

The MSc and PhD students at the Wangari Maathai Institute visits the Dandora Municipal Dump Site, in Nairobi as part of their experiential learning



Wangari Maathai Institute students being briefed about the history of Dandora dump site



Dandora Dump site

The Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies continues to expose the students to practical issues. The 30th November 2015 tour was at the Dandora Municipal Dump Site. Dandora is the only dump site in Nairobi located 8 km away from Nairobi's Central Business District and serves as a provocative starting point for understanding the growing health, poverty, and sanitation problems facing the rapidly expanding capital and region. The dumpsite has been in existence for over thirty years in contrary to the international environmental laws, which requires closure of the dumpsites that have been in usage after ten to fifteen years.

The City Council of Nairobi established the dumpsite in the mid 1970s over a disused quarry in the then sparsely populated outskirts of Nairobi. The area is now home to about one million people. The intention was then to fill up the quarry but it has now developed into one of the greatest humanitarian nightmares in Nairobi's history particularly to the residents of Korogocho, Kariobangi, Dandora and the neighbourhoods.



Students at the dump site