

COLLABORATIVE REVIEW of CONSULTATION MEETINGS at NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL

PSUP (UN-HABITAT) support to
Mpazi upgrading and rehousing in Kigali (Rwanda)

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PSUP MPAZI PROJECT - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Neighborhood level activities

26/05	31/06	2/06
Thu	Tue	Thu
2.30 - 5pm	2.30 - 5pm	2.30 - 5pm
2nd CWG workshop - assessment Connectivity Public and green spaces Public facilities	3rd CWG workshop - planning Connectivity Public and green spaces Public facilities	Women FG - understanding challenges, needs and aspirations

CWG 2 assessment – transect walk and mapping



MPAZI PROJECT KIGALI

SUPPORTED BY:

- PARTICIPATORY SLUM UPGRADING FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE
- UN HABITAT
- skat foundation
- PROECO

LEGEND

- MPAZI AREA
- UBUYUNGU VILLAGE
- IMUCYO VILLAGE
- IZUBA VILLAGE
- NEW SKAT BUILDINGS
- BLOCKS IN CONSTRUCTION
- SPORT FIELDS
- CHURCH AREA
- ABATOIRE
- EX PRISON
- COMMERCIAL AREAS
- GARAGE
- YOUTH CENTRE
- HEALTH CENTRE
- SCHOOL
- WATER TAP

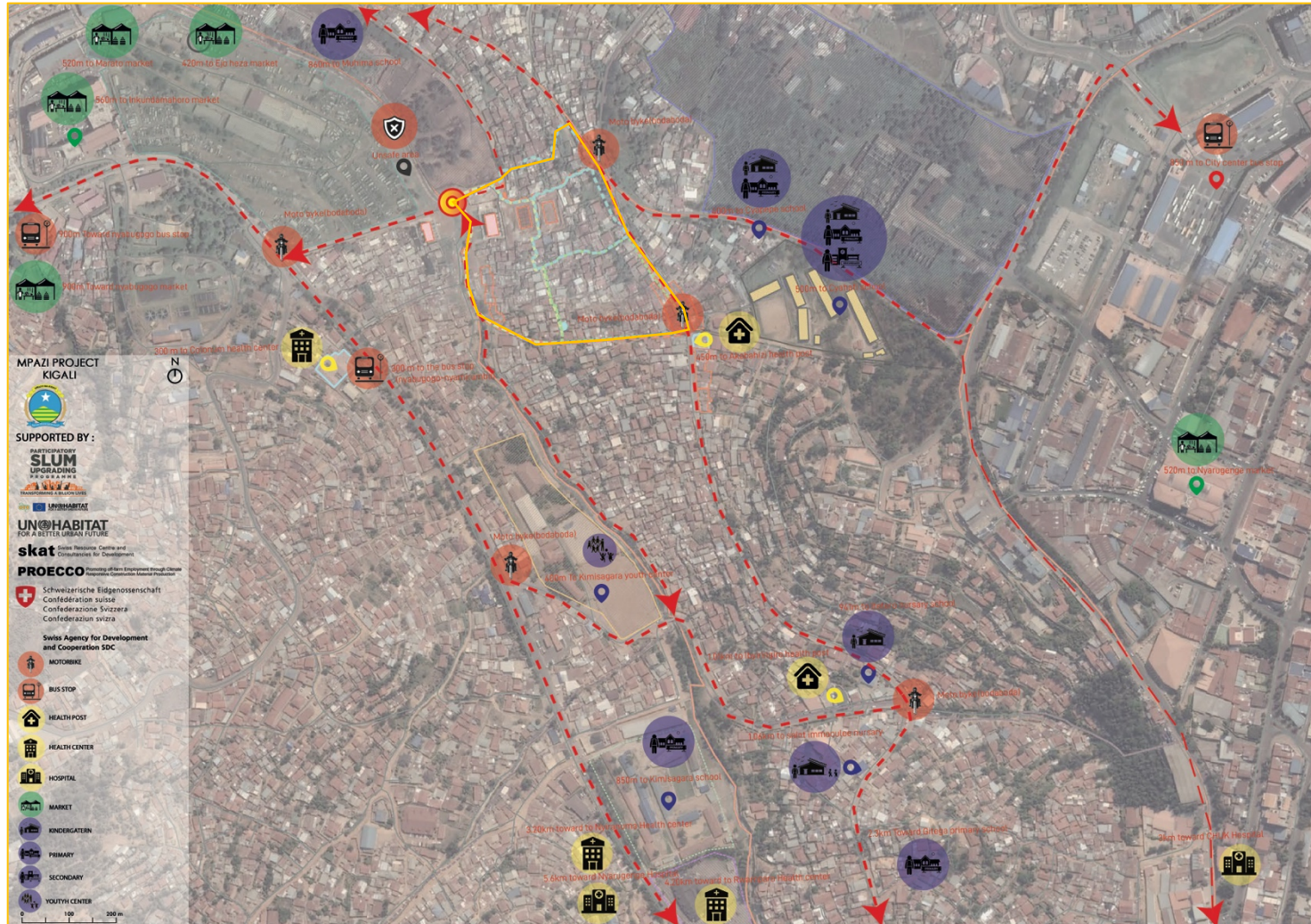
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- "Trangere"
- "Kigali"
- "Mpazi area"
- "New Skat buildings"
- "Blocks in construction"
- "Sport fields"
- "Church area"
- "Abatoire"
- "Ex prison"
- "Commercial areas"
- "Garage"
- "Youth centre"
- "Health centre"
- "School"
- "Water tap"

Scale: 0 100 200 m



CWG 2 assessment – analysis map



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CWG 2 assessment – outcomes

Outcomes and requests from CWG

1. To consider the **payment capacity of tenants** when doing the design. As it appears that the tenants won't be able to afford the rent after the transformation (1 bedroom at least from 20,000Frws to 30,000Frws);
2. To consider the people with disabilities in the next design and **accessibility of buildings and paths**
3. To include **public toilets** in the neighborhood, also for outsider visitors with fee;
4. To include a **local market**, as it was previously and Nyabugogo market is quite far;
5. One **Community center** to be shared among the 3 villages.
6. **Recreational areas** for kids and **health center** at Sector level;
7. To have shared **clothes drying space** at block level;
8. To consider **outside kitchen with storage**, where to keep things like charcoals vs locked/private outdoor kitchen building. The item needs to be further discussed in the next meeting to achieve an agreement among the group;

Block A

1. The **drainage channel** for the block A are too small even to be cleaned and will be good to enlarge them;
2. The **timber partitions** used in the units affect the room privacy and would be good not to have it at least on the parents' room.

CWG 3 co-designing – proposed layout



CWG 3 co-designing – outcomes

Outcomes from the neighborhood planning session:

The facilities proposed in the layout are:

- housing blocks
- commercial buildings
- a local market
- the community center
- public toilets
- recreational areas
- Pre-nursery school or day-center
- pedestrian ways.

For the health center, due its size, the community was suggesting to locate it in the middle of Gitega sector. On the Church facility, the community working group agreed that no church is needed in that area because around there are many other churches, which are nearby.

Planning details:

1. Local market with public toilet, located in Southern corner, to ease access from all sides and to be used also by people coming from the neighborhood areas and connect with pedestrian pathway along the Mpazi channel
2. Community center. It would host the community meetings, but also weddings and other community gatherings and activities
3. Pre-nursery (or day-care center) building within the blocks
4. Public toilets, along the Northern channel, up-hill near the main road and public transport stop (to confirm the location) and another after the bridge
5. Recreational areas (pitches, play-ground)
6. Pedestrian crossing of the neighborhood to facilitate connectivity and pedestrian movements.

CWG 3 co-designing – block level facilities

Outcomes from the Block level facilities co-designing:

- **Outdoor kitchen corner and storage:** the solution was welcomed for the households who cannot afford the gas. A shared kitchen is not acceptable and it was proposed to have a **number of small kitchen (2x1,5mt), locked**. The location should be far from the outside toilets. We agreed that on the kitchen corner and storage the team will develop some ideas and options and meet them again to discuss and collect their thoughts. The solutions should look also at the **fencing at each front yard, in order to make this space usable**, also as outdoor kitchen.
- **Drying clothes space:** The **backside of the blocks** should be used for drying clothes, they could be supplied during the construction of the blocks, and each household should be responsible of their own clothes
- **Shared toilet:** Given that all units have toilets, outside toilets are useful but not necessary for each family, a **few toilets could be shared** with the proper and care management by the families sharing the key. External people wanting to use them should be charged a fee
- **Waste collection point:** the demonstration house already has a common collection point which works well. It was agreed that a **well-designed collection point could be proposed**, residents of the units pay a fee to the waste collection company in case a tenant fails to pay the landlord is the one responsible for it
- **Kitchen gardens,** are welcomed and agreed to having them in **between 2 blocks** (better because of proper security and proper management). They could be proposed as well at the **village level**, which is a common practice.

FG1 women – assessment



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Findings of the Women Focus Group Discussion on ‘**Spaces and Uses**’

- There is no space where women feel safe except their house
- Meet up with friends in the **house or church**
- Rests at home for both elders and teenagers
- Daily groceries are bought within the local market but goes for shopping **twice or once a day to EJO HEZA**.
- Pregnant women usually go to market in the morning
- **Kids usually play in front of their houses**
- There is no specific place for women, there are **informal spaces for Women evenings’ gathering in private homes**
- The former space where **Gacaca court took place** is considered a place of special meaning
- They use to go to church on Sunday
- During Rwanda’s first fruits festival, which is always observed the first Friday of August, they share food with people in the neighborhood
- For treatment, usually goes to **health post or Muhima hospital, which are 3km far** from the neighborhood and
- Kids are accompanied to school by family up to 7 years old.

Findings of the Women Focus Group Discussion on ‘**Mobility**’

- All the pathways are unsafe for women and children, especially because they **lack lighting and there is not enough space for walk or sidewalk**
- They use to go for **walk around the neighborhood with kids in the evening**
- Women would be willing to **use bicycle in the secondary roads network**, where is allowed

FG1 women – assessment

Findings of the Women Focus Group Discussion on '**Economic activity and Empowering**'

- Due to the lack of job opportunity for women they often earn informally within the neighbor by;
 - Setting up informal vendor spots near the channel and now around block A
 - **Catering** services
 - **Selling local beers** in their house
 - **Tailoring** services in their house
 - **Hairdressing** services in their house
- Some ladies are land owners
- There are **no facilities for training** and education for women within the neighborhood
- There is **no care-giving center** in the community so often they bring kids to the work or ask their friends to look after.

Findings of the Women Focus Group Discussion on '**Safety and Risks**'

- All the spaces are dangerous and unsafe for women
- Unsafety due to the thieves (targets phone, bags and laundry)
- Neighborhood is safe for a while only when police comes for inspection
- During the rainy season, houses are damaged and streets are flooded
- There is very low rate of sexual harassment (once in a year)
- There is the idea that a **more regular grid in the neighborhood, with widened pedestrian' streets and lighting** will help to control the public spaces and streets, and prevent thieves to easily escape or hide in the hidden corners.

FG1 women – design solutions

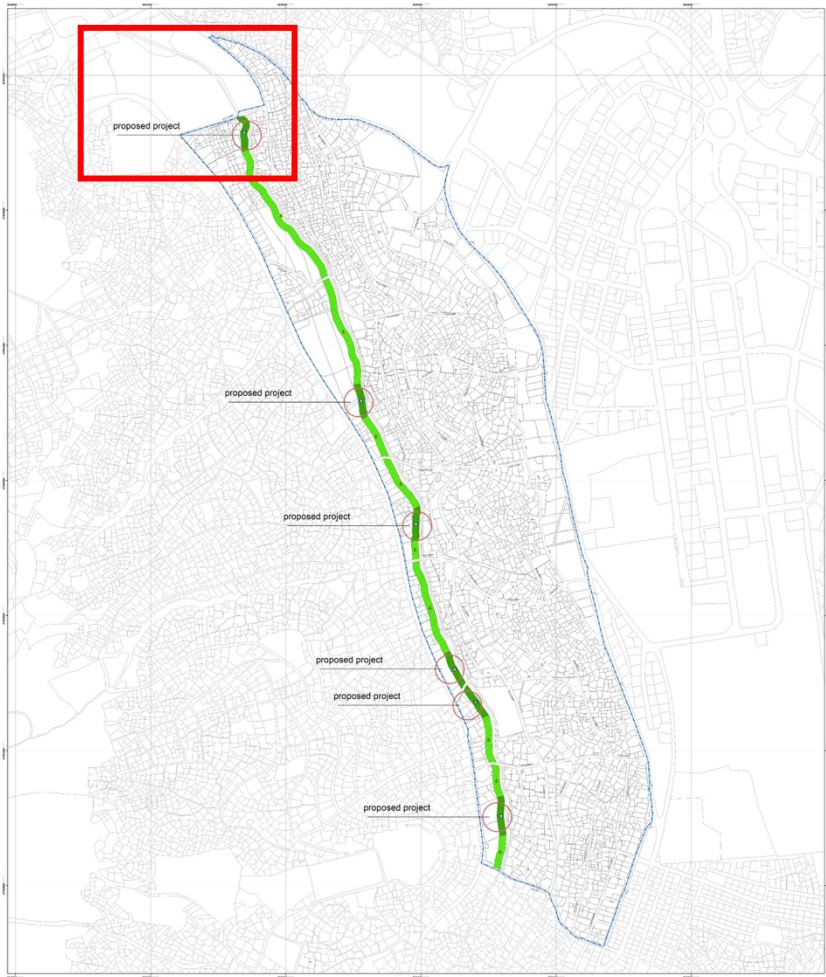
Design solutions suggested by Women representatives






- **Recreation areas** for kids and women and evening walks
- **Health center**
- **Gathering center** for women
- **Day care**
- **Playground**
- **Mini market**
- Training and **Education center** for women (tailoring, baking)
- **Street lights** within the neighborhood
- A **regular grid with more open and wide streets**, as it is shown by the development of Block A and following, will prevent thieves to easily hide and escape. It will allow to control the streets and open spaces better.
- A **network of secondary streets for pedestrian and bicycle uses** should be considered, as well connectivity to public transport stops.



To note, in the **World Bank** project it is not shown public transport stops/stations. Also, there is a proposed project (**park**) in the nearby area, which should be considered in the general layout plan.

RUDP II project



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA CITY OF KIGALI CITY OF KIGALI		Legend Study_area prop_project P park youth center	Upgrading For 4 Unplanned Settlements in City of Kigali
Owner:  CITY OF KIGALI (COK) / RWANDA URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (RUDP II)			
 Joint Venture With		SHEET DESCRIPTION: proposed services center	
 NORTH		 SCALE	 ORIGINAL SIZE A0

RUDP II project

