

# URBAN POVERTY IN LAGOS

## The Identification & Cause

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# URBAN POVERTY IN LAGOS

- A. Definition of Urban Poverty
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# Definition

- Multi-dimensional
- Characterized by lack of purchasing power, exposure to risk, malnutrition, high mortality rate, low life expectancy, insufficient access to social and economic services and few opportunities for income generation.  
(Osinubi,2003)

# Identification of Urban Poverty in Lagos

- **Informal Market**
- **Ghettos**
- **Statistics**

# Informal Market



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# Ghettos



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# Statistics

- Poverty problems in the urban area is much higher than that of the rural areas in the coming years, since the growth rate of urban poverty is much faster (*Osinubi, 2003*)
- Currently, 30% of the urban population is below the poverty line and the percentage is predicted to grow every year (*Osinubi, 2003*).

# Cause of Urban Poverty in Lagos

# Increase of Urban Population

- Increase of urban population
- Increase in unemployment rate
- People become self employed in the informal market

# High Drop-out rate

- Low education level
- Unskilled labor
- Unstable & low income
- Cannot support school fee of their children
- High drop out rate
- Informal market
- Low and unstable income

# High Unemployment Rate

- Lack of job opportunities
- Become self employed in informal market
- Unstable and low income
- Oil industry developers

# Informal Market

- More people enter in the informal market
- Government has less tax revenue
- Lack of investment in infrastructure and education
- Lack of job opportunity
- Unstable income
- Vicious circle