

Stories from Kibera was started in March 2013 as part of a journalistic passion of storytelling to express anecdotes of the slum in pictorial illustrations, giving voice to Africa's largest slum.

Kibera is the largest slum in Africa and one among the biggest informal settlement of the 21st century planet. From far Kibera looks like a totally overgrown jungle, made of corrugated rusty iron sheets and mud houses. There are more than 750,000 people living in Kibera, majority being the youths. Many of them being jobless and doing all sorts of menial jobs for survival. They are all struggling for things which are self-evidently basic in any prosperous world like food, water, medicine, accommodation and education.

Unfortunately, these kind of living has led to a lot of negativity in Kibera and unscrupulous effects such as robbery, alcoholism and despondency would thrive. Notwithstanding this facts, there is also an outsized number of glitches that Kibera is facing. Tribulations such as unhygienic environment, defecations from human excretions and airborne contagion colossally disturb the peace of Kibera natives exclusively the youngsters. All these would happen in a country which has splendid investment in tourism and international trade fairs.



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Kibera is made up 13 villages. Gatwekera being the largest. It's like the capital city centre of this vast slum of Africa. It has a population that exceeds 100,000. Majority of the residents are youths, mostly unemployed and jobless. Sanitation is the main problem here especially for an outsider but for the dwellers it is something they have lived to adapt with. It is surrounded by Soweto West, Raila, Kisumu Ndogo, Olympic, Karanja and Lindi villages.



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In Kenya's Kibera, the largest slum in Africa, television sets are a very important thing. They give the slum dwellers all major information and form of entertainment from all over the world.

Many residents have television sets especially the analogue black and white ones called Greatwall in their homes.

They would raise their television antennas as high as possible so as to get a clear view of their favorite free-to-air TV channels.



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The TV antennas have made Kibera look just like another jungle of old dead trees because 5 families out of ten have television sets in their homes and it's also evident that this families have erected very tall antennas on their rooftops so as to get better TV signals.



MARCH 2015

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Rainy season in Nairobi's Kibera slum brings misery, destruction and it's also an opportunity to many business minds people who would sell gumboots and umbrellas or offer to carry people who don't want to step on the mud at a small fee. The roads are impassable and streams of seasonal rivers would flood the slum region destroying properties leaving many dwellers hopeless.



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In Kibera, morning hours are calm and is usually a buzz of activities. Business-minded people in the slum would sell chapattis, mandazis, githeri et al to curb with the needs of the slum dwellers.



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Only about 20% of Kibera residents have legal access to electricity. The electricity power cables have been strategically placed all over the slum despite the rising number of illegal power leads that supply power to the shacks in Kibera.



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The Kenya-Uganda railway passes through Kibera. Along the railway tracks residents have established quite a number of business ventures and this has led to a lot of people living just next to the railway line. The government has set aside a relocation project that will pave way for the expansion of the current railway line to a standard gauge rail.



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Kibera has no strategic garbage management policies and therefore residents would dump their trash in any empty field. This will lead to piles and piles of trash around the slum transforming a once swanky green area to stinky arena of garbage piles.



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For security measure, Kibera residents have adopted another means of enhancing security among themselves. This is done by erecting fences around the area one lives in. the fences are usually shakily built but the motive behind it is usually to provide privacy and promote certain safety guides to the people living in a particular area. Most fences are made of corrugated iron sheets and dried up timber woods.

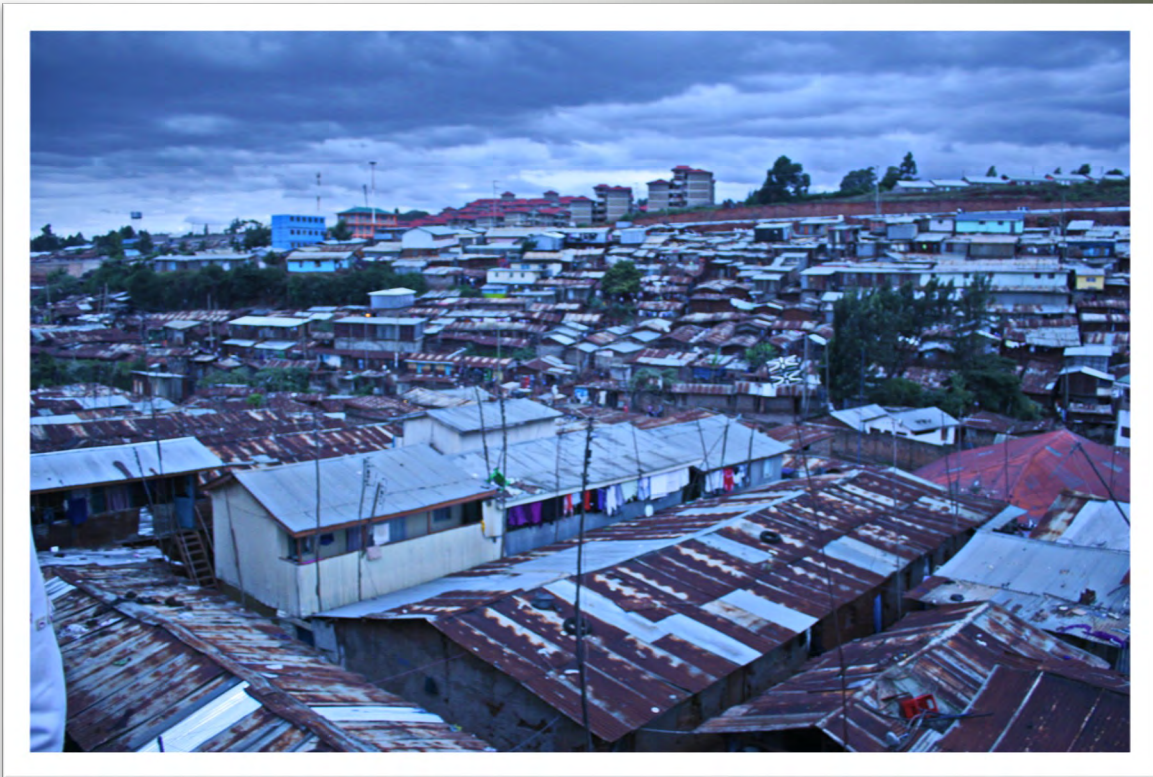


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Due to overpopulation and lack of enough space in the sprawling slum of Kibera, another method of sustaining the overgrowing population has been set up by the residents. This is the building of houses on top of each other so that they may look like flats made of iron sheets and wood.



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Most house in Kibera are made of mud, tin-can, wood or roughcast ballast. Some house are erected just next to sewer streams and when it rains heavily they are usually at the verge of collapsing and residents washed away by the turbulent waters from the streams.



NOVEMBER 2015

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When evening sets, Kibera is a buzz of activities from the people who are coming home from work and to the women who are selling various food items on the streets of Gatwekera, Kianda, Gatwekera et al. On a sunny evening the view of the sunset usually give Kibera that natural feel that you are home when the sun is setting towards the canopies of Ngong forest.



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