

1B HOW MAKOKO IS PERCEIVED



HOW THE GOVERNMENT PERCEIVES MAKOKO

The government wants to clear water-top slums such as Makoko. It is willing to assist in relocation for those with a legitimate claim to businesses or property, but those who built illegally are another matter.

[NIGERIA: HEAVY RAIN FORECAST - LAGOS WARNS SLUM RESIDENTS TO RELOCATE](#)

“The work on the Makoko drainage channel is a work in progress. What we are doing now is to dredge so that we can reduce the instance of flooding. Makoko is a low line area in the state, so what we are doing is to minimise the instance of flooding, but ordinarily people should not live in the low line”.

Tunji Bello
Interview by Olasunkanmi Akoni
AllAfrica.com

[LAGOS AT CENTRE OF AFRICA'S POPULATION BOOM](#)

“Regarding Lagos’ wider challenges, Bello said the state government is seeking to have more affordable housing built as well as to attract more industry to provide jobs. He acknowledges that infrastructure has lagged far behind population growth, blaming much of the problem on the federal government, which Bello says has not provided Lagos with nearly enough financing.”

Tunji Bello
rnw.nl

[BULLDOZERS PURSUE NIGERIA'S SLUM DWELLERS](#)

“People in these communities built their houses without adequate planning. We are resettling them for their own good. If not climate change will move them.”

Toyin Ayinde, State Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development.
Interview by Ekwutosi Collyer
rnw.nl

[NIGERIA: POVERTY ERADICATION - LAGOS GOVT TASKED ON MAKOKO](#)

The OEF Programme Coordinator, advised Government not to demolish/displace the Makoko people whose lives are better on water, but instead, to find ways and means of enhancing their living standard through the provision of educational infrastructures, health facilities, portable water and improved environmental sanitation.

Olumide Emmanuel, founder OEF
Interview by Iheanyi Alozie
AllAfrica.com

HOW LAGOSIANS PERCEIVE MAKOKO

Consequently, irritated by abandonment and frustrated by enduring neglect, the people have continued to wallow in the slum. The government could build decent houses and relocate the inhabitants.

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O. Osobu

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MAKOKO FLOATING SCHOOL — AFRICAN WATER CITIES PROJECT

MAKOKO: PRO POOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND SUSTAIN

I do not deny Makoko is a slum, I have only one issue here, the Makoko shown to the world is only 1 part of it, that is the area called “Houses on the Lagoon”! Makoko is much bigger than the decrepit houses you see from the third mainland, it is a flourishing community.

Lagosian Blogger
makokoslum.blogspot.com

MAKOKO: THE WASTED VENICE OF LAGOS!

Consequently, irritated by abandonment and frustrated by enduring neglect, the people have continued to wallow in the slum, power outages, sanitary problems and overcrowding, with many residents surviving only on subsistence fishing”.

Dele Aderibigbe
tribune.com

BORN, LIVE, WORK ON WATER

While Lagos bubbles with life and lots of commercial activities, you need just a drive around town, especially to Makoko in Yaba, to see the other side of the ‘City of Excellence,’ where livelihood is on water and residents truly living below one dollar a day.

Obinna Emelike
businessdayonline.com

ALL AFRICA

But not all about the Makoko area is bad. There is a thriving catfish business in the area. One can get to buy directly as the fishermen bring the fishes they have caught to the shore. You may also get the fishes cheap.

Accommodation in Makoko is also cheap. It is cheaper than what you get in most parts of Lagos. This is probably why many residents would not be willing to relocate despite the acute problems in the area.

Lagosian Blogger
AllAfrica.com

HOW MAKOKO'S INHABITANTS PERCEIVE MAKOKO

We are happy and satisfied but we want government to build us both primary and secondary schools. We also need boreholes to give us drinkable water.

Photography:
Flickr user mudpix

DAILY TRUST

We don't want them to take us anywhere or give us land anywhere. We are happy they way we are. They should give us a councilor or representative, so that we can enjoy from government too. Sometimes our people fall sick and before we take them to land where the clinic is, they die," he pleaded. We are educationally disadvantaged as not many among us have received formal education. My people are more concerned about feeding their families and training their children to be better fishermen than about going to school.

Baale Makoko
Dailystrust.com

NIGERIA: LAGOS, THE MEGA-CITY OF SLUMS

"We spend 20 naira [15 cents] to buy water every couple of days and divide the electricity bill between a few families," said Merunu. "There isn't enough money left over to send the kids to school."

Merunu - local from Makoko
Irinnews.org

FEARING THE FLOODS - SLEEPING WITH ONE EYE OPEN

"Nobody wants to come and buy food while the dirty flood water is everywhere. I normally get very depressed whenever the flood prevents me from selling food, I will always wonder where I will get money to take care of my children," she said..."

Faseun - local from Makoko
interviewed by Sam Olukoya
Ipsnews.com

WE ARE THE ONES THAT SUPPLY LAGOS STATE FISH – BAALE, MAKOKO COMMUNITY

For a long time now, we have been in good relationship with the state government. They know us as the fishing community of this area. Right from the military regimes. When some areas were demolished in the state, Makoko was left. We are the ones that produce fish for Lagos State. The fish eaten by Lagos people is from us.

Victor Panke, Baale of Makoko
Interviewed by Onukwube Ofoelue
Nationalmirroronline.net

HOW FOREIGNERS PERCEIVE MAKOKO

Despite the extreme poverty, squalor and inescapable stretch of joy exists even here where playful children gawk and tease visiting outsiders and a vibrant micro-economy of transacting aboard makeshift boats seems to somehow flourish.

Photography:
P. Utomi Ekpei

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URBAN TRAVEL BLOG

Key to understanding the dynamics of this heaving mess of a city, with its dozen or so million residents crammed on top of each other, is a trip to the shantytown canals of the lagoon village of Makoko. Land is at such a premium in and around Lagos, that what was once long ago a small fishing village is now an open sewage slum on stilts where the poorest of the poor have been pushed off the land.

Chris Osburn
Urbantravelblog.com



Photography:
Chris Osburn

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Lagos: Inside the ultimate mega-city

Chaotic, sprawling, dynamic – Lagos inspires and terrifies visitors in equal measure. How do its citizens survive the world's most extreme urban environment?

Daniel Howden
Theindependent.co.uk



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