

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN AFRICAN CITIES: EXPLORING THEORIES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES FROM SIERRA LEONE

WEEK 4 Vulnerability and infrastructure

STEP 4.1 Welcome to Week 4 (ARTICLE)

This week we will learn about urban risk in African cities, and understand how communities can map and build their capacity to act to mitigate the impact of hazards. You will learn about the work of Prof Adriana Allen with the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre, and particularly [their ReMapRisk Freetown](#).

We will learn more about the innovative work on urban health in the informal settlements of Nairobi done by [the African Population and Health Research Center \(APHRC\)](#).

We will then move to the exploration of urban risk in Freetown with John Rogers, the Director of Disaster Management in the Office of National Security of the Government of Sierra Leone, before reflecting on the politics of risk in Freetown and how this affects informal settlements.

We will discuss ways of understanding infrastructure in African cities with Dr Jonathan Silver, and then explore different issues including mobility and waste management, before opening up a more focused exploration of the importance of infrastructure in Freetown by the Freetown City Council engineer Mr Horatio Gorvie.

The week will end by drawing general conclusions, and setting up the next steps for remaining involved with the activities of [the Bartlett Development Planning Unit](#) and the [Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre](#).

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