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FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE UPGRADING TO ONGHENDAMBALA OPEN MARKET

Proposed Project Brief



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Introduction

VISET Namibia have acquired a minor injection of funding and have identified the Onghendambala Market as needing an intervention to energize the informal trade activities and stimulate the informal economy within the area.

The objective of the intervention is to first secure the Erf where the market sits, protecting the site from any and further encroachment, to make way for a future development which supports the informal trade already occurring the site and creating new possibilities and opportunities for informal trade to grow.

Background & Preliminary Findings

Onghendambala Market is located in Katutura on Eveline Street, ERF 3222. The market encroaches out of its erf into the street due to the waterway running in the of the erf.

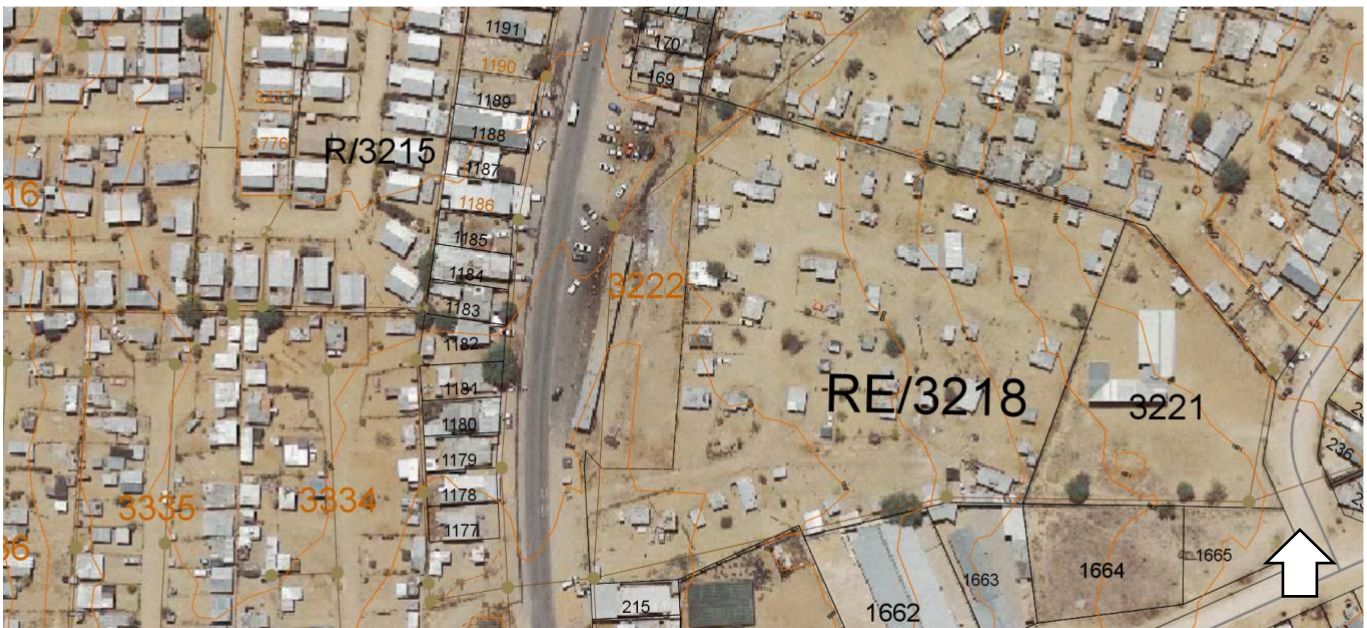


Fig 1: Site Plan

There are two auto-repair shops and a barber and salon built on the erf's premises. These are not part of the market however they would be incorporated in the master plan as they form part of the informal economy in the area.



Fig 2: Barber, Salon & Auto-Repair shops on the North end of the Erf.

The Market itself consists of a covered trading area and a toilet block. The building is open on the west where there is a steel colonnade to carry the roof and entirely bricked up on the east where the waterway runs. There are openings on the eastern wall however these are small and do not provide sufficient cross ventilation to the covered area. The floor is paved with painted demarcations to separate the areas taken up by one informal trader to the next.



Fig 3: Market space.

The market usually has 4 traders for the 26 bays marked out on the floor in the covered area and two kapana traders in the threshold space between the parking and the building. This is a sign that the market is not attractive for traders and a design intervention is required.

Proposal

The project will be broken down into two main phases,

Phase 1: will be a proposal to use the minor funds in hand to surgically address some of the shortfalls of the market and fence of the erf making way for the next phase of the development. What happens in phase one will also be used as a show of intent to attract informal traders to the market and interest investors to provide capital for the Phase 2.

Phase 2: will require a complete overhaul of the site, first beginning with the demolition of the existing market structure which encroaches on municipal land as this would prevent any new proposal from being approved at City of Windhoek. This would be in favor of a master plan which makes use of the entire site and incorporates the waterway in the design. This plan will provide facilities for the auto-repair shops to rent space as well as space for a greater variety of informal trade and service provision.

Action plan

The feasibility study will consist of a design for immediate implementation taking 30% of the time allowed, followed with a master plan and design for phase 2 which will take 70% of the time allowed.

Addendum

Design Proposal for Phase 1