



Exploring how to improve understanding of sustainable and healthy neighbourhoods through youth participation in Kisenyi Slum, Kampala, Uganda

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**Documentation of validated perception of a healthy and sustainable neighbourhood in Kisenyi, Kampala, Uganda**

<b>What youth, local leaders and urban authorities perceive as a healthy and sustainable neighbourhood of Kisenyi</b>		
<b>Themes</b>	<b>Sub themes and categories of elements that should be put in place and/ or enhanced for a healthy and sustainable neighbourhood</b>	<b>Illustrative quotes of what is perceived a healthy and sustainable neighbourhood should have or not have</b>
Environment	Environmental protection: increased greenery like trees, no noise and air pollution	<p>"The maize milling factories should be removed from the area (Kisenyi) because they destroy the environment....The fumes from them affect people and trees" (Youth pre-training FGD)</p> <p>"A healthy and sustainable neighbourhood should have trees that provide fresh air and shade" (Youth post-training FGD)</p>

<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Planned built environment: permanent residencies, buildings with approved standards, closed trenches</p>	<p>“We need a place that has apartments that people can rent and have a place to dispose of garbage” (Youth post-training FGD).</p> <p>“What I would like to see here in Kisenyi is good structures and big buildings which are in plan. Residents keep calling us every time there are rains and flooding since this is an unplanned settlement...(KII urban authority)</p>
	<p>Safe road: road signs, humps for traffic control, zebra crossing, wide roads</p>	<p>“The roads should have pavements/walkways where pedestrians walk in order to reduce accidents because a person is easily knocked by a car if they walk on a road without walkways” (Youth pre-training FGD)</p> <p>“There needs to be security lights along the roads. Because lack of them is responsible for insecurity (criminality). A good neighborhood should be clean, people should be having toilets and there should be security lights along the road” (Kisenyi Leader)</p>
	<p>Water and Waste: enough public toilets, sex separate public toilets, safe water, designated garbage collection points</p>	<p>“We need them to construct for us springs, boreholes so that people can start taking clean water; they should fence the springs/water sources to prevent people from crowding at them so that water is drawn orderly” (youth pre-training FGD)</p> <p>“There should be clean toilets because we cannot live in a place where the toilets are not good. You find that we only have one toilet in the area and everyone goes there. They (local leaders) need to construct more public toilets which are also clean...” (Youth post-training FGD)</p> <p>“The toilet for ladies and gentlemen is not separated and this should not be the case”(KII Local NGO)</p>

People	Child protection: no child sex work, no defilement, provide age appropriate sex education, adequate parental guidance for children, child schooling	"There is need to reduce on the number of lodges (in Kisenyi), children are getting exposed and exploited (Youth pre-training" (Youth pre-training FGD)
	Cooperative neighbours: Community members support collective initiatives, no discrimination, vigilant neighbours, no political divisions, servant leaders, mutual respect, youth are engaged in community solutions	"Respecting one another is so important. We have to respect ourselves because there is no way we can have a sustainable community when we don't collaborate with our neighbours. One cannot clean the trenches, water spring and remove garbage from the community without receiving help from the community members..." (youth post-training FGD)
	Decent livelihood: youth employed, empowered community members	We need to be economically empowered...they should give us money to start businesses... (youth pre-training FGD)
Behaviour	Good sanitation: people are hygienic, proper garbage disposal practices	People should have good hygiene, they should clean their houses, they have to be with toilets and a utensil stand...(KII Kisenyi Leader 1)
Governance	Law and order: No criminal gangs, increases sense of security, no spots for drug use and sell, no spots for sex work, no violence, no gambling and betting, installed security lights	<p>"We need laws. For example, if someone dumps waste in the community, they should be fined., whoever urinates in a trench is also fined, and whoever is found doing something wrong is also fined..." (Youth post-training FGD)</p> <p>To be in a healthy and sustainable neighbourhood, someone has to be alive first...and for someone to be alive, there is need for security.....(KII Kisenyi Leader 2)</p>

Service delivery systems	Affordable, quality Service delivery systems: public hospitals, public schools, markets	A neighbourhood where there is no threat to life, and there are appropriate facilities for health access and access to education services...(Kil urban authority)
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