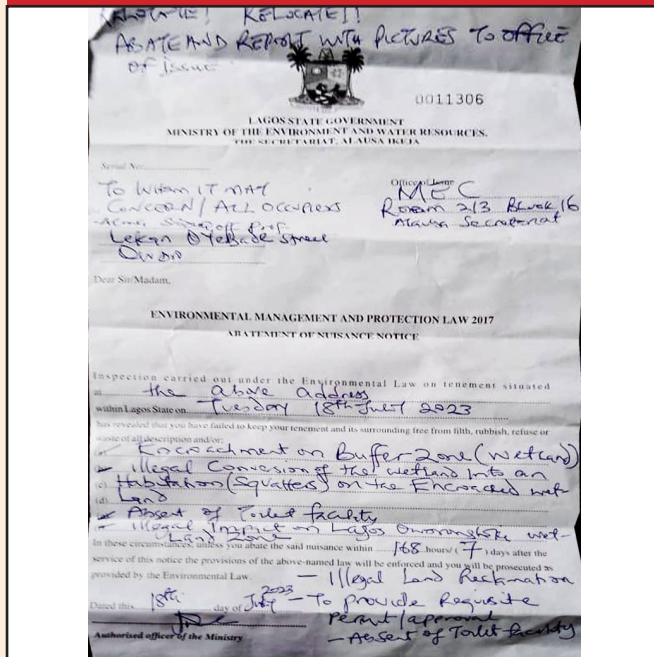


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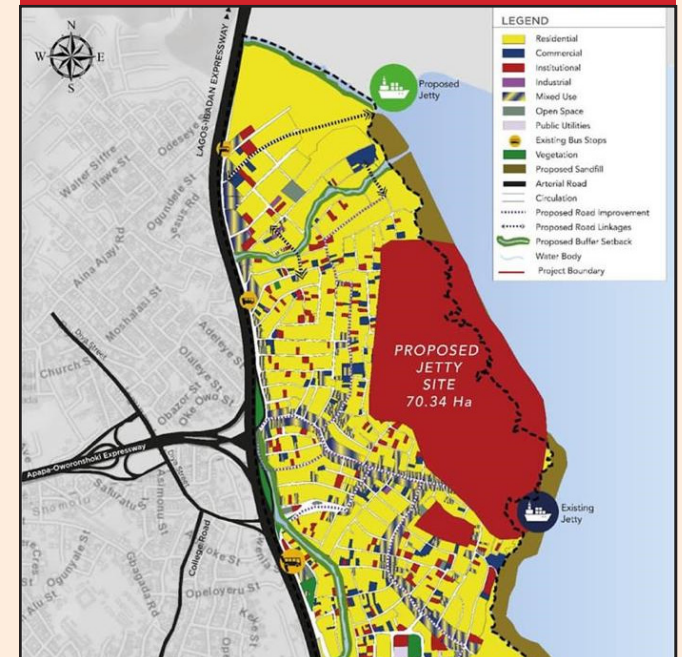
- Over 40,000 households in Oworonshoki - **7000 homes and structures were demolished** at the end of July 2023;
- Enforcement notice issued on July 18, 2023, by the Ministry of Environment **only to residents in Lekan Oyebade Street, Oworo** and a few more streets referring to the Environmental Management and Protection Law 2017;
- Issuing one notice for a whole street or community instead for individual residences affected is demeaning and deprives residents of their individual rights;

UNJUSTIFIED REASONS FOR EVICTIONS



- The Lagos State government's claim that the communities "encroached wetlands, illegally converted wetland and live on wetland" are disingenuous;
- The affected areas, such as the Precious Seeds Community, are **not on wetland but border the lagoon**;
- Government's own actions of sand-filling this wetland for development purposes contradict their stated concern for wetland protection.

SUSPECTED FOULPLAY IN PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

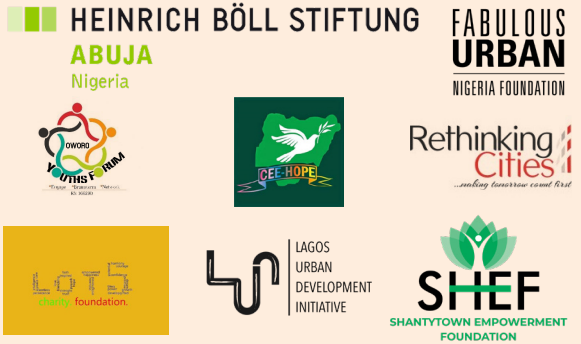
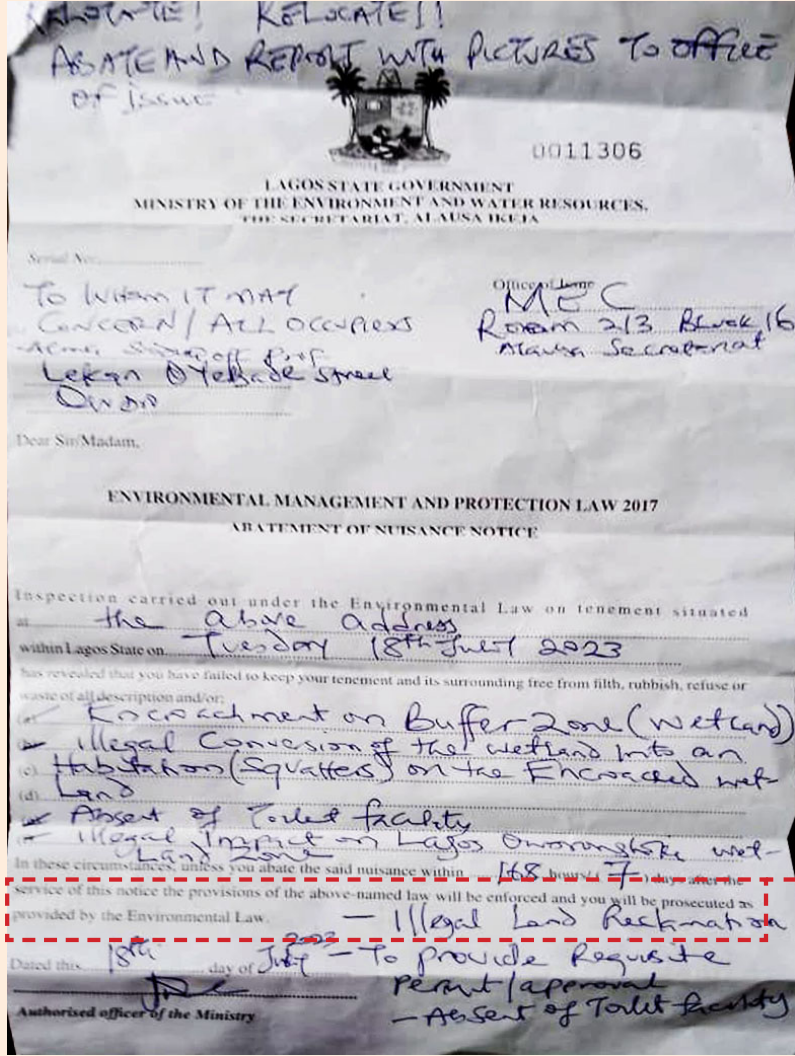


- The demolished area is assigned for a newly proposed Jetty site of 70ha in the recently published Kosofe Model City Plan (2020-2040);
- A functioning jetty already exists in Oworonshoki, built 5 years ago;
- The Ministry of Transport is responsible for the development of the planned jetty until 2035;
- **Why did the Ministry not discuss with affected residents their possible integration.**

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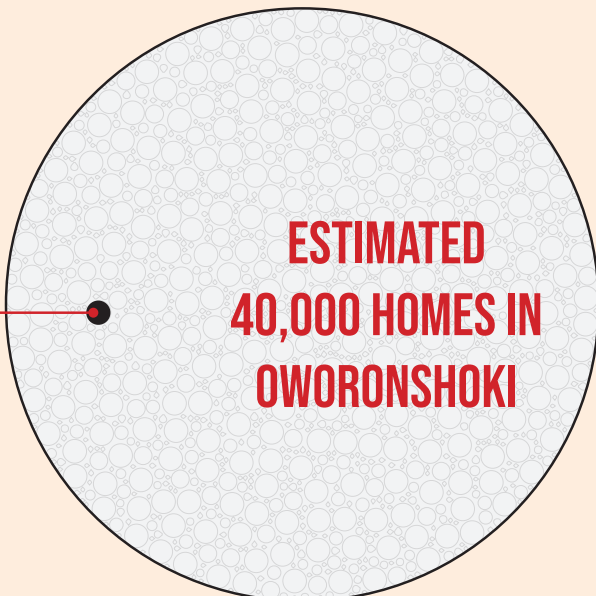
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The notice states that after 7 days of non-compliance the person will be

PROSECUTED
under the law; it does not state that the person's property will be **DEMOLISHED.**

- Demolitions were carried out by the **Lagos State Building Control Agency**, which never issued any notice nor gave any reason for its actions;
- This lawless action to ensure impunity is not befitting of a city striving to be the "leading economic hub of Africa" (Lagos State Development Plan 2052). **No one can feel safe.**



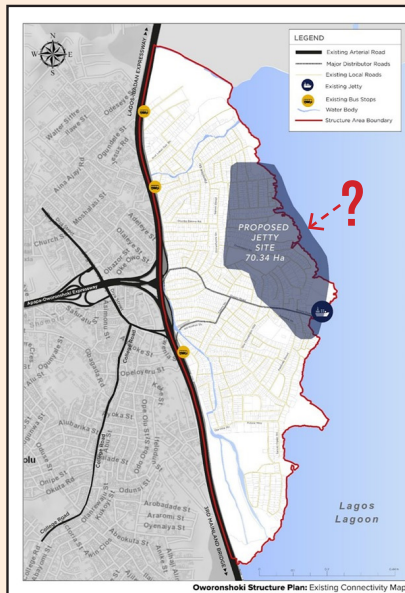
Two Streets Issued Notice

Only **two streets** received such notice. Meanwhile **over 7000 homes and structures** spread across several streets and communities were demolished. If Lagos state government claims to have notified all affected residents, let them provide all copies as proof.

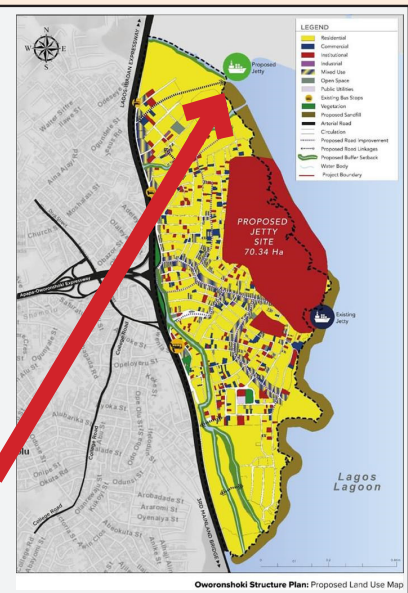
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IF ENCROACHMENT ON THE WETLANDS IS REALLY AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN FOR THE STATE, WHY PROPOSE SANDFILLS THERE?



The Lagos state government’s claim that the communities have “encroached wetlands, illegally converted wetland and live on wetland” are disingenuous, as many of the affected areas, such as the Precious Seeds Community, are not on wetland but border the lagoon. In fact, the government’s own actions of sand-filling this wetland for development purposes contradict their stated concern for wetland protection.

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Government claims that houses do not have toilets;

The affected communities, such as Precious Seeds Community, have shown resilience and resourcefulness by implementing self-help measures;

This includes providing mobile dry diversion toilets for themselves and their neighbors proving their willingness to cooperate if given a fair chance, recognition of their self-help and the support from the government.



PRECIOUS SEED WOMEN GROUPS WORKING HARD IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



IN 2022, THE WOMEN FROM OWORO SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS BRAINSTORMING WAYS TO DEVELOP SYSTEMS IN THEIR COMMUNITY

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**We demolished the
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**OTHER CITY GOVERNMENTS LIKE
MEDELLÍN (COLOMBIA) AND
DURBAN (SOUTH AFRICA) COMBAT
POVERTY THROUGH INCLUSIVE
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

IMAGE: MEDELLIN COLOMBIA; Winner of Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize after being labelled "most dangerous city in the world" only two decades prior.



**DON'T GET
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TO GET US
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**WE DESERVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIALOGUE WITH THE
GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THEIR GRIEVANCES**