

CORONAVIRUS IN THE SLUMS OF NAIROBI: OVERCOMING HELL

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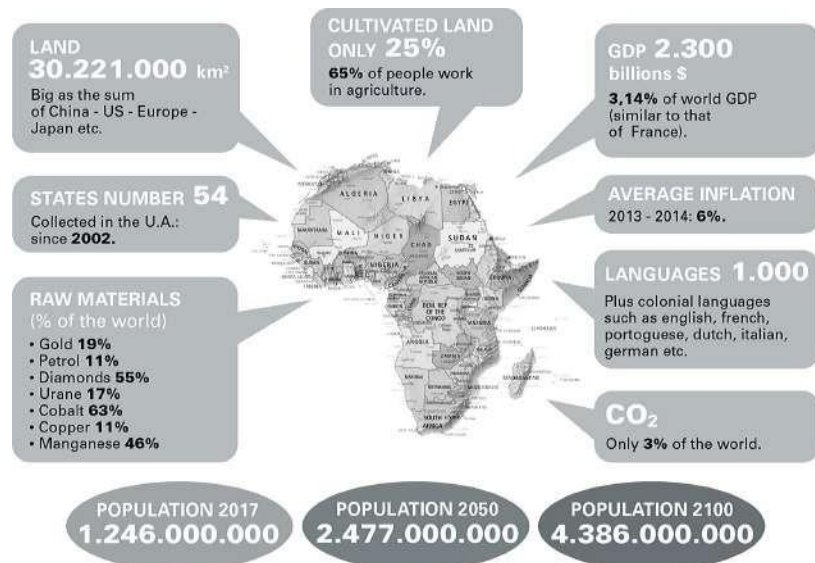


AFRICA: AN EXPLODING DEMOGRAPHY...

Today, more than half of the African population is under 20 years old and has a fertility rate of 5.5 children per couple. A total of **1.4 billion** will become 2.5 billion in 2050 and 4.3 in 2100: an **unstoppable and exponential growth!**

The African economy is reduced to a ridiculous space: equal to 2.8% of the GDP produced in the world, although geographically it covers 30% of the planet.

Africa is a giant from a territorial point of view, but an economically irrelevant dwarf. After years of hibernation, the continent experienced an increase in GDP of 5.4% between 2000 and 2010, thanks to the export of raw materials, and an increase of 3.3% of GDP in the following 5 years, slowed only because of the effects of the world recession and the Arab Spring.



... AND A WEAK ECONOMIC GROWTH

So, there is growth, but it remains very limited.

Wealth is created in an uneven way: one third of GDP comes from Northern countries, the most advanced in industrial and commercial terms (including Libya for its oil) and what remains is produced in about 44 countries in the Sub-Saharan area.

The same imbalance emerges from a brief analysis of **per capita income**, which is only \$1900 per person per year, about **\$5 per day**.

Half of the population falls within the absolute poverty line, with a daily income of less than \$2 per day.

The phenomenon is creating a vicious circle: the richer Africa gets, the more people are born, the less GDP per capita rises. All this is increasing social differences, widening the gap between poor and rich, creating strong social tensions.

AFRICA
AFRICA GDP DEVELOPMENT 2020 - 2100

AFRICA	2020	2035	2050	2075	2100
GDP \$					
% Year increase	4,00%	4,00%	2,50%	2,00%	2,00%
US\$	\$ 2.630.728.000.000	\$ 4.737.792.506.355	\$ 6.962.151.851.913	\$ 11.478.138.984.498	\$ 18.831.103.623.266
POPULATION					
	1.340.598.000	1.878.194.000	2.489.275.000	3.498.757.000	4.280.127.000
Increase	100	140,10	185,68	260,98	319,27
GDP \$ PRO CAPITE					
US\$	\$ 1.962	\$ 2.523	\$ 2.797	\$ 3.281	\$ 4.400
Increase	100	128,55	142,53	167,18	224,20
\$ per day	5	7	8	9	12

Source: IMF, "World Economic Outlook (WEO) Database", April 2019 Edition; available at: <https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2019/01/weodata/index.aspx>; UN DESA, "National Accounts - Analysis of Main Aggregates (AMA)"; available at: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/Basic/> and UN DESA, "World Population Prospects"; available at: <https://population.un.org/wpp/DataQuery/>.

SLUMS: THE GREAT AFRICAN ISSUE



If, as current data show, population growth in Africa will not be accompanied by adequate land infrastructure, **70% of the urban population will be concentrated in shantytowns**, areas without services, where people live in sheet metal shacks of a few square meters, without access to medical care or adequate hygiene conditions.

Will African cities have the capacity to reabsorb these enormous flows of people, organising an adequate supply of services, creating structures capable of permitting acceptable living conditions?

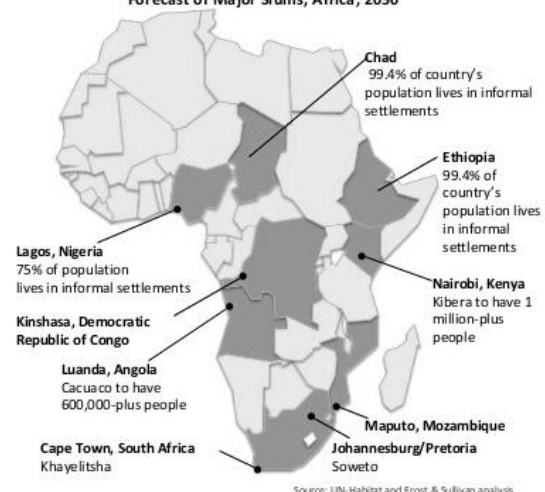
Indeed, it is difficult for such a large and fragmented continent, with 54 different countries, to deal with issues such as urban innovation, human development and sustainable growth in a flexible way.

Splintered Urbanization
African urban communities will be comprised of 70% informal settlement dwellers living alongside an emerging middle class, similar to condition in India.

Percent of Urban Residents by Type of Settlement, Africa, 2020



Forecast of Major Slums, Africa, 2050



THE KENYAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FACING COVID-19

The Kenyan national health system is not only lacking in facilities, personnel, machinery and medicines, but it is also, and above all, private: **most of the population has no access to basic care** (according to UN data, 4 out of 5 Kenyans have no access to medical care).

The virus adds to other endemic diseases and serious immunosuppressive disorders, from which many of our children also suffer. In Kenya, **6% of the population is affected by HIV** and has a largely compromised immune system.

Not to mention TB patients, pregnant women, malnourished children and severe malaria patients.

There are 150 places in intensive care throughout the country and only the wealthiest can afford to pay for their stay. In Kenya there is only one research institute, KEMRI, which can analyse swabs to identify people with the virus.

In Africa there are 4.5 doctors per 100 thousand inhabitants (the Italian average is 376 doctors per 100 thousand inhabitants).



THE SLUMS WHERE WE WORK IN

A wide expanse, as far as the eye can see, steaming, foul-smelling, multicoloured by coloured plastic bags that, when the wind rises, swirl in the sky accompanying the flight of scavenger birds hunting for food among the garbage.

A universe apart, with an intense life of its own: people bent over heaps of **rubbish** filling sacks with remnants of things; animals, dogs, pigs scrambling in the **dirt**; trucks unloading tons of **waste**; roads not designed but traced by the inexorable trampling of millions of men and women struggling in misery; improvised shelters made of rags hanging from sticks; smiling children running and playing on the edge of filth.

They are dressed in all ways and colours, they are cheerful and eager to live and, unfortunately, too often they are sick, even seriously, because the infant mortality in these places is still high.

This is **Dandora Dumpsite**, the largest open-air landfill in Africa: over **2.5 square kilometres of land covered with waste** and rubbish in the slum of the same name, bordering to the east with the slum of Korogocho, one of the main shantytowns on the north-eastern outskirts of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

The landfill is located 200 meters from our schools of over 2,000 children, all proudly wearing their uniform with red pullovers.



OUR SCHOOLS INSIDE THE SLUMS

In the slum of Korogocho we built *Alice for School* together with Grapesyard, our long-time partner.

Now the school is the largest in the slum with **1,200 children**, with many classrooms and facilities, with drinking water available for everyone, adequate kitchens (the slum children have lunch at school, so they have a guaranteed meal six days a week), offices for teachers, a beautiful library.

And then we added a small kindergarten - *Alice Baby Care* - to welcome children from 0 to 3 years old while their mothers go to the landfill to work.



In the slum of Dandora we have completely rebuilt a new primary school, the *St. Claire Primary School* run by Thomas Amunga and his wife Evelyne, attended by over **700 children** from kindergarten to our eighth grade.

We have also created a **music school** for the children of the landfill and a kindergarten - the *Virginia Day Care* - to take in 2-4 years old children of the landfill workers.



CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION PLAN



The Coronavirus has also arrived in Kenya, especially in Nairobi. Now there are few cases, but the fear that the virus will spread is very high. Schools have been closed; thus, children have no food.

In Nairobi, **the government has closed the schools** and taken several measures like the European ones. Lockdown for many productive and commercial sectors, curfews from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. and closure of all commercial activities.

If life in the big city is chaotic, crowded and promiscuous, **the slum is the ideal place for the spread of a pandemic.**

A slum is dense, crowded, without hygiene, without toilets and often without water or electricity, a place where people live in 10 square meters.

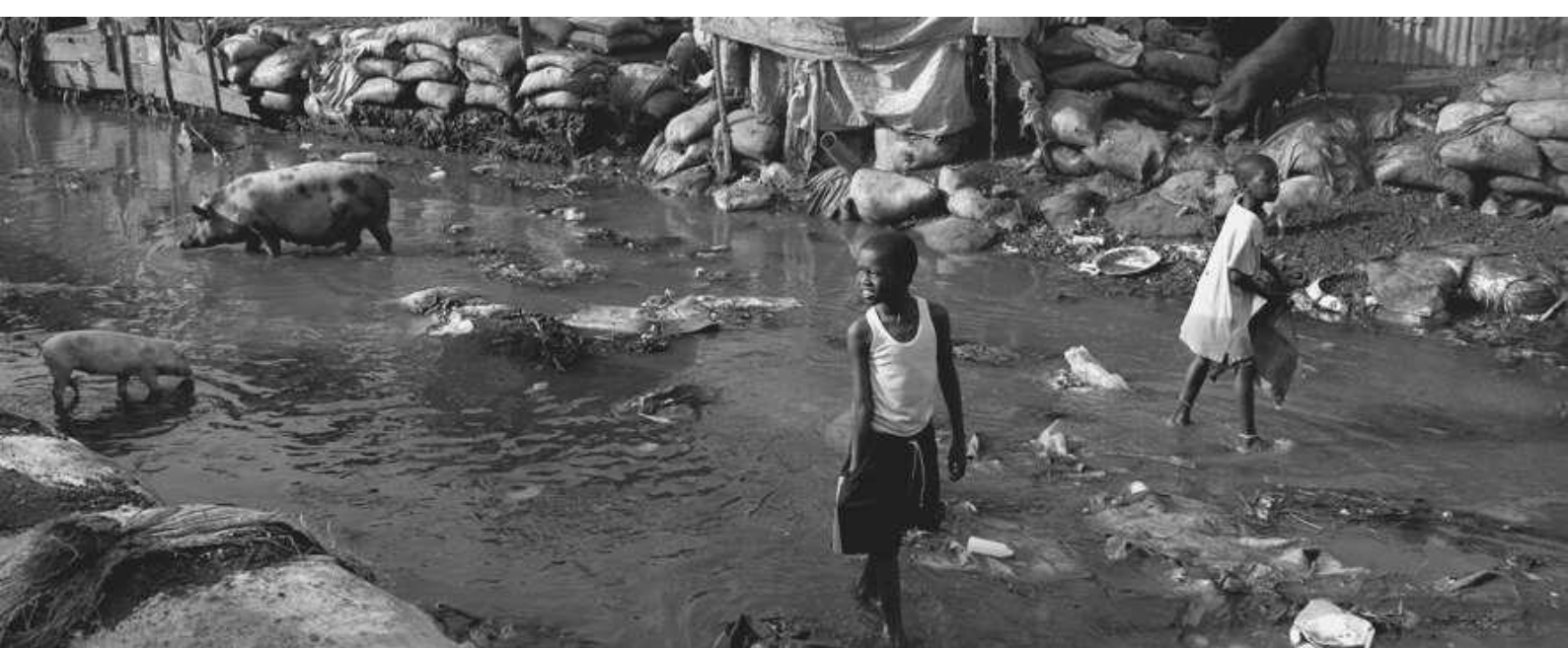
Moreover, it is not possible to give the indications we received in Europe and it is not even imaginable to follow them.

#stayhome.

This is impossible where our 2000 children live.

In this **context of degradation and marginalization**, the school for our children is a place of study, play and safety.

But above all, it is the place of the only meal of the day, which we guarantee to all our little students.



CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

#wehelptoo

There's so much to do

...and it must be done now

1. Continue to distribute food every day

even if schools are closed, being perfectly organised, going HOUSE BY HOUSE so that children can have their meals guaranteed.

2. Raising public awareness

of how to prevent the disease, especially for our most vulnerable children, those with chronic diseases, HIV-positive or malnourished.

3. Support government structures with medicines, tools and resources

that are already scarce in a normal situation. We will provide the two main hospitals - the Korogocho Health Centre and the Dandora 2 Health Centre- with the necessary tools to prevent and eventually deal with the contagion.



CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

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4. Setting up a mobile clinical service

in the slums with a nurse who with thermometers, oximeters and medicines controls the state of health of our children and their families.



5. Helping the kids continue with their education at home.

It will certainly not be an on-line teaching. But it is always a way to continue studying and keep busy.



How can you help us?

Through a free donation

It is the most immediate way to help us, directly supporting our Prevention Plan project and allowing us to help vulnerable children living in terrible conditions in the slums of Nairobi.

Involving employees and clients in a fundraiser

This allows us to offer quality medical care while also guaranteeing the right to food by supporting an appropriate feeding programme. The children and classes supported are the ones who need the most help and support in this time of emergency.

Sponsoring a child or a class

This keeps children away from the exploitation of child labour in the landfill and guarantees them the right to education. It allows us to offer quality medical care while also ensuring the right to food by supporting an appropriate feeding programme.

Giving visibility to our cause

to help raise funds and run our campaign.

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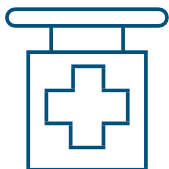
How do we use donations?



We support with continuous purchases **the two hospitals inside the slums** that are missing fundamental equipment, tools, medicines, personal protective equipment for the Staff



We buy essential drugs such as paracetamol, aspirin, antipyretic and buy and distribute new masks, liquid soap, hand disinfectant **and other equipment needed to prevent contagion**



We continue to **care for the chronically ill children**



We are buying **thermometers and oxymeters**



We hire **nursing staff** who, together with a staff member, go to the children's home to check the health situation by purchasing health and prevention equipment for the daily visit to 30 slum families



We intervene promptly in case of symptoms attributable to COVID-19 by taking patients to the hospitals we help.



We buy food (especially Ugali) and **continue to provide one meal a day for a week for our children** who are visited at home.

OUR PROJECTS



WHO WE ARE?

For over 10 years we have been working for orphaned, vulnerable, offended, sick and abused children in the slums of Nairobi. We care for 'only' 2,500 children, a drop in the sea of need, among the hundreds of thousands who inhabit the slums of the capital.

We take care of them with love and with a project that over time has become a path.

We have built schools in the slums to give them a primary and basic education, to give them clothes and medical care, to give them one hot meal a day. In the slum of Dandora, where one of the largest open-air dumps in Africa is located, we try to save the children from the terrible child labour and bring them to our school in Dandora.

Finally, we welcome in our orphanages the most unfortunate among these children, those with HIV, those abused, those abandoned. These children, together with other deserving children, we make them study and live as if they were children. Afterwards, these children have the possibility to enter professional secondary schools and food & beverage schools.

At the end of the training course, after 10/15 years with us, they finish with a specialization course at our Professional School of Italian Cuisine, Alice Italian Food Academy, also located in Utawala.



THE PROJECTS

ALICE VILLAGE: our orphanage built in Nairobi in Utawala district. Alice Village was born in 2008 on a land of about 2 hectares of greenery, where children can grow up far away from disease, abuse and violence. Today, it is home to 80 orphaned children from the slums, who are cared for and cared for by the mamies and local staff, who treat them like children. All children are guaranteed study, food and medical care.



ALICE BABY CARE KOROGOCHO: nursery created to help mothers forced to work in the Dandora landfill: thanks to this new project, inaugurated in 2017, mothers can leave their youngest children in a safe place, away from the fumes of the landfill and the dangers of the slum. At the moment in the Baby Care Centre our staff takes care of 20 children. The numbers are constantly growing.



ALICE FOR SCHOOL KOROGOCHO: primary school born in the heart of the slum of Korogocho to educate orphaned and vulnerable children, from 3 to 15 years old. As an association we are committed to supporting the management costs and salaries of the educational and administrative staff. Over the years, we have managed to guarantee 1,200 children the right to study and a hot meal a day and, for children supported at a distance, constant and first quality medical care.



ALICE FOR DANDORA: a program designed for the children of Dandora's slum, divided into four parts: a reintegration program for children working in the landfill; a newly built primary school attended by 500 students; a nutrition project called Food for Life, to provide a daily meal for 70 former landfill workers and their families; and, finally, Alice Music Academy, a music school to remove children from the landfill thanks to the power of music.



THE PROJECTS

ALICE KILIMANJARO NASIPA SCHOOL: primary school built at the foot of Kilimanjaro, thanks to which, since 2012, we guarantee education and a daily meal to about 400 Masai children. In 2013 we inaugurated the house to accommodate teachers, to offer children a constant school education. Over the years, we fenced the school against the invasion of elephants, we provided all classes of benches and chairs, we set up a fund for medical care and, finally, we brought the running water, thanks to a pipeline 12 km long.



ALICE CAMPUS - VOCATIONAL TRAINING: Every year we provide scholarships for our children, at the best secondary technical schools of food & beverage in Nairobi, to give the boys a concrete opportunity for vocational training that will take them to the world of work. In addition to the school education we also take care of the accommodation: we have made available to those who are away from home - or who cannot stay with families - a structure at our village in Utawala. Alice Twins House which can accommodate up to 20 guys.



ALICE ITALIAN FOOD ACADEMY: Alice Italian Food Academy unites Italy and Kenya, is a project of concrete and innovative solidarity, which focuses on professional training, internationality and excellence of Italian cuisine in the world. Alice Italian Food Academy is a complete educational program through which to teach aspiring Kenyan chefs the basics of Mediterranean cuisine and a deep knowledge of its main ingredients. The target of this project are the young people who come from the slums of Nairobi and benefit from our cooperation and development projects.





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