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Challenges in People's settlements



Poor sanitation facilities - a garbage pile



a dilapidated school latrine



overcrowding

Key 2006 Activities

Right to water advocacy



Children drawing water from a community water pump in Kisumu.



World Human Rights Day, Kibera, December 2006

FACTBOX 1

- organized and participated in national and citywide policy advocacy events such as the symposium on the right to water and sanitation and a round-table on guidelines against forced evictions
- disseminated information to communities in Kibera, Kangemi and Kisumu on key provisions in the water sector reforms
- facilitated community action research on basic services and human rights in Kibera

Community led technology design

Umande is promoting eco-friendly technologies that have been successfully tried and tested in other urban countries. This is part of the organization's strategy entitled **TOSHA** - Total Sanitation and Hygiene Access for 'adequate' in Kiswahili.

Biolatrines

The bio-latrine is one such facility designed to improve sanitation while also providing bio-gas for cooking manure for greening the environment.

Gatwekera TOSHA bio-latrine



Community Cooker

This integrated solid waste management facility which shall create energy from solid waste is part of the Nairobi River Basin Project. This initiative brings together the Ushirika wa Usafi CBO, UNDP, UNEP, the Nairobi Central Business District Association (NCBDA) and Planning Systems Services.



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Captions

- *Pic 1: Community members excavating the site for the construction of the bio-latrine.*
- *Pic 2: Eng Rob Clarke of Halcrow Foundation, one of the project donors, assessing the progress of the construction.*
- *Pic 3. Community members hard at work at the site*
- *Pic 4. An overview of the finalized dome and neck for the bio-latrine.*
- *Pic 5. The Belgian Minister of Environment visiting the project site. The bio-latrine continues to host many visitors.*



The purpose of the project is to showcase integrated solid waste management processes through the testing and development of community-managed and environmentally sound waste collection, sorting and processing facility (community cooker)



Captions

- *From left: Pic 1: Key partners of the programme at the ground breaking ceremony of the community cooker project in Laini Saba; the guest of honour was Prof. Khroda, then Permanent Secretary, Min of Environment (extreme right) and, (Pic 2) the beneficiaries of the project at the ceremony.*
- *An architectural plan showing the various components of the proposed community cooker at Laini Saba.*

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Recognition



The Africities conference (2006) awarded Umande Trust a trophy for ensuring environmental sustainability.

Other initiatives

- building awareness and capacity on decentralized funds in Westland's & Embakasi constituencies in Nairobi.
- community-led designs on improved water and sanitation options
- promoting daily savings and setting up a ring-fenced water and sanitation fund
- building awareness on Millennium Development Goals
- participated at the Göteborg book fair with *Tinga Tinga* jazz band from Kibera
- promoting Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) with school children and in Southern Sudan.

Priorities for 2007

- establishing ring-fenced water and sanitation fund within Akiba Mashinani Trust
- supporting sub-contracting schemes involving community-based artisans
- completing at least 3 bio-latrines in Nairobi and Kisumu as well as 2 community cookers
- presenting area-based alternative budgets on improved water and sanitation in partnerships with muungano and the civil society coalitions
- promoting bio-latrines in schools
- engaging the youth and artists in solid enterprising waste management and education processes
- integrating HIV/AIDS in water and sanitation
- re-forestation initiatives in the people's settlements
- building closer partnerships with water companies and water services board and local governments.



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