

Healthy urbanisation project launched

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BANGALORE: The Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BMP) on Monday launched its Bangalore Healthy Urbanisation Project (BHUP) in partnership with the World Health Organisation Kobe Centre.

This 10-year programme comprises a series of health promoting, policy related activities, collaborated by evidence and research. "Health in this project will be looked at as not an absence of disease.

It will identify the social determinants of health and intervention programmes to improve the condition of the exposed population in urban areas," said Cherian Verghese, national pro-

fessional officer at Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health.

Chief health officer Vijaylakshmi said that the project would concentrate on the social well being of the individual and community. The BHUP would address issues such as overcrowding, access to basic services, education, transportation, communicable diseases and rights of women in terms of access to healthcare, education and employment.

Seven health centres, under whose area 14 slums fall, have been identified. The health centres are at Vasanthnagar, Mathikere, Moodalpalya, Shanthinagar and Robertson Road among others.