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## **OVERVIEW**

Makoko and its two-neigbouring communities, Oko-Agbon and Ago-Egun lay like three kwashiorkor-suffering triplets, victims of government neglect. These three communities are connected by a short bridge constructed over a wide canal in which there is stagnant, black and murky water.

Although the three communities are distinct, they share common history, characteristics and problems, and people generally refer to the whole area as Makoko.

Makoko is situated in the south-east of the Mainland Local Government Area and overlooks both the Lagos Lagoon and the Third Mainland Bridge to the east. The Mainland Local Planning Authority estimates Makoko's population at 85,840 in 2002 from the base population drawn from the 1991 census.

A population projection based on the 1995 figure of 51,336 and the growth rate of 7.5% means that the population of Makoko was 85,168 as of 2002 and 113,740 in 2006.

The selected section of Makoko is 72 ha in size with a population density of 713 persons per hectare. It is located within a 500m boundary from the coast line.

The community is in two parts:

- The major northern area which is the site of most of the famous "houses on the lagoon."
- The minor southern area is against a collector road along the south of the lagoon. Access to this area is separate from the access to the lagoon area, and therefore there is a clear distinction between the two areas.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN MAKOKO

Accessible and well-drained	14.3%
Accessible and marshy	64.3%
Largely occupied	14.3%

## Source:

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