

Kenya Slum Upgrading Project

The Kenya Slum Upgrading Programme (KENSUP) is a collaborative initiative between the Government of Kenya and UN-HABITAT whose main objective is to improve the livelihoods of people living and working in slums and informal settlements within the urban areas of Kenya.

More specifically, the objectives of the Programme will be achieved through the following interventions, among others:

- preparation of city/town development strategic and land use master plans;
- provision and/or improvement of physical and social infrastructure;
- improvement of security, environmental and solid waste management;
- employment/income generation initiatives; HIV/Aids support mechanisms; and
- Shelter development and provision of secure tenure.

The Programme was originally intended to start in Nairobi and Kisumu, and was later to be extended to cover other towns and urban areas in the country. Indeed, the Programme now includes Mavoko where the Government has acquired land for the development of low-income housing and provision of related social physical and social infrastructure.

KENSUP was initiated following a meeting between H.E. the former President and the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT and the President is the Patron. A Memorandum of Understanding for the Programme, which obligates the Government of Kenya and UN-HABITAT to work *in close partnership* in attaining the principal goal of the Programme, was signed in January 2003 between the Government of Kenya and UN-HABITAT.

The Programme was formally launched by recall His Excellency the President Hon. Mwai Kibaki during the Global Observance of the World Habitat Day on 4th October 2004. In this regard, it is important to appreciate that the Kibera slum upgrading decanting site was selected as the launch site of the **nationwide** Programme. Following the formal launch of the Programme, a stocktaking workshop was on 1st November 2004 during which as key stakeholders agreed that a **comprehensive Programme implementation strategy** was urgently required for to serve as the following purposes as:

- A road map and guide us in Programme implementation;
- An instrument for engaging stakeholders
- An instrument for fundraising
- A lead to better appreciation of the Programme
- A definition of what needs to be done in the short, clarify better how what needs to be scope
- A better clarification of how what needs to be done will be accomplished
- A clarification of how performance will be measured
- An aid in Programme monitoring and evaluation.

To this end, key stakeholders came together as a **Kensup Strategy Formulation Team** to collaborate in producing this comprehensive and realistic implementation strategy that brings all ideas gathered to fruition.

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