

MUHANGA

A mining, logistics and regional trade center

A view of Muhanga city. © GGGI

QUICK FACTS ABOUT MUHANGA

Town	Muhanga
District Population	319,141
Urban	54,538
Rural	264,603
Population Density	530 people/Km ²
Total Surface	647,7 Km ²
Administrative entities	Sectors (12); Cells (63); Villages (331)
Distance from Kigali	50Km
Main Economic Activities	Mining, trade, agriculture

Muhanga, some 50 km south of Kigali, is the closest city to Rwanda's capital and has the potential to develop into a logistics, trade and services center to serve both south and west Rwanda. The city has the most central and strategic location of the six Secondary Cities. Muhanga is one of the preferred transit points for the supply of food to Kigali and most Secondary Cities are linked to Kigali via Muhanga.

Muhanga's strategic location makes it ideal for the further development of trade and other businesses, such as supplying goods and services at the national level, or to service the sub-region. In addition to profiting from outsourcing activities from Kigali, Muhanga has the potential to serve as a consolidation and distribution center for goods and raw materials from the surrounding regions to be processed, value-added, and then re-distributed to Kigali and other secondary and tertiary cities.

* Data from the NISR (2012 Population Census, 2021 Demographic and Health Survey 2019–2020), Districts Development Strategies, NLU DMP 2050, the World Bank and District websites. Population numbers are mostly taken from the 2012 Population Census and may differ from current figures.

MUHANGA'S DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND CITY MASTER PLAN

introduce some key green concepts and practices, which include:

- **Construction of waste water treatment plant (WWTP)** to receive and treat sewer flow and build a bulk waterborne sewer network to ensure that all citizens in the urban core have a connection to the sewer network so that it can be treated off-site at the WWTP.
- **Muhanga cultural and wetland parks** to revitalize tourism, conservation, and entertainment, and position Muhanga as a prized destination.
- **Green plaza and green buildings** for efficient use of resources.
- **Green development and wetland park project** as a buffer and recreational area, and an integrated green office development.
 - **Road improvement:** Pedestrianization and restructuring of streets and plazas in the CBD to form walkable and attractive green spaces.
 - **Commercial street upgrading:** Enhancing the street along the Kigali-Muhanga Road to support street activities and improve the pedestrian experience.
 - **Adventure park project:** A park with adventure-themed activities, recreational facilities, and events spaces .