

KENYA

Improving living conditions in Kisumu



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In Kisumu, Kenya's third largest city, half of the population lives below the poverty line. By strengthening the capacity of municipal workers, rehabilitating infrastructure in informal settlements and better waste management, the project should significantly improve the living conditions of its inhabitants.

CONTEXT

Kenya's urban population is growing rapidly at the rate of 4% per year. The urban population represents almost 39% of the country's total population, a figure expected to rise to 54% by 2030. It is therefore important for the country to ensure the sustainable development of its cities. This will involve ensuring access to basic services: water, electricity, garbage disposal, transport, or social services. Kisumu, Kenya's third largest city with approximately 800,000 residents, is situated next to Lake Victoria and is dealing with problems of unemployment, high poverty, inadequate provision of basic services, slums and a fragile environment.

DESCRIPTION

Kisumu Urban Project (KUP) aims at improving the living conditions of its residents. The project has five components: Institutional building (development of a baseline urban development plan, increased sources of income, staff training), Solid waste management Infrastructure improvement in informal settlements, Rehabilitation of markets, Improvement of public infrastructure (schools, health centers, roads ...).

IMPACTS

The expected impact includes: improvement of the environment (less air, water and groundwater pollution); disappearance of the rubbish dump currently present in the urban centre, following the construction of a dump; reduction of cholera and malaria in informal settlements; rehabilitation of Lake Victoria shoreline that will help preserve the urban landscape; rehabilitation of health centers, which will contribute to the improvement of public health; and creation of jobs, because many projects induce labour-intensive work.

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Project start date

 Kisumu
Location

 Infrastructure , Fighting Inequalities , Sustainable Cities
sector(s)

 Sovereign Concessional Loan
financing tool(s)

 40 000 000 EUR
Financing amount

 21 years
Duration of funding

Kisumu County and City
Beneficiaries

