WOMEN AND PARTICIPATION

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About Muungano Wa Wanavijiji

✓ Muungano wa Wanavijiji is a social movement of 'slum' residents and urban poor people in Kenya who believe that slum upgrading is possible, but only where communities themselves are at the centre of their development.

✓ Federation practice daily savings, data collection and fostering partnerships with local governments, community-led housing development, land tenure advocacy and informal settlement upgrading.

✓ The movement was formed in 1996.

✓ The Kenya Alliance pioneers a community (people) centered approach strategic urban development initiative by and for the urban poor. The Kenyan Federation is supported by SDI Kenya and Akiba Mashinani Trust.
About SDI-KENYA

✓ It is a small non-profit organisation that provides core technical and professional support to Muungano wa Wanavijiji, the Kenyan federation. SDI Kenya acts as a secretariat for the federation, making connections to formal agents, such as city and central government institutions, and to other development partners.
Background of women and participation

- Within urban informal settlements carry the baggage of poverty
- Women suffer most from systemic/structural violence
- In some communities’ women face the highest discrimination due to their gender
- Within the workforce most times women are used to subsidize the cost of labor
- Women are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change currently
Barriers

- Women are care givers they often lack time to participate
- Lack of basic services such as access to clean water, sanitation, schools and creches/daycare center's where they can leave their children so as to have adequate time
- Majority are single young mothers as a result they are the breadwinners and hence have not time to participate in meetings
- During implementation of development projects focus is on the hardware and tangible projects leaving behind the software issues
Women and sanitation campaign in Mukuru