HOUSING TERMINOLOGY

With the growth of the stock of terms within the field of Housing and Planning it becomes increasingly important to define these terms as a means of precise communication.

The following glossary of some 300 terms related to Housing and Planning has been compiled over the past ten years and was first published in June 1971 in an attempt to demonstrate the need for a precise vocabulary within this field.

The definition of a vocabulary being beyond the scope and capacity of the HRDU we have done what was within our means: to compile relevant terms and definitions from Kenyan and foreign literature in the English Language as an interim glossary for temporary use in Kenya.

A selection of more comprehensive glossaries compiled by international organizations is presented in the bibliography on page iii.

The terms and definitions are presented in the order of sources as listed on page iv. The sources are numbered in the random order in which they were discovered.

An index on pages v-vii lists the terms alphabetically with references to source numbers (before the full-stop) and sub-numbers (after the full-stop).

Several terms are defined more than once. The inclusion of a term in this glossary does not specifically imply the recommendation of the HRDU.

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