



Fact sheet: November 2021 Mukuru Demolition and Eviction

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Location:

Mukuru Informal Settlements Belt consists of Slum villages in the following locations or Wards: (1) Kware (2) Mukuru Kwa Njenga (3) Imara Daima (4) Mukuru Ruben (5) Land Mawe (6) Nairobi South (7) Viwandani

In August 2017, through a gazete Notice No. 7654 Mukuru Kwa Njenga, Mukuru Kwa Ruben and Viwandani settlements were declared as Special Planning Area (SPA). The declaration was due to the special development challenges and opportunities faced by the residents.

The area declared as SPA consists of 30 villages:

- **Kwa Njenga:** Riara, Vietnam, Milimani, Sisal, Zone 48, Wape Wape, Moto Moto
- **Kwa Ruben:** Gatope, Mombasa, Feed the Children, Bins, Simba Cool, Rurie, Railway, Kosovo, Gateway, Diamond, Wesinya
- **Viwandani:** Uchumi, Kingstone, Riverside, Donholm, Milimani, Lunga Lunga, Jamaica, Sinai, Sinai Reli, Paradise A, Paradise B, Paradise c

SPA Planning Process:

SPA Community Consultative Forums took place in all the 12 Villages of Viwandani Area, 11 villages of Mukuru Kwa Ruben and **ONLY** in 3 Villages of Mukuru Kwa Njenga: These were; Wape Wape, Vietnam and Riara.

The rest of Mukuru Kwa Njenga Settlements (Sisal, Milimani, Zone 48, Moto Moto) lie on a contested land (95.2 acres) owned by ORBIT CHEMICALS. The leadership and local administration advised we leave this area out in planning process as they claimed to have developed their own plans.

SPA underlining principles were:

The main objective of the Mukuru SPA is to create an integrated development plan that addresses the structural and complex problems experienced by the residents. The Mukuru SPA sought to address issues of evictions, exclusion, equity, inadequate basic services, access to justice.

To achieve this the planning process was guided by the following principles:

1. **Participatory approach:** To ensure the Mukuru community and other stakeholders are at the centre of planning process and are actively engaged in the development of the plans
2. **Conservative surgery:** Ensure the plans developed are cognizant of Mukuru space reality and have minimal displacements
3. **Multidisciplinary:** The approach recognizes the importance of drawing specialized expertise from relevant fields into the planning process.

Nature of the Ongoing Evictions and Displacements:

It is undeniable that thousands of residents have been displaced within Mukuru SPA area as a result of ongoing developments. In Mukuru Kwa Ruben SPA works involves construction of roads, condominium sewerage and water connection according to

plans developed by the community. Many of those who have been affected here have been accommodated within the settlement.

In Mukuru Kwa Njenga and specifically in Sisal, Milimani, Zone 48, Moto Moto residents are affected by two major developments taking place there: One is about Orbit Chemical and expansion of road infrastructure by KENHA and KURA. Both developments have been done with lack of community participation. The residents have also been evicted with utter disregard of human rights and as the per set guidelines the government.

Rationalized Road Proposals

