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Accra, the capital of Ghana is far away from major earthquake zones of the world, but has a history of destructive earthquakes.

The purpose of this paper is to give an overview of Accra's seismic risk, discuss challenges faced and risk-reduction initiatives, and propose specific strategies that are necessary to reduce this risk.

The approach gives an overview of Accra's profile and seismicity, discusses the disaster management structures in place, seismic risk-reduction programs in Ghana as well as in two cities in other developing countries. A number of specific recommendations to reduce Accra's seismic risk are made including the need to set up a national organization with the sole mandate of championing seismic risk reduction.

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