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ABSTRACT

In Nigeria, burying the dead is a very important tradition which includes elaborate activities and requires meticulous planning and coordination before execution. Funerals were initially organized by family of the deceased on family property but as communities expanded, secluded areas for the purpose of interment were developed. In advanced countries, funeral homes were developed to relieve bereaved individuals from logistical issues which arises once a person is announced dead. In Nigeria, there are various funeral service establishments that deal with the sale of caskets, obituary planning, mortuary services, entertainment, officiating services, counselling and other funeral related activities as different outfits with very few organizations offering more extensive funeral services but doing so out of environments not designed purposely for funeral services, hence, reducing their efficiency and increasing the level of stress of individuals grieving. The aim of this study is to design a funeral home in Awoyaya area of Lagos State, Nigeria with a view to unifying major funeral activities practiced in the country in an accessible environment. In order to achieve this, the study has used existing literature and information from case studies to; identify the various funeral activities practiced in Nigeria, investigate how funeral activities are managed in Nigeria and identify the components of an accessible designed environment. Findings from this research showed that the few funeral homes in Nigeria that offer extensive services are not designed to be accessible to all members of the public, this study has developed an architectural design of a funeral home that conforms to the principles and existing standards of accessible design.