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disposal figures for the housing sector

	Year 1969	Year 1976
State contracts	56.7 %	43.4 %
Local authority	7.0 %	5.8 %
Private	2.1 %	2.7 %
HRDU	26.7 %	
U.D.C.	3.3 %	

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figures demonstrate the fact that although the official policy is the provision of well-serviced low cost housing for rapidly increasing only a small proportion of the population will enjoy these facilities.

1.0 SANITATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The present situation for the urban and semi urban population in Kenya is one of great concern. The urban low income population is mostly housed in uncontrolled settlements in low cost substandard housing.

The estimated 14 million population of Kenya will probably double before the end of this century. Only some 12% of this population currently live in towns of more than 2000 persons and this group is expected to reach 30 % of the total population by the year 2000. In other words in the next twenty years urban centres have to supply sanitation and decent housing to another 7,5 million people.

To make things worse 63% of the present population living in low income urban areas earns less than kshs 300,- a month and it is not expected that this figure will grow in the near future.

The greatest challenge for the people concerned with environmental health in developing countries is that of water supply and excreta disposal systems in high density low income urban communities. Recent statistics show that only a minor part of the population lives in houses connected to waterborne sewerage.

Sanitary disposal figures for Kenya (excl. Nairobi year 1972)

Flush toilets (sewerage and septic tanks)	5%
Aqua privy	1%
Bucket	3%
Pit latrines	40%
None	51%

These figures give an optimistic figure.

Sanitary disposal figures for Zambia (Urban centres)

	Year 1969	Year 1976
Flush toilets	56,7 %	43,6 %
Aqua privy	7,0 %	5,5%
Bucket	2,1 %	1,3 %
Pit latrines	26,7 %	40,1 %
None	7,5 %	9,2 %

These figures demonstrate the fact that whatever the official policy is, the proportion of dwellings with full services is rapidly declining. Only a small proportion of new dwellings will enjoy these facilities.