

Land Barons

CivActs partner organization NAYO conducted a survey in Chitungwiza to understand how residents interact with land barons. Land barons are individuals or corporate entities that are involved in corrupt land dealings that leave the end-buyer in possession of illegal land. In recent months citizens who have bought illegal land have had their homes demolished by municipalities as they do not meet building and Council regulations.

35%

had fallen victim to land barons and had been sold land illegally

78%

of respondents know someone who was sold land illegally by land barons

Most respondents, 94%, did not feel that authorities had taken enough action against residential land corruption.

Residents Concerns Were:



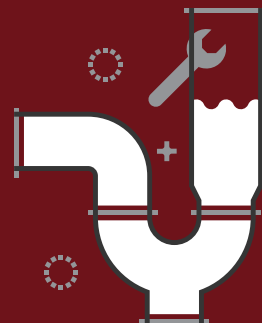
69%

of residents were concerned about being defrauded of their money by land barons



57%

of residents were concerned about land corruption



41%

of residents were concerned about blocked drainage systems due to construction on wetlands



44%

of residents were concerned about burst sewerage systems due to construction on top of sewer lines



Close to half of respondents had reported the matter of land barons mainly to the councilor - 47%, the police - 31%, and the municipal offices - 31%.

32%

received a response to their complaints.

68%

of respondents reported that authorities were not responsive to their complaints

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