

Abstract

Kawangware open air market is located in Nairobi county, Dagoreti south sub county. The market lies between Naivasha and Gitanga Road. The market mainly serves the residents of Kawangware. The market suffers major accessibility challenges hindering its daily activities the accessibility challenges includes poor roads , inadequate support services, inadequate parking space, little space for loading and offloading goods, poor waste management, poor market mobility caused by hawkers and road invasion , poor drainage mechanisms and inadequate storage facilities among others. The research found out that these problems emerged out as a result of poor market management by the bodies concerned that is Nairobi city county . The study concluded by recommending that there should be a coordinated framework among various institutions concerned with management of the market , it also recommends on various upgrades on major roads, support facilities, drainage systems and controlled traffic within the market as these will realize a good accessible market. Therefore it is the view of this study that further research should be undertaken and focus in creating a model of a market that can be replicated in other cities and towns, that will operate more efficiently and provide benefits to the market users and the government.. therefore the title of this research project **ACCESSIBILITY CHALLENGES IN OPEN AIR MARKETS IN URBAN AREAS, A CASE STUDY OF KAWANGWARE OPEN AIR MARKET.**