

AIC decision on appeal #84

**CASE NUMBER AI7115
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)**

(Decision dated July 2, 2021)

Summary of Decision

- The Access to Information Committee (“AIC”) received the remittal of the appeal by the Access to Information Appeals Board (“AIAB”). The AIC finds that the requested information is publicly available. For this reason, the AIC does not need to consider the appeal as remitted by the AIAB.

The Decision

Facts

1. On June 3, 2021, the AIAB issued its decision on the appeal under Case No. AI7115. In its decision, the AIAB decided:

Although the AIAB concludes that it must refuse the appeal for that reason--i.e., that the AIC had not yet made a decision--the AIAB also decides that procedural fairness to the requestor demands that *the matter be remitted to the AIC for it to hear the case on the substantive merits*, now that is clear that the Bank did reach a decision to refuse access to the information requested. (see [AIAB decision under Case No. AI7115](#), at para. 3, emphasis added)

2. The AIC finds that the requested information, namely the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the study on “[Enforcing Payment for Water and Sanitation Services in Nairobi’s Slums](#)” has been made publicly available on July 1, 2021. The IRB requested is available as part of the [Policy Research Working Paper on Financing Municipal Water and Sanitation Services in Nairobi’s Informal Settlements](#), dated July 2021 (Research Working Paper). More precisely, the IRB is available through the hotlinks on page 39 of the Research Working Paper, under Section A.2, Transparency and ethics.
3. For the above reason, the AIC does not need to consider the appeal as remitted by the AIAB.