

# **Asia Urbs Work on Orangi Nalla**

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## **Abstract**

There is growing interest and speculation regarding the covering of the Nallas of Karachi at a waste management attempt. However, the proposal of covering of the Nallas remains a debatable issue. After the monsoon rains of 2006, the Orangi Nalla came under the speculation of the city stakeholders.

A land use survey was conducted by the NED University and students of Karachi University during the month of July 2006. The aim of the study was to develop an understanding of the socio-economic and spatial patterns of the built environment found along the Nalla.

Through the survey findings, the idea was to understand the process of settlement formation and in what way does the community adjust itself along the Nalla, which is an open sewer. The survey findings also bring to understanding the controversial aspects that arise incase the Nalla gets covered or suggests any possibility of an alternative proposal in either case. The following paper highlights some of the findings of the survey.