



Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDL)

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Kibera Public Space Project

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Initiator:
Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDL)

Location:
Kenia

Category:
urban-development, economy,
environment, social

Users:
Kounkuey Design Initiative,
Inhabitants of Kibera, Buro
Happold, Knyan Architecture Firm,
volunteers.

Maintained by:
Eco-Build Africa

Duration:
2006 - ongoing

Description:

Design interventions oriented to sustainably revitalize one of the largest informal settlements in Sub-Saharan Africa. The group of Harvard School of Design students partnered with residents, local design students, private sector experts and government officials to build a flood control system, a bridge to open a circulation route and a shade pavilion to accommodate more than 200 residents and their income-generating activities. Each enterprise contributes a percentage of their profits to site maintenance.

Goals:

Reinforce sustainability: social, economical and environmental.

Beneficial Outcomes:

Productive public space, and income-generating activities. Several community-based groups have been created, and construction is ongoing.

Images:

