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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This event convened a consultative forum organized by the Natural Capital Trust (NCT) in collaboration with the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta (HCSOM), bringing together various groups and community leaders from Kibera sub-county, Nairobi, Kenya. Representatives were drawn from youth groups, women groups, religious institutions, and village elders in Kibera. The primary objective of the forum was to explore ways to empower residents of Kibera, the largest slum in Kenya, to achieve better and sustainable livelihoods. Participants engaged in discussions and sought solutions to several key issues:

- Identifying challenges faced by residents of slum areas in Kenya.
- Proposing solutions to address these challenges.
- Exploring the potential of urban-rural migration as a solution.
- Considering potential partnerships with community organizations and Kibera residents to address issues facing slum residents in Kenya.

Ninety-six individuals, representing different groups from Kibera, attended the forum. Plenary sessions and group discussions were conducted, with participants grouped to deliberate on specific areas of interest. The discussions were dynamic and yielded insightful outcomes. Key points emerging from the forum include:

- Urban residents face more challenges compared to their rural counterparts.
- Many slum residents have no alternative but to live in urban areas due to lack of land, housing, and resources in rural areas.
- Repatriation must be demand-driven, initiated by the urban slum dwellers.
- Conducting surveys is essential to identify needs before repatriation initiatives.
- Repatriation should be a gradual process, involving training and preparation of both individuals and their families in the village.

Vulnerable persons in Kibera should be prioritized as potential beneficiaries based on their needs.

Age considerations are crucial when selecting candidates for repatriation.

This forum provided valuable insights and recommendations for empowering residents of Kibera and addressing challenges faced by slum dwellers in Kenya.

INTRODUCTION

KISKAM Project

Drawing on our extensive experience working in urban informal settlements and with a concerted effort to break the cycle of poverty in urban slums, NCT, in collaboration with the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta (HCSOM), has developed an intervention known as the KISKAM Project. This initiative aims to empower communities in urban slums to settle sustainably in their rural homes. The KISKAM Project is voluntary and demand-based, focusing on building the capacity of urban slum dwellers who are willing to relocate to their rural homes in a sustainable manner.

Initially, the project will involve a pilot phase with 50 beneficiary households selected from six villages in Kibra, who will be resettled in Siaya and Kakamega over a period of 2 years.



To implement this project, NCT has appointed a team of five Field Officers residing in Kibra to assist with community mobilization. Information about the project has been shared with local authorities, including the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) of Kibra, principal chiefs, senior chiefs, and assistant chiefs in the respective villages. Planned activities include beneficiary identification, training, facilitation of settlement, and support for income-generating activities. The selection of destination counties was influenced by various factors, including the origin of communities with the highest population in Kibra and residents from villages most affected by poverty in Kibra, with preliminary investigations indicating that the highest number of

individuals in needy areas of Kibra originate from Western and Nyanza regions, hence the selection of Siaya and Kakamega Counties.

To solidify this initiative, NCT organized a Stakeholder Consultative Forum on December 8th, 2021. This forum brought together community members from the six villages of Kibra targeted for the KISKAM project. The consultation provided an opportunity for community members and stakeholders to participate in the conceptualization of the project, ensuring its effectiveness in positively impacting the community. Additionally, community representatives were elected during the forum to collaborate with NCT in confirming the participation of volunteers in the project. Representatives from various groups, including youth groups, women groups, village elders, religious institutions, and academic institutions, were present from each of the six villages.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM

The following were the main objectives of the KISKAM Project Stakeholders' forum:

1. To discuss and identify challenges facing residents of slum areas in Kenya.
2. To discuss and identify possible solutions to the challenges facing residents of slum areas in Kenya.
3. To investigate the potential of urban-rural migration being a solution to challenges facing residents of slum areas in Kenya.
4. To explore whether partnerships between community organizations and residents of urban slums could bring forward solutions to problems facing residents of urban slums in Kenya.

Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced with a prayer offered by one of the participants. In his opening remarks, Mr. Anthony Wachira welcomed all participants and outlined the agenda for the day. He provided clear and concise timelines for the forum, which was scheduled to run from the opening until 2 pm. Mr. Wachira emphasized the importance of collective action in addressing life challenges and reminded attendees to adhere to government regulations aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19. He facilitated an introduction session, where attendees were introduced, with those from Kibera introduced according to the villages they represented.

Dr. Janet Mangera, the Executive Director of NCT, delivered the keynote address. She introduced the Natural Capital Trust (NCT) and its theory of change: Transform, Restore, and Sustain. Through a PowerPoint presentation, she informed attendees about NCT's work in improving livelihoods through projects focusing on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), gender and youth empowerment, as well as slum-life improvement. Dr. Mangera also introduced the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta (HCSOM), which collaborates with NCT in its initiatives in Kenya. Ms. Rachel Czirjak represented HCSOM at the forum. Dr. Mangera highlighted some of the projects undertaken by NCT and HCSOM, including the Jollyland Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation Project in Kibera. Additionally, she introduced NCT staff members: Mr. Brian Simiyu (Project Officer), Ms. Veronica Kalekye (Administrative Assistant), Nicholas Kimilu (Intern), and the five field officers: Mr. Christopher Otieno, Ms. Faith Ondieki, Mr. Richard Ogutu, Ms. Stella Nabwire, and Mr. Ken Omoto.

Dr. Mangera reiterated NCT's and HCSOM's commitment to working with vulnerable populations to transform their situations. She emphasized that the project was purely developmental and impartial, despite the politically charged environment in the country leading up to the 2022 elections. Dr. Mangera informed the forum that although chiefs were expected to participate, it was decided not to involve them due to the political climate. However, she assured participants that the local administration was aware of and supportive of the project.

Ms. Rachel Czirjak expressed gratitude to NCT and the residents of Kibera for organizing the Consultative Forum. She stressed the importance of community initiatives in improving the livelihoods of slum residents and assured HCSOM's support for charitable endeavors.

Dr. Mangera also introduced some partners who NCT and HCSOM have collaborated with in Kibera, including Ms. Zuhura Suleiman. Ms. Zuhura thanked NCT for the opportunity to participate in the meeting and encouraged cooperation among participants for the success of the venture.

Mr. Said Lugo Mwachiti, an administrator of the Laini Saba division in Kibera, represented the District Commissioner of Kibera at the forum. He conveyed regards from the District Commissioner, who was unable to attend. Mr. Mwachiti highlighted the importance of parenting in addressing vices such as drug and substance abuse in slum areas. He encouraged communal child-rearing, emphasizing the accountability of every adult for every child in the community. Mr. Mwachiti endorsed the KISKAM project as an innovative idea and requested the sharing of community representatives' names with the DCC office.

ICE-Breaker An ice-breaking session led by Brian Simiyu involved participants following instructions given by the facilitator using pieces of paper. The activity aimed to gauge participants' attentiveness by observing their paper patterns mirroring the facilitator's actions.



BREAK-OUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS

In line with the consultative nature of the forum, participants were organized into groups to facilitate structured discussions. The formation of these groups aimed to address the meeting objectives methodically. Each group was assigned a specific question corresponding to an agenda item. Participants deliberated on their respective questions and presented their findings, subject to approval by all members. At the conclusion of the session, the following insights emerged from the five groups:

Discussion Questions

Group 1: Reasons for Rural-Urban Migration in Kenya

Group 2: Major Challenges Faced by Residents of Informal Settlements in Kenya

Group 3: Potential Solutions to Problems Faced by Residents of Informal Settlements in Kenya

Group 4: Factors Motivating Relocation from Urban to Rural Areas

Group 5: Considerations for Relocating People from Urban to Rural Areas

Findings from Group Discussions

Group 1: Reasons for Rural-Urban Migration

- Employment opportunities, which are limited in rural areas
- Pursuit of education, particularly higher education available in urban centers
- Seeking refuge from conflicts and family disputes in rural areas
- Lack of adequate land for settlement in rural regions
- Desire for exploration and adventure
- Perception of urban life being safer and more comfortable
- Influence from peers who have already migrated to urban areas
- Seeking refuge after involvement in criminal activities in rural areas
- Superstitions regarding safety and well-being in rural settings after specific cultural events

Group 2: Challenges Facing Residents of Informal Settlements

- Frequent water shortages
- Inadequate sanitation facilities
- Poor infrastructure, including roads
- High levels of insecurity
- Drug and substance abuse
- Unemployment
- Poverty and food insecurity
- Inefficient waste management leading to health hazards
- Insufficient educational facilities
- Overcrowding and lack of privacy
- Early pregnancies among school-going children
- Limited access to healthcare services
- High prevalence of HIV/AIDS
- Single parenthood and dependence
- Political tensions resulting in conflicts
- Gender-based violence and child trafficking
- Prostitution and child labor
- Rent inflation in informal settlements

Group 3: Solutions to Problems Facing Residents of Urban Slums

- Regulation of water vendors and prices
- Curbing corruption in water supply systems ● Borehole drilling to address water scarcity
- Awareness campaigns on water purification
- Infrastructure upgrades to reduce congestion
- Financial literacy programs
- Youth engagement initiatives to enhance security
- Government intervention to control school fees
- Improvement of drainage systems
- Provision of waste disposal containers and recycling programs
- Awareness on relocation from flood-prone areas
- Crackdown on illegal electricity connections
- Expansion of social amenities
- Eradication of medicine misappropriation and illegal healthcare facilities
- Promotion of family values and gender equality

Group 4: Factors Motivating Relocation to Rural Areas

- Investment opportunities
- Support networks for relocation
- Availability of employment
- Access to land for settlement
- Lower cost of living
- Better social environment
- Rural development initiatives
- Elimination of superstitions and cultural barriers
- Adoption of modern farming techniques

Group 5: Considerations for Relocation Candidates

- Vulnerability assessment, including mental health
- Provision of land, housing, and business opportunities
- Capacity-building training
- Financial support for children's education
- Confirmation of genuine interest in relocation
- Evaluation of comfort level in rural settings ● Diversification of income sources
- Collaboration with religious institutions
- Age considerations and support systems

- Familiarity with rural environments
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Emerging Issues

Urban challenges outweigh rural difficulties

- Limited options force residents to stay in slums
- Demand-driven approach for relocation
- Importance of thorough surveys before repatriation
- Gradual and prepared repatriation process
- Focus on vulnerable populations and age-related factors

Election of Community Representatives for the KISKAM Project

Following the productive group discussions, participants were tasked with electing community representatives. In addition to members elected from each group, special interest groups, including religious institutions and people with disabilities, nominated three additional representatives. These elected individuals will serve as liaisons between NCT and the Kibera community. The following persons were chosen to represent their respective groups:

	Name	Village
1	Caroline Wadunga	Gender rep.
2	Samuel Alal	Kiandaa
3	Harrison Asili	Kambi Muuru
4	Boniface Nyaluo	Gatwikira
5	Remjus Otieno	Kisumu ndogo
6	Zuhura Suleiman	Gender rep.
7	Wycliff Adoli	Lindi
8	Peter Omondi	Religious rep.
9	Margaret Kisengese	Persons with disability rep.

Sub-meeting of elected community representatives

Upon being elected to the Community Representatives Committee, the members convened for another session with NCT leadership, which took place concurrently with the consultative forum. Dr. Janet Magera, addressing the members, outlined their primary responsibility: to verify information provided to NCT by potential beneficiaries of the repatriation project. Stressing the importance of honesty in their interactions, she urged the representatives to gather accurate data from potential beneficiaries. Additionally, the facilitator of the forum emphasized the critical role of community representatives in disseminating precise information about the program to Kibera residents. Mr. Brian Simiyu, the Project Officer, emphasized the significance of teamwork to ensure smooth operations and efficient delivery. He assured members that they would receive communication via phone calls on the following day regarding their duties as community representatives.

Conclusion

Dr. Janet Magera reiterated that the project is community-based and devoid of any political affiliations. Its aim is to assist all vulnerable and needy residents of Kibera, irrespective of their political leanings or tribal affiliations. Mr. Wachira, the forum facilitator, officially concluded the session at 2 pm on the same day.

ANNEX 1: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS



LIST OF CONSULTATIVE FORUM ATTENDEES

NO.	NAMES	AREA	GROUP/INSTITUTE	POSITION
1.	Getrude Kerubo	Gatwekera	Shalom Women Group	Chairlady
2.	Eunice Ouma	Gatwekera	Msamaria Mwema Women Group	Chairlady
3.	Martha Ayuya	Gatwekera	Women With Hope	Secretary
4.	Clyde Otieno	Gatwekera	Maranatha Vision Youth Group	Chairman
5.	Kevin Ochieng	Gatwekera	CIC Youth Group	Chairman
6.	Faith Omamo	Gatwekera	Sokomoko Youths	Secretary
7.	Charles Okuro	Gatwekera	Tosha	Secretary
8.	Brenda Awuor	Gatwekera	Soweto Movers	Secretary
9.	Eveline Achieng	Gatwekera	Nomiya Church	Member
10	Adriano Miraka	Gatwekera	P.A.G.	Deacon
11	Richard Sande	Gatwekera	A.C.K. Church	People's Warden
12	Michael Otieno	Gatwekera	Our Lady of Lourdes (Catholic)	Church Elder
13	Martha Watali	Gatwekera	Village Elder	Nyumba kumi
14	Vitalis Onyango	Gatwekera	Village Elder	Village Elder
15	Samuel Odongo	Gatwekera	Village Elder	Village Elder
16	Baraka Said	Gatwekera	Village Elder	Village Elder
17	Kefa Otieno	Gatwekera	Village Elder	Village Elder

18	Penina Adhimbo	Kisumu Ndogo	Sweet Ladies Women Group	Chairlady
19	Caroline Wadunga	Kisumu Ndogo	Strong Neighbours	Chairlady
20	Caroline Anyango	Kisumu Ndogo	Lindi Friends Women Group	
21	Bob Hamilton	Kisumu Ndogo	Wasakaji Youth Group	Chairman
22	Flavian Omiyo	Kisumu Ndogo	Eagle Wings	Chairlady
23	Evans Aswani	Kisumu Ndogo	Cycle Brothers	Chairman
24	Hezron Ouma	Kisumu Ndogo	Sita Mbili (6.2.)	Member
25	Grace Ogembo	Kisumu Ndogo	Joy Deliverance Ministry	
26	Ezekiel Odundo	Kisumu Ndogo	Children of God	
27	Pastor Sakwa	Kisumu Ndogo	Hosanna Word Ministry	
28	Geoffrey Ingutia	Kisumu Ndogo	Galilaya Pentecostal	
29	Jacinta Oluoch	Kisumu Ndogo	Village elder	Nyumba Kumi
30	Remjos Otieno	Kisumu Ndogo	Village elder	Village elder
31	Vinias Otieno	Kisumu Ndogo	Village elder	Village elder
32	Nancy Shiteha	Kisumu Ndogo	Village elder	Nyumba Kumi
33	Nelson Ochieng	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Mashimoni Youth	Chairman
34	Galgald Abdi	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Usalama Youth	Member
35	Usila Rukia	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	K.C.B.O.	Chairlady

36	Ismail Sellasie	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Reformers Against Drugs and Crime	Chair
37	Jimia Mohammed	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	SAPTA	
38	Dubei Ali	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Ndovu Women Group	Chairlady
39	Rose Auma	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Amani Women Group	Chair
40	Zena Mohammed	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Women United	Secretary
41	Florence Kasuyu	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Jipe Moyo Women Group	Member
42	Fidelis Bwire	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Maranatha Faith Assembly	
43	Twalib Ramadhan	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Darajani Mosque	
44	Valet Sabata	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	A.D.C.	
45	Faraj Mohammed	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Lindi Mosque	
46	Joseph Osodo	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Village Elder	Village Elder
47	Fatuma Wesesembe	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Village Elder	Village Elder
48	Harrison Asili	Kambi Muru/ Mashimoni	Village Elder	Village Elder

49	Peter Omondi	Lindi/Silanga	Legio of Mary	Father
50	Sylvester Mugutia	Lindi/Silanga	Divine Mercy Catholic Church	

51	Stephen Wetwa	Lindi/Silanga	P.A.G.	Pastor
52	Silvano Odindo	Lindi/Silanga	KUMON	
53	Bakari Said	Lindi/Silanga	Village Elder	
54	Mohammed Abdi	Lindi/Silanga	Village Elder	
55	Henry Nyando	Lindi/Silanga	Village Elder	
56	Jared Nyakundi	Lindi/Silanga	Village Elder	
57	Eunica Anyika	Lindi/Silanga	Mwamko Mpya	Chairlady
58	Magaret Kisengese	Lindi/Silanga	People Living With Disability	Chairlady
59	Linet Atieno	Lindi/Silanga	Kokoto Women Group	Member
60	Doris Atemo	Lindi/Silanga	Environmental Public Space	Chairlady
61	Esther Wanja	Lindi/Silanga	Andolo C.B.O	Secretary
62	Eddie Amayo	Lindi/Silanga	Kibera Uprising	Member
63	Wycliffe Adoli	Lindi/Silanga	Lindi Mwamko Mpya	
64	Zuhura Suleiman	Kambi Muru	Maji na Ufanisi	
65	Rajab Weleseme	Kambi Muru		
66	Benson Mwangangi	Laini Saba		Assistant County Commissioner
67	Anthony Wachira	NCT	Resource Person	MC

68	Rachel Czirjak	Hungary		
69	Francis Muhia	NCT		
70	Nicholas Kang'ethe	NCT		
71	Brian Simiyu	NCT		
72	Veronica Kalekye	NCT		
73	Dr. Janet Mang'era	NCT	NCT	Executive Director
74	Faith Odieki			Field Officer
75	Christopher Otieno			Field Officer
76	Ken Omoto			Field Officer
77	Richard Agutu			Field Officer
78	Stella Nabwire			Field Officer
79	Principal		John Paul II Secondary School	
80	Principal		Elite Visionary High School	
81	Headteacher		Savor King Primary School	
82	Headteacher		Mashimoni Squatters Primary School	
83	Mercy Aluoch		Baraka za Ibrahim Primary School	Teacher
84	Mr. Ochieng		Olympic Primary	Teacher
85	Mrs. Nduati		Ayany Primary	Teacher
86	Mr. Daniel Abunga		ACK Holy Trinity	Teacher
87	Dixon Kibet		Kibera Primary	Teacher
88	Naomi Kaleli		Anwa Junior Academy	Teacher
89	Vincent Osayo		New Foundation Self Help Group	

90	Jehoshaphat Sagero			
91	Wilfred Maiyo			Security
92	Eric Kimanthi Nyagi			Security
93	Jane Ndegwa			Security
94	Harrison Asili		Village Elder	
95	Veronica Wamuyu		Ruma Associates	Accountant
96	Said Lugo Mwachiti		D.O- Iaini Saba	D.O