



# KEEP YOUR HOME STANDING STAND UP AGAINST FORCED EVICTIONS IN AFRICA

The phenomenon of forced evictions in Africa is a massive human rights scandal that should be stopped immediately. Instead of taking measures to improve the housing and living conditions of people, particularly those living in poverty, many governments are driving people further into poverty by forcibly evicting them from their homes and communities without any alternatives.

As long as governments are not held accountable, people will continue to be vulnerable to this gross violation of their human rights, with catastrophic consequences for their lives. We call on African leaders to help bring an end to these human rights violations.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Under international human rights law, evictions may be carried out only as a last resort, once all other feasible alternatives to eviction have been explored and genuine consultation has taken place with affected communities.

Governments are also required to ensure no one should be rendered homeless or vulnerable to other human rights violations as a consequence of an eviction. These obligations are set out in more detail in our leaflet. Take one away with you and use it to ensure that you, your friends and your family understand the rights to which you are entitled.

### ADD YOUR NAME TO THE HOUSE OF SIGNATURES

From 5 October 2009, World Habitat Day, people from across Africa will be adding their name to a “house of signatures”, a home for human rights in Africa. Some of these “houses” will be presented to African leaders whose influence could bring an end to forced evictions on the continent. Others will be given to African human rights activists in solidarity with them and their vital work of campaigning against forced evictions, often in the face of repression. These “houses”, including suggested texts for petitions which target the authorities responsible for forced evictions in their countries, can be downloaded from [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org).

### LET AFRICAN LEADERS KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

SMS your own personal message to +447786 200 220 [local operator charges apply] saying why forced evictions in Africa need to be brought to an immediate end. Your message will be passed on to governments all over the continent and will be displayed on [www.demanddignity.org](http://www.demanddignity.org).

**ADD YOUR VOICE, ADD YOUR NAME, STAND UP AGAINST FORCED EVICTIONS IN AFRICA.**

