THE FUTURE OF CITIES:
FINDING A MIDDLE GROUND

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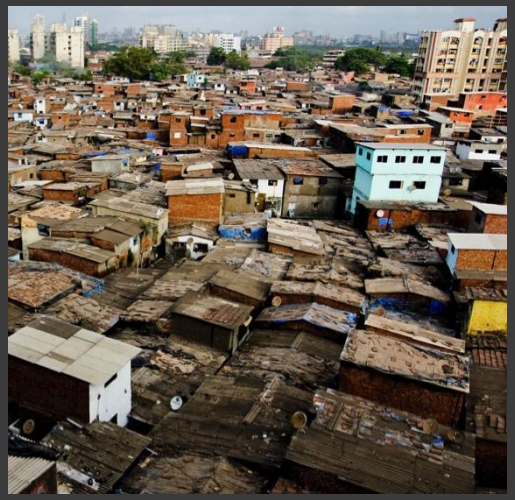

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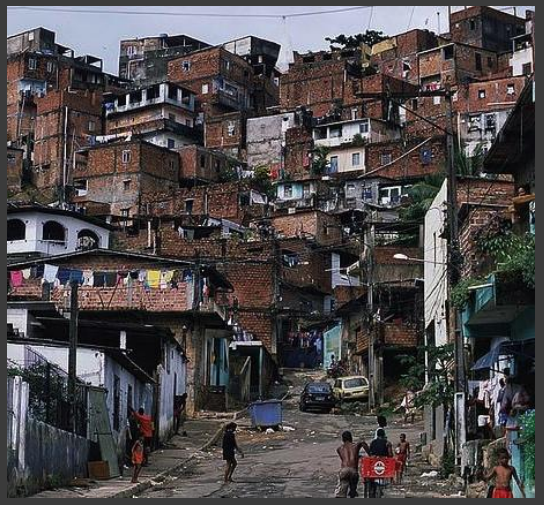

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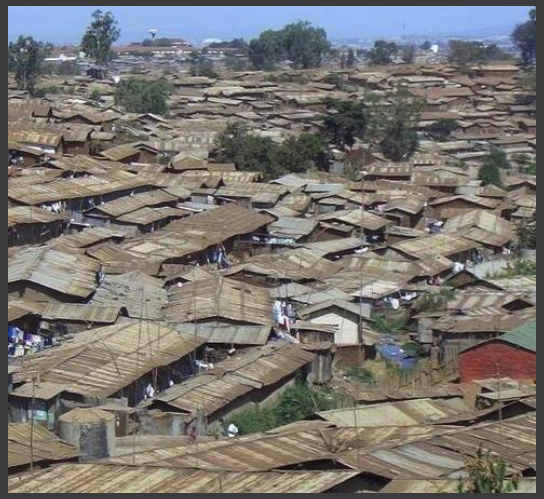

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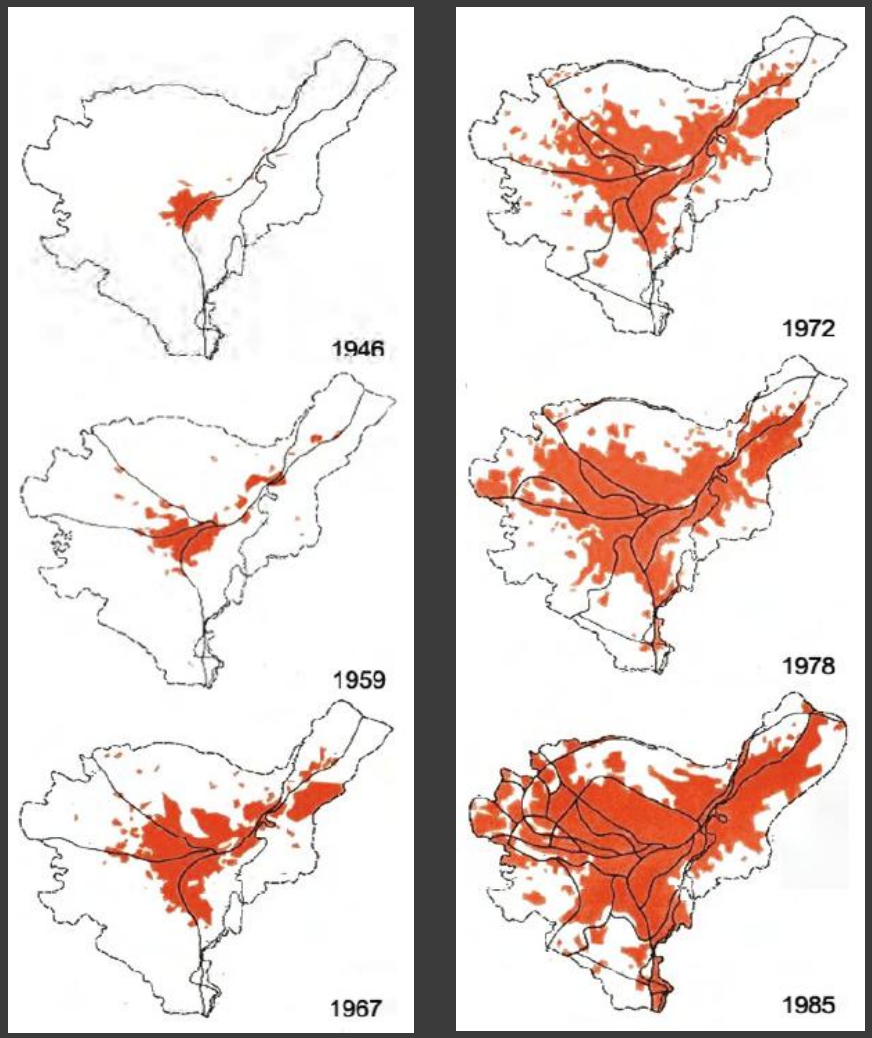

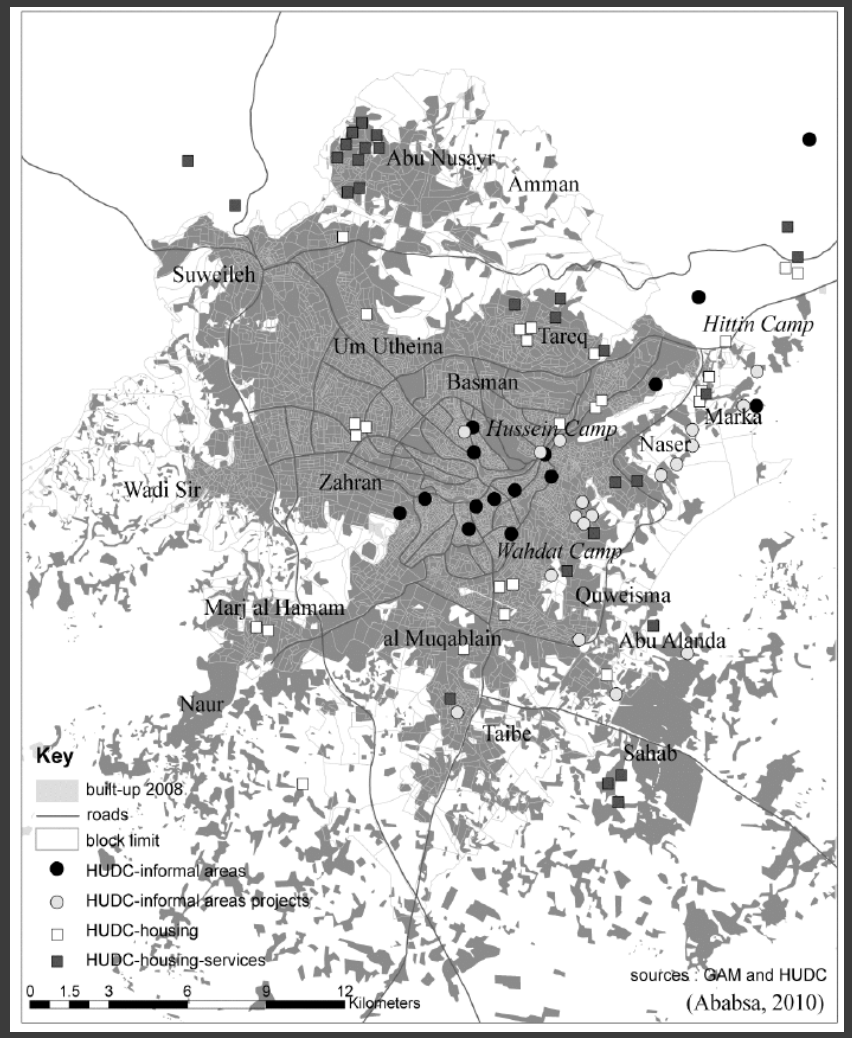

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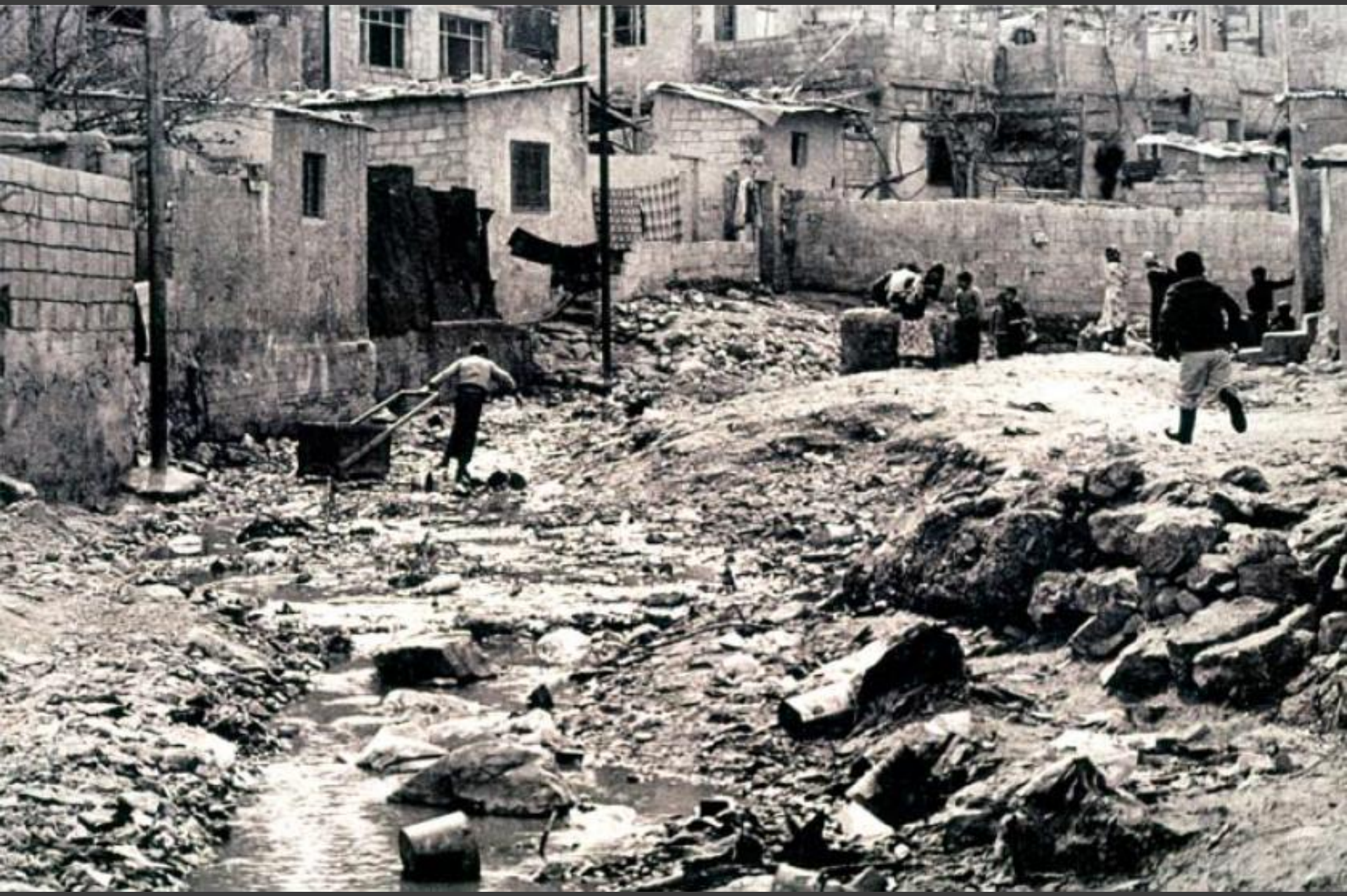

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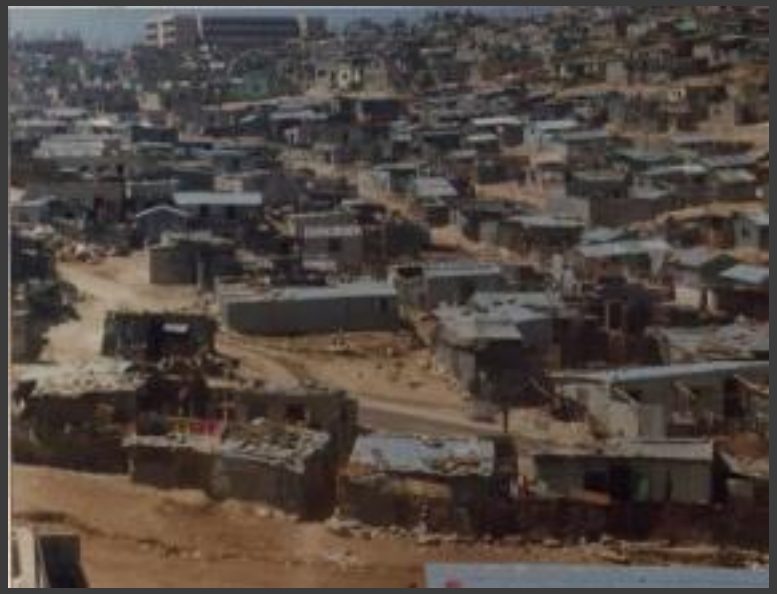

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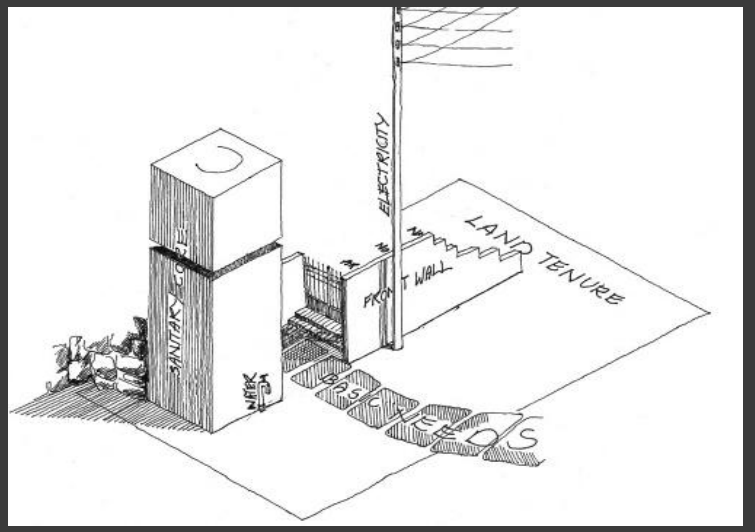

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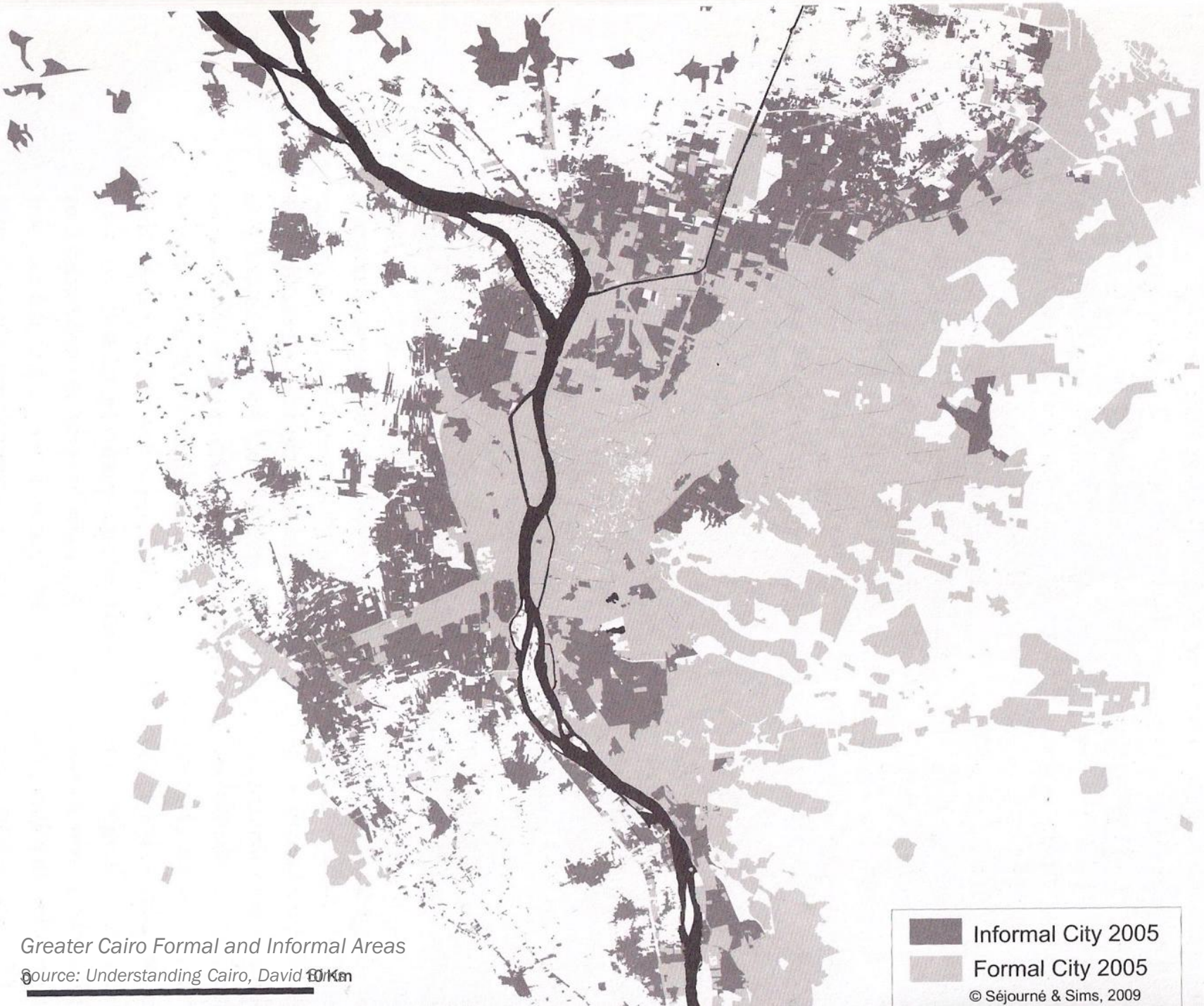
- Surveys conducted as early as possible to avoid issues at a later stage
- Cost effective and replicable
- Extensive consultation with the community
- No displacement of families
- Extensive follow up surveys to monitor progress and change (every 4-5 years)



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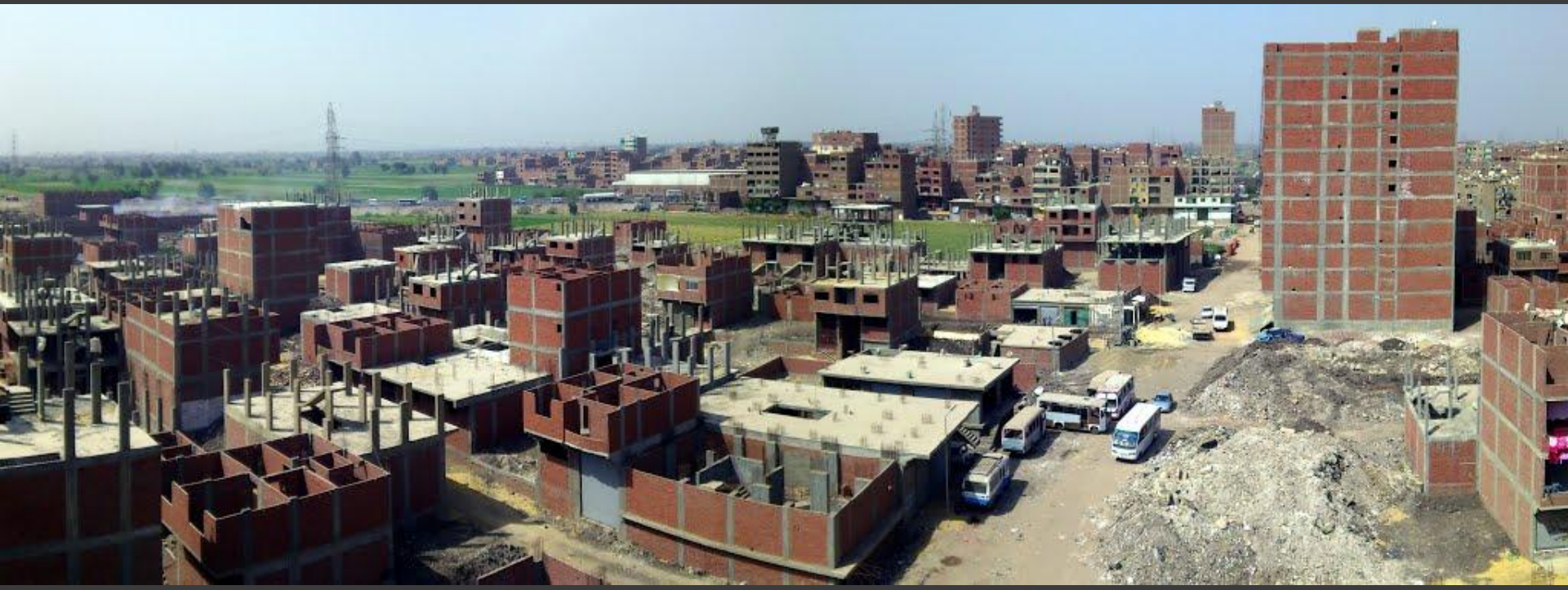

MEETING SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA

Environmentally Sustainable – energy consumption + utilization of scarce resources

Economically Sustainable – Support diverse larger economy and local economy

Socially Sustainable – Inclusive community, accommodating full range of residents

CONCLUSION

- Acknowledge the value of all communities
- Be transparent and accountable to all people
- Allocate resources toward:
    - Adjusted approaches to be equitable
    - Integrating and upgrading
    - Provide feasible housing solutions
- Collaborate to prepare and implement future plans accordingly

THANK YOU

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