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THE BIG PICTURE

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city of many faces
Community actors: a reservoir of knowledge & capacity
real learning from real needs

diverse community, context specificity

principal lens
nested knowledge, negotiated priorities
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DETAILS ON THE PROCESS

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Adaptation of different participatory tools to different contexts

Digital & Literacy Challenges → Printed Questionnaires → Drawing & Painting
Users Wish For Safe, Green & Vibrant Streets

Zebra crossing
Street lighting
Shade & Seating
Greenery
Art Installations
Ramps
Cycling facilities
Kiosks & Vendors
Toilets

Orchards w fruit trees
Underground metro
Simu ya Jamii
Casino
Free Clinic
Sports Hall
Green energy generator
Free WiFi area
Water pond with fauna
Streetscape Assessment: Current Space Allocation
Mostly vehicular

Design Concept: Multi-use and flexible space
At different times and different days
Ensuring the participation of ‘vulnerable groups’ via the use of ‘dynamic tools’ that enable an inclusive validation process.
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PERSPECTIVES FROM A PARTICIPANT

Rehema Kabare - WIRE
Community participation:
- Age
- Gender
- Class
- Level of education

Learning allows for each participant to take part in each activity at a comfortable pace.

INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE
ACTIVE LEARNING

- Using digital tools that engage the participant directly
- Visual and 3D learning
- Skills acquired are easily transferable
LEARNING BEYOND - IMPACTING CHANGE

- The process encourages broad thinking
- Learning that your voice/ideas matter - the value of inclusivity
- Responsive to actual needs
- Shifting perspectives

What can I do to improve the spaces around me?
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