

Low income urban areas in Kenya



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The objective of this presentation is to show the various types of low income urban areas that exist in Kenya



1. Informal urban settlements

- Informal settlements are often referred to as “urban slums”
- Residents often depend on a small number of house/yard connections, springs and wells. In other areas residents use water kiosks or rely on the services of water resellers
- Households residing on the same plot share pit latrines and in slums (such as Kibera in Nairobi) residents resort to the use of flying toilets



Informal and illegal settlements in Athi River (left) and Webuye (right)



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2. Planned urban areas with planned low income housing

- **Planned low income housing areas or estates with high population densities, dilapidated water supply and sanitation systems (e.g. Council, Government and National Housing Corporation housing areas)**



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Planned areas with low income housing: Masaba Estate in Kitale (left) and Muslim a private estate in Webuye (right)



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3. Informal housing in planned residential areas

- Informal housing in planned urban areas where plot owners have title deeds
- Sometimes plots with informal housing constitute small pockets which are surrounded by well constructed homes or commercial properties

- *Flats in Kitale >>*



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Informal low income housing in planned residential areas: Mandisini state in Bungoma (left) and.... Dodoma, Tanzania (right)



4. Urban IDP camps

- In some towns such as Kitale, there are a number of old well established settlements for internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- These settlements are characterised by high population densities and informal housing (houses and huts constructed with branches, plastics and other available materials)
- Income levels in these settlements are usually very low and the water supply and sanitation (WSS) situation is often poor



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Urban IDP camps: Kipsonge in Kitale (including a set of pictures on display in the Kitale Museum)



5. Urban sub-centres

- An urban sub-centre can be described as a relatively small urban centre, which is situated at some distance from the nearest main town

Bukembe near Bungoma >>>



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6. Large Rural Centres with Urban Characteristics

- Large rural centre can be described as a large settlement located in a rural setting
- The size of the population and the population density render rural water supply solutions (hand pumps, etc.) unsuitable



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