MUKURU SPECIAL PLANNING AREA

A Programme by Nairobi City County; Local and International Civil Society Organizations; Local and International Universities and Mukuru Community Members.

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MUKURU SPECIAL PLANNING AREA PROFILE.



Mukuru sits on 689 Acres (278 Hectares) which requires planning and legal solutions to make it available for slum upgrading.

100,561 Households; Household density of 180 – 240 households per acre.





Population Estimated at 301,683 persons.

An average of 234 households share one public water tap.



Kshs. 7 Billion Annual Economy. Households pay upto 142% more for electricity; 300% more for water: and between Kshs. 5-10 for every access to toilet/bathrooms.



OBJECTIVES.

- 1. To accommodate the existing population of Mukuru (100,561 households) within its boundary.
- 2. To develop a Mukuru Integrated Development Plan that would guide the upgrading and development of Mukuru in the next 20 years.
- 3. To integrate Mukuru area into the larger Nairobi City County plans.
- 4. Develop alternative planning standards for the upgrading of informal settlements.

HOW IS IT STRUCTURED?

- This Programme has brought together 42 organizations (local and international civil societies and universities and private sector organizations).
- 7 thematic areas with the government department taking lead in each thematic area.
- Community mobilized into groups; savings groups; clusters;.

WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS FOR THE UPGRADING OF MUKURU.

- There are no policies that define various infrastructure and amenity standards for the upgrading process.
- Application of the conventional planning standards will results high displacements e.g.

E.g. 60 primary schools and 38 secondary schools demanded by Mukuru population.

Primary School area of 1.25 Hectares for 60 = 75 Hectares.

Secondary School Area 3.25 Hectares for 38 = 123.5 Hectares.

A total of 198.5 out of the 278 Hectares used on education facilities alone.

• This planning process therefore emphasizes on the alternative performance based standards that are sensitive to local challenges.

