

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF NAIROBI, PAMOJA TRUST, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, AND THE RESIDENTS OF MATHARE

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## **Parties to the Agreement**

1. Nairobi City Council
2. Residents of the following settlements in Mathare
  - Kosovo
  - Mathare 4B
  - Mabatini
  - Mashimoni No.10
3. Pamoja Trust
4. University of Nairobi

## **Preamble**

Taking Note that the City Council of Nairobi, the University of Nairobi and Pamoja Trust have been working closely with the residents of the above named four informal settlements of Mathare towards improving their living conditions

Now therefore, the City Council of Nairobi, Pamoja Trust, and the University of Nairobi have entered into this agreement in furtherance of their common goal of upgrading the four settlements.

## **The Beneficiaries of the Programme**

The Beneficiaries of the programme shall be all the residents, both tenants and structure owners, currently resident in the above named settlements of Mathare and any relocation, or spill over site that may be identified and agreed upon by the parties.

## **The Programme Period**

The programme shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2009 and shall run for a period of two years, ending on 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2011.

## **Objectives of the Programme**

The programme will have the following broad objectives:

- To improve the living conditions of the residents of the four informal settlements of Mathare through
  - The provision of secure tenure
  - The provision of sufficient infrastructure and services
  - Increased access to improved housing
- To enhance the residents' capacity to participate in the upgrading of their settlements and to thereafter manage and maintain any improvements made

- To improve the livelihoods of the residents through the development of skills and the promotion of income generating activities. This will amongst other things enable the beneficiaries to address the social and economic issues that affect their lives such as insecurity, HIV and AIDS and its effects.
- To ensure greater access to public services such as schools, health facilities, waste collection, youth centers and recreational facilities.

## **Roles and Functions**

### **City Council of Nairobi**

- Coordinate the formulation of integrated settlement plans for the five settlements of Mathare.
- Liaise with the Ministry of Lands and other Government departments to facilitate their approval and adoption of responsive settlement plans by the City Council and respective Government Departments.
- Provide secure tenure to the residents of the planned settlements through block titling.
- Provide leadership to all actors and stakeholders in order to ensure efficacy of the planning process.

### **University of Nairobi**

- Formulate, in consultation with the residents, the City Council of Nairobi and Pamoja Trust, responsive settlement plans for each of the five settlements for consideration by the Council.
- Identify specific settlement planning problems through Research as a basis for seeking sustainable solutions to the identified problems.
- Based on Documented best practices, prepare a draft settlement policy planning framework for adoption and approval by the Council.
- Assist in the monitoring and documentation of the process of upgrading and disseminate the lessons learnt from the programme to the outside world.
- Train planning students through field work, and practical experience on participatory planning approaches and the formulation of responsive settlement plans.

### **Pamoja Trust**

- Liaise with other stakeholders, both public and private, in order to mobilize resources for the implementation of the integrated settlement plans formulated for each of the five settlements.
- Assist in the Enhancement of community cohesion through the facilitation of meetings, informal discussions, public fora and any other activities.
- Co-ordinate the gathering, collation and analysis of social, economic and spatial data and further produce information that can be used by the two universities as a basis for formulating integrated settlement plans for the target settlements.
- To provide a documentation of settlement profiles of all unplanned settlements in Nairobi as a basis for the preparation of a planning policy framework for the City of Nairobi.
- Build Awareness on the risk of displacement arising out of settlement planning and further build consensus on relocation mitigation strategies for those likely to be displaced.

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation of the Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably by consultation between the institutions, as this Memorandum is not legally enforceable.

In witness therefore, the representatives have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in Nairobi.

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University of Nairobi

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Chairperson

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Muunganano (Federation)  
Mathare

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