

2,000 face threat of landslides

ABOUT 2,000 squatters are living on slopes vulnerable to landslides, a government engineer responsible for an emergency unit has revealed.

Chief geotechnical engineer Mr Allan Watkins said the squatters would have to be rehoused before the Geotechnical Engineering Office could start work to stabilise the slopes.

The squatter huts are scattered in areas such as Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan, he said.

But Mr Watkins said the Housing Department's clearance programme had reduced the number of people exposed to such risks.

Since 1984, 58,000 squatter huts on vulnerable slopes have been cleared.