intended to make shelter available to the population in the bottom 30% income bracket.

(a) Upgrading Slum Areas.

- Secure land tenure.
- Contract out development work such as upgrading utilities. No home construction.
- Award lot titles to families on monthly amortization.
- This programme is designed for full cost recovery.

(b) Providing Sites and Services. (See Photos Nos. 55 to 59.)

- No home construction.
- Lots reduced to 48 sq.mtrs. to make them affordable. Mortgages available through GSIS, SSS, and NHMFC.