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## Preface

This volume contains four country studies that were prepared as part of a research project by the National Bureau of Economic Research on developing country debt. Studies of Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines, and Turkey have been collected in a separate volume.

In addition to the eight country studies, this project includes eight papers that examine other debt crises that occurred before World War II, the role of the banks during the current crisis, the effect of developed country economies on the debtors, as well as possible solutions to the debt crisis.

These papers have also been published in a separate volume. A fourth book contains shorter and less technical summaries of all sixteen papers.

The findings of NBER's debt project were presented at a conference for government officials of lending and debtor countries, economists at international organizations, and representatives of banks and other private firms with interests in the debtor countries. The conference was held in Washington, D.C. on 21–23 September 1987.

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