

I would tell a new person about the problems of Mukuru, there is burning of trash, we are also near industries and they can let their effluent flow into our trenches so if you want to live here you live knowing we have problems. We have many sewers and the problems we have here is sewage and the industries that let their effluent flow into or trenches/drainage channels (Community health visitor who makes a living washing clothes and has lived in Mukuru for 20 years)

People in Mukuru have to advocate for their rights in order to succeed. Otherwise people in Mukuru, if they cannot form a very strong advocacy, we shall go nowhere." (Community volunteer who has lived in Mukuru for 21 years)

In the open places, the fields, people burn tyres, burn wood...even the private clinic burns their medical disposables, that one creates a lot of bad pollution." (Community volunteer who has lived in Mukuru for 21 years)

"People need to know what they can do to improve air pollution, and the solutions must be those which are practical. You know these NGOs come with things, and then give you something that is expensive, and they don't listen to you...the politicians don't listen and come with solutions from Europe, that don't really apply." (Kenyan Doctor working in Nairoboi)

"Right now, there is an epidemic of non-communicable disease in Kenya, that is, chest problems, lung and heart problems, cancers, ear, nose and throat cancers, lung cancers, stomach cancers, all due to bad air. (Kenyan Doctor working in Nairoboi)

Leaders are sleeping it is better if residents depend on themselves
(Resident born in Mukuru who washes cars)

If your child asks what is air pollution – what do you explain? It is the presence of dirt in the air that we are not supposed to be breathing because it brings us problems. (Kenyan air pollution researcher)

We breathe dirt...from the sewer, and the smoke from those who burn trash (Community health visitor who makes a living washing clothes and has lived in Mukuru for 20 years)

In the evenings ... after 5 ... sometimes the industries just let go and there is a lot of smoke in the air (Kenyan air pollution researcher)

Air pollution is affecting most of our children...as an example, when my first child was delivered, it only took one week for him to be admitted to hospital for the respiratory system. (Local leader who has lived in Mukuru for 30 years)

Five AIR Network community partners received training in qualitative interview methods. They conducted nine interviews exploring the perceptions of sources, effects and solutions to air pollution from a range of perspectives including, community leaders, workers, teachers, parents, healthcare workers and scientists. The quotations on this panel represent a small selection of the diverse views which were gathered as a result of the interviews.