

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

WEEK 2 Urban land and informalities

STEP 2.13 Informality, recognition and tax (VIDEO)

Video

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You will now hear from Mr Lahai Koroma and Mr Yirah O. Conteh, residents of the Cockle Bay and Dwazarck settlements and part of the Federation of Urban and Rural Poor (FEDURP).

In this video, they talk about being required to pay their 'city rates', or tax, to the Freetown City Council, despite not being recognised by authorities because of the informality of their settlement. They also describe the pressure they feel as residents of informal settlements to pay these taxes on time because of eviction fears.

Residents of informal areas paying 'city rates' was also discussed in Step 2.5: Producing land in Freetown's coastal settlements.

Cockle Bay and Dwazarck are part of the [Freetown interactive map](#).

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