

ABSTRACT

Effective space use in urban markets is a key element in their success as it directly or indirectly influences the cost of operation therein. The proposed has continued to experience space use conflict with incidences of people operating in areas not specified for trade, especially on market paths. This development project wishes to address the problem of space use to ensure effective functionality of the market, it intends to devise a model of solving conflict in space use by exploring design, circulation and management interventions.

Well-designed spaces accrue many benefits such as security, higher economic returns, better legibility and reduced congestion hence better market functionality.

The project made use of both primary and secondary data. It employed use of questionnaires, interviews, mapping, photography, observation and conduction of literature review as methods of data collection. The data was analyzed by use of SPSS, AutoCAD, GIS and MS Excel software after which it was present in different forms including tables, maps, photos and descriptions.

The development project outlines possible courses of action that can be taken to address the space use problem, from this, the best alternative is chosen depending on the pros and cons of each alternative as weighed against the desired goals, proposals detailing the best alternative are eventually made. The project concludes with an implementation framework of the proposed market improvement programs.