

Rooftops Canada...



**...the international development program of
co-operative and social housing groups in
Canada**

Our Canadian Housing Partners ...

- The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHFC)
- The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA)
- The Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA)
- The New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association (NBNPFA)
- la Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation (CQCH)
- The British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPFA)

The Challenge



1.2 Billion people - one third of the global urban population - live in slums. The UN Millennium Development Goals only hope to improve the lives of 100 million by 2015.

Our Response...



Rooftops Canada partners with housing groups, cooperatives, NGOs, trade unions, governments and the private sector to improve housing conditions and build sustainable communities.

Wide Ranging Experience



Our partnerships range from grassroots projects to national and international policy programs.

Areas of work include...



- **Social/co-operative housing development and management; institutional development; housing micro-finance**
- **Community and local economic development; post-disaster reconstruction; housing-linked responses to HIV/AIDS**

The Housing Situation in Kenya



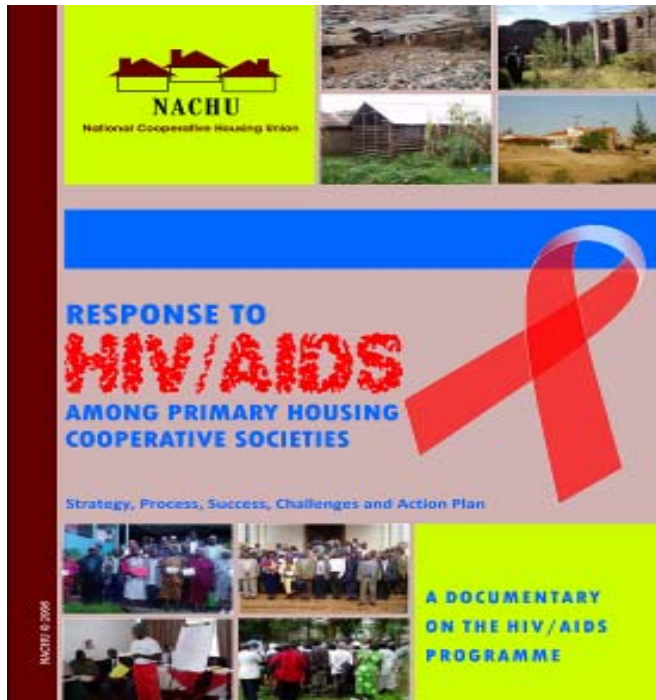
- Kenya's population: 36 million
- Kibera: world's second largest slum

- 45% of Nairobi's population of 3.5 million people live in slums
- Lack of basic services: sanitation & drainage systems, water
- Overcrowding, HIV/AIDS





NACHU, Kenya



NACHU promotes community mobilization, HIV and AIDS education and training, lobbying and advocacy around housing, shelter issues & human development. It also provides financial services to its members

NACHU provides loans



The home is the most important asset that poor people will ever own. NACHU supports step-by-step housing that is affordable to low–middle income families.

Housing Micro-finance (HMF)



- **NACHU encourages a culture of savings; minimum shs 200 per month (equivalent to \$3.40 CDN)**
- **Provides small loans (against individual and group savings) that fit the way housing is built by the poor – progressively and over long time periods.**
- **Networking**

2008: Post-election violence

- 300,000 people forced from their homes
- Co-op housing burnt to the ground
- Water & sanitation systems vandalized
- Shelter for HIV and AIDS orphans looted and destroyed



Violence hits home

- **Loss of houses and co-op housing illegally occupied**
- **Loss of sources of livelihood, income and capital**
- **Cooperative and social fabrics disrupted**



Way forward

- Provide humanitarian assistance to affected members
- Replace water systems so that communities can access clean drinking water



Way forward Continued

- **Reconstruction and house rebuilding**
- **Workshops to foster peace and reconciliation & strengthen social and cooperative spirit**



How can you help?

- Support NACHU's emergency response, fundraise & donate to Rooftops Canada
- Help inform others: organize an education event
- Sign up for our e-bulletin
- Keep up to date: www.rooftops.ca



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