

# Cities, Magnets of Hope

WORLD HABITAT DAY 2006 CELEBRATIONS, KALIKILIKI, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA



**Kalikiliki** is one of the 37 unplanned settlements of Lusaka with a population of under 50,000. Inadequate sanitation and waste management and lack of adequate clean water in Kalikiliki have led to yearly outbreak of cholera and subsequent loss of life. The settlement was chosen for this year's WHD celebrations because of the several developmental programmes undertaken in the settlement which are improving the living environment. These include the community survey and profiling work done earlier under the Sustainable Lusaka Programme, the water and sanitation development programme by JICA, worth over US \$ 4m, and the controlling of water flow from an earth dam which threatened to destroy hundreds of homes in the settlement. Preparations for the World Habitat Day, 2006, began with a two-day sensitisation training programme for stakeholders, who included the Kalikiliki Drama Group, on the meaning of the theme Cities, Magnets of Hope. The workshop was facilitated by the Ministry of Local Govt and Housing, Infotainment Movement, Zambia Women and Shelter Action Group and HPM. On the eve of the celebrations, waste was removed from the main illegal dump site in the heart of the settlement by the WHD Committee in conjunction with the Keep Lusaka Clean Committee and the Lusaka City Council.



Hundreds of people celebrated the WHD in Kalikiliki. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Govt and Housing, who was also performing the duties of Minister (this was during the election period when Government political structures had been dissolved) was the Guest of Honour. The celebrations were attended by the Lusaka Town Clerk, Government Directors, Chief Executives from the private sector, parastatals and from the popular sector. The celebrations were characterised with speeches from invited guests, dances and drama group performances. Below, the Guest of Honour commissions a low cost house model constructed by the People's Process on Housing and Poverty. About US\$ 21,000=00 was raised by the WHD Committee and spent on the celebrations. Far right is the WHD Committee members comprising, from right, the National Manager Zambia Low Cost Housing Trust Fund, HPM, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Local Govt and housing, Lusaka Town Clerk, Director Physical Planning and Housing and her staff.

