

# Collaborative Planning of Informal Settlements Displacements and Resettlements in Kigali, Rwanda

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## INTRODUCTION

In rapidly urbanizing developing countries, urban population resettlement projects, especially of the poor, are commonplace.



Figure 1: Left: Kigali conceptual master plan, right: Kangondo II informal settlement (to be displaced by urban development to give room to new development proposed in the master plan) nestled between high-end residential areas.

Poorly executed resettlement increases risks of impoverishment of affected people.



## OBJECTIVE

There is a consensus among scholars that, in order to minimize or avoid impoverishment risks, stakeholder collaboration needs to be improved. Based on cases from Kigali, Rwanda, a collaborative methodology and tools are being developed to support the planning and implementation of informal settlements' displacement and resettlement process.

**Step (1)** Analysis of the impacts of resettlement on the livelihoods of slum dwellers in Kigali and their impoverishment risks is being undertaken.

## METHODOLOGY

The understanding of impacts uses an embedded case study strategy and a mixed method approach including observation, interviews and focus group discussions.

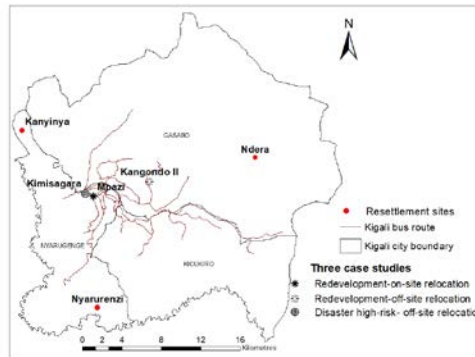


Figure 2: Map of Kigali showing study sites



Figure 3: Left: photo after focus group discussion in Ndera, Right: Interview with a household to be displaced out of high risk zone of Kimisagara

## FINDINGS

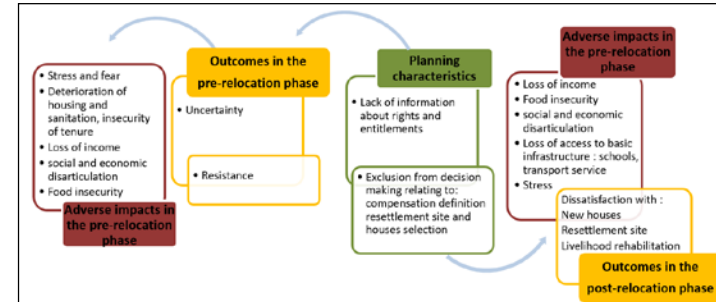


Figure 4: Findings of the nexus of the planning and implementation of resettlement and impoverishment risks of affected slum dwellers

## CONCLUSION

Slum dwellers are likely to experience several impoverishment risks before their actual relocation and dissatisfaction after relocation due to poor communication and consultation, and lack of participation in decision-making processes. Such issues must be adequately addressed through policy and implementation. Improved methods for citizen engagement are needed.

## NEXT STEPS

- (2) Understand the governance and assess required collaborative instruments and tools
- (3) Conceptualize a collaborative methodology with focus on crucial decision making problems
- (4) Design and test collaborative methods and tools

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