Understanding Kenya’s Poverty

In the midst of the booming capital of Nairobi lies the biggest, hidden cover-up of the world: Kibera Slum. Kibera Slum is home to roughly one to three million peoples of all nationalities and tribes.

The slum dwellers are in about 250 settlements in the outskirts of Nairobi, which make up “60% of the Nairobi population, but occupying only 6% of the land” (Ouma 16). Kibera is a field and valley, about the size of Central Park, jammed with tin huts, eight people per hut, with urine and feces running in ruts of the rambling walking paths.

Kibera, being densely populated, houses the trifecta of diseases, murders, rapes, and deaths among men, women and children in East Africa (Odira 12). Despite the never-ending issues of the “chocolate city,” (18) the people of Kibera Slum are upbeat, positive, and
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Smith said that, “One out of every five children will die” (18) in Kibera.

The study showed that “One out of every five children will die” (Smith 18).

There are over “200,000 orphans who are abandoned” on a yearly basis (“Impact of Poverty in Kenya” 16).

The study found that the children will “die from diseases that can be cured” (Johnston & Brown 22).

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Smith stated that Kibera Slum is the most dangerous place in the world (18).

Kibera Slum is the most dangerous place in the entire world (Smith 18).

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Original Text: “There are approximately 2.5 million slum dwellers in about 200 ‘settlements’ in the Nairobi area, representing 60% of the Nairobi population, but occupying only 6% of the land. Kibera is a filled and valley jammed with tin huts, 8 people per hut, with urine and feces running in ruts of the rambling walking paths” (Ouma 16).

Summarized Text: In Cultures of the World, Ouma states that there are “2.5 million slum dwellers” (16) densely settled on a small portion of land in the city of Nairobi. These people live in small shacks that are connected by walkways filled with human excretions (17).
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