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Availability and Quality of Public Parks in The Seven New Cities of Uganda

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Introduction

A study was conducted 2023

To comprehend the Urban Green parks situation in Uganda's newly gazetted cities i.e. Arua, Gulu, Mbale, Jinja, Masaka, Mbarara and FortPortal



Purpose

Start a public dialogue on protecting and safeguarding parks in the new cities

Enable the city population to harness the health and social benefits



Methods

(1) A systematic observation of the parks to determine the available public parks, and green cover.

(2) Interviews with 86 active open spaces users (n=25 female, n= 61 male)



Results

Availability

The study identified 109 parks across the seven cities.

30% of the spaces surveyed had sports fields,

30% green spaces

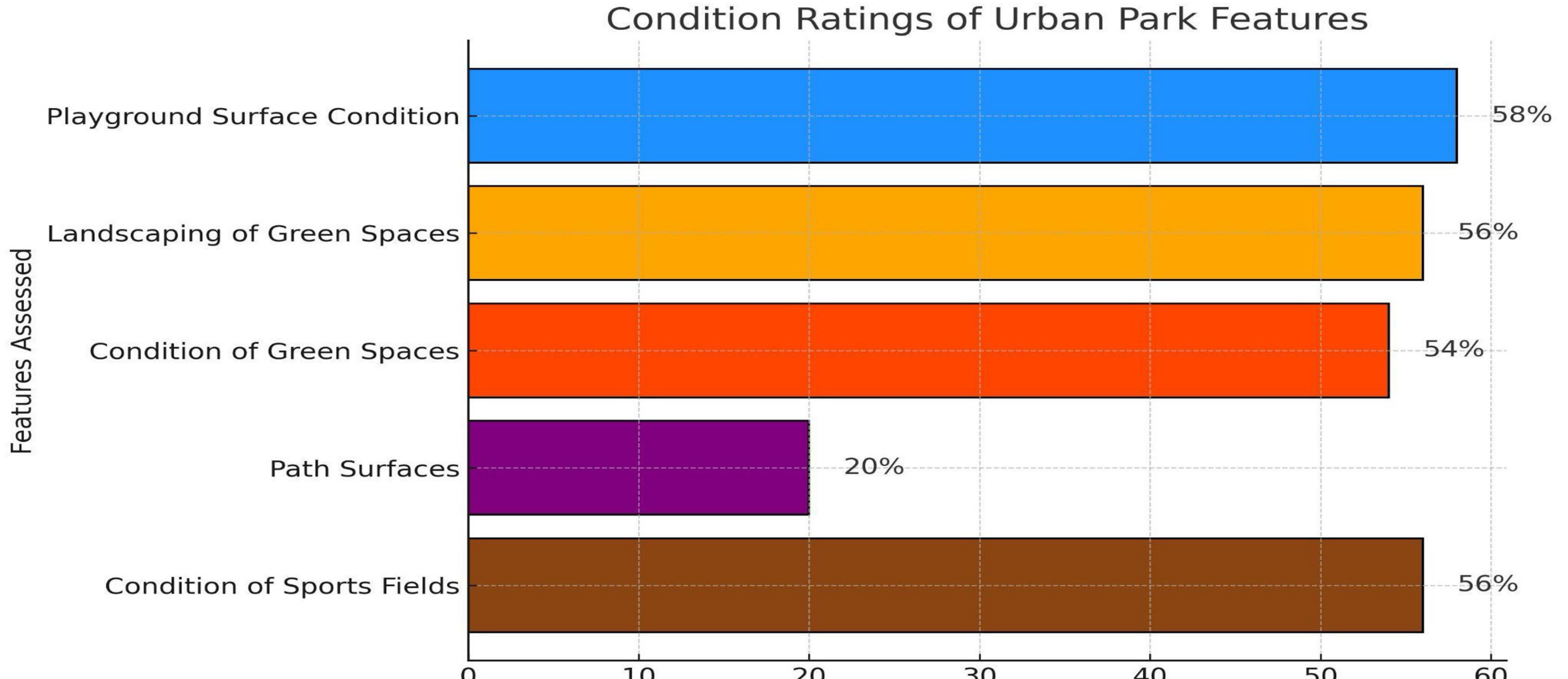
30% paths (paved and informal)

8% had playgrounds



Quality

Playground surface condition...Good



Tree cover

Trees were the most common source of shade in the:

Green spaces of 57% of parks

playgrounds of 49%

paths of 52%

bordering streets of 60%

6% of non-park users said increased tree cover would attract them to visit.



Discussion.

Number of public parks calls for protection

Improvement of condition of activity facilities

Parks have ample space which should be used
to increase forest cover

Recommendations

Start dialogue to protect, improve parks

Public awareness of health, social,
environmental benefits

Start campaign to plant trees in, around parks

Thank You.

