

# My public utilities due to lack of

Economics



My profound interest in contributing to sustainable cities through planning and design has motivated me to continue with studies in urban planning. Many towns, especially in developing countries emerged as a result of trade or transport routes; therefore, no planning or design was done for these towns. This has resulted in challenges in the urban setting like traffic, congestion, hike in crime rates, mushrooming of informal settlements and competition over public amenities.

In my undergraduate, I conducted my research thesis in an informal settlement in Kenya. The results of this study showed that most urban dwellers do not have access to proper housing and public utilities due to lack of inclusive/sustainable plans for all in urban areas. These are just some of the many reasons why I am motivated to undertake my masters in urban planning to solve these serious challenges.

Having taken spatial planning in my undergraduate, I have gained relevant skills and experience that have helped me grow in preparing planning designs for towns and cities, distribution of resources and how to ensure there is balance in population and the amenities available. I have had experience in spatial plans preparations for some counties in Kenya including rural, urban and regional studios. I have worked with private, government and international organizations which have also helped me gain relevant skills in this field.

These experiences have given me a better understanding of how to solve real-life issues using urban planning skills. I am aware of the excellent masters programs that your university offers; the practical experiences that

students are exposed to and the high reputation of your institution. I believe that the University of West of England is the best place where I can achieve my career objectives and professional guidance in urban planning. In future, I see myself working in housing and urban development sector in Kenya; embarking on master plans for cities and towns towards sustainable development. I hope to gain knowledge on how to integrate planning and environment, urban design for healthy cities and involvement of other relevant sectors in planning. I also want to get more understanding of the implementation of urban concepts, theories and policies in planning. The skills obtained from your institution will highly contribute to achieving my career objectives which I will apply in development activities in my country.

Further to my masters in urban planning, I would like to conduct research on growth and development of informal settlements and how they affect urban settings. I am looking forward to being a profession in urban planning, to contribute towards the common good of the future we hope for in urban areas. I believe this field will change the world, especially in developing countries like Kenya to improve socially, economically as well as environmentally. Masters at the University of West of England will be a valuable experience in my academic and professional life. It is my sincere hope that you will give me the opportunity to realize my dream