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**STOP AIR POLLUTION**  
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Air pollution is a major health concern around the world. As well as reducing life expectancy, it lowers the quality of life through respiratory and cardiovascular diseases often leading to a reduction in people's resilience and productivity.

In Kenya, levels of air pollution are particularly high in informal settlements (sometimes referred to as slums), both outdoors and indoors. Settlements are often located near to industrial areas, busy and dusty roads, and sites of litter burning. Indoor air pollution is the result of cooking, lighting and heating with low-quality fuels in badly ventilated huts.

Attempts to improve air pollution and reduce people's exposure to it have been introduced in Nairobi's informal settlements in recent years, including awareness raising campaigns.

However, significant positive effects on people's health have not yet been reported.

Since 2017, the AIR Network has explored new approaches to tackle air quality, bringing together researchers from different disciplines and people who live and work in the informal settlements to discuss the issues, raise awareness and consider potential solutions. The network comprises fifteen partners from a wide range of disciplines, and over twenty five community participants who are residents of Mukuru, Nairobi.

The network used a mixture of methods to discuss, explore and engage with the issue of air pollution, including theatre, visual arts, games, story-telling and music. This exhibition charts the network's development and successes, featuring photography, community art, and mapping which were generated through the network's activities.