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URBAN PROBLEMS IN KOLKATA

FACT FILE

Where is Kolkata?

- At the mouth of the River Ganges on the eastern coast of India.

How many people live there?

- The population was approximately 15 million in 2005.

What is the infant mortality rate?

- 120 deaths per 1000 live births (2005).

What are the main causes of death?

- Infectious diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera and measles.



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PROJECT FILE

Project 1

A water-related project partly funded by an aid agency. It will repair leaks in existing water pipes and extend water supply and sanitation systems to some of the slum areas, improving housing conditions in those areas. Water treatment plants will also be built in areas of heavy industry.

Project 2

A joint government/self-help scheme which will improve housing conditions in some of the poorest areas by providing clean water and toilets. It will also provide low cost accommodation for about 80,000 people who are living on the streets. Half a million homes and businesses will be given methane stoves, reducing the need to burn coal.

Project 3

A large scale project funded by the World Bank which will be put in place over the next ten years. It will provide a waste-water system throughout the city, giving housing and industrial areas sanitation systems to take away sewage and polluted water. At the same time, some of the worst slums will be demolished and the area cleared so that new low cost housing with proper services can be built in the future.

KOLKATA'S MAIN PROBLEMS

Sanitation

- 30% of the houses have no toilets.

Housing

- 500,000 people live on the streets.
- 4 million people live in sub-standard housing.

Water

- Although 80% of the population have access to clean water, in some areas up to 40 families use one tap.
- During heavy rainfall water gets contaminated.

Pollution

- People living on the street suffer because of the noise of traffic.
- Pollution from vehicles and burning coal.

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