**SEEING WASTE PROJECT INTERVIEW**

**Interviewer:** Jonathan Kwangulero

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**Location :** Sunny Side Park

**Interviewer:** Hello, my name is Jonathan Kwangulero. I’m a researcher at the Polytechnic. I’m conducting research investigating attitudes and perceptions towards waste in an urban contact. As an important stakeholder in this community, I am requesting that you participate in this research by granting me an interview. The information collected will only be used for research our purposes only.

**Interviewee:** Yeah.

**Interviewer:** Okay, in order to gauge these perceptions and understandings you will be asked to tidy up the path from that end to that end. You will also be asked to keep any item that you may consider helpful. After this you will be asked to order the objects you interacted with from the most helpful to the most harmful. Then after that we will have an interview that may take 10 – 20 minutes.

**Interviewee:** Yeah.

**Interviewer:** What is your name?

**Interviewee:** My name is *male*.

**Interviewer:** How old are you?

**Interviewee:** I’m 68 years old.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what’s your occupation?

**Interviewee:** I’m a grass cutter with Blantyre city council

**Interviewer:** Okay, which object did you see/interact with first and why?

**Interviewee:** I interacted first with yellow tin can of Nido, and then I moved to other objects like plastics, bottles.

**Interviewer:** Okay, why did you start with damaged tin can?

**Interviewee:** It could be seen from a distance than the other objects, and I easily saw it was out of place.

**Interviewer:** Why do you think it seen from a far?

**Interviewee:** It’s because of the bright colour.

**Interviewer:** Which objects did you interact with and why?

**Interviewee:** Interacted with pizza box, milk bag, milk tin of Nido, scrap of cloth, dirty, clean, broken blue plastic dirty, clean, broken, soda cans, 5 L plastic bottle, broken plastic, maize cobs with and without kernels, broken glass, glass jar for the simple reason that these objects were visible from afar and everyone could easily note they were out of place.

**Interviewer:** Ummmhu!

**Interviewee:** These objects should not be here, people should put them in a bin for collection because they are making this place look unattractive.

**Interviewer:** Okay, can you order the items you interacted with from helpful to harmful?

**Interviewee:** I will start with 5L plastic bottle because it looks good and I can use as a water storage material.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** After that it`s maize cob with kernels for the simple reason it as food, and I can also use it as seed during this rainy season.

**Interviewee:** Do you eat it as it is now?

**Interviewee:** No, after roasting or grinding it into maize flour for nsima *(stiff porridge made of a mixture of water and maize flour)*

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Soda cans both damaged and intact because I sell them at a certain company at Kristwick in town. That’s why you saw me picking them up before you talked to me.

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) that’s why I asked you to take part. So how much is this soda can?

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) Okay! They buy in bulk; one full bag of 50kg is at K1000. So can I keep this?

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) I’m still using it, maybe next time. Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Pizza box because I can use it to make roofing for my henhouse or rabbit stalls.

**Interviewer:** Okay, how do you make the roofs?

**Interviewee:** I put the cartoon under grass or plastic on a roof structure to make the henhouse warm.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what about the harmful objects?

**Interviewee:** On first position, I will put glass bottle because it can cut people**.**

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** On second position is blue plastic because it negatively affects agriculture since it doesn’t decompose in soil. Subsequently, if one plant on that soil crops do not come out.

**Interviewer:** In what order? I mean there are there blue plastic bags

**Interviewee:** Dirty, broken and new because of their appearance.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** After that it’s the grass jars because it can cut people if left on this place

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Followed by that it`s the tin cans because it`s making this place look unclean.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The dry leaves shouldn’t be here as well because they are making this place look unclean.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

**Interviewer:** okay, reflecting on the context did it impact your categorization each object?

**Interviewee:** A park is very important because people come here study, relax as a result it should be clean and all these were shouldn’t be here.

**Interviewer:** Okay, looking around there are some items you didn’t clear up. Which objects did you leave and why?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh candy wrappers,rubble, matchstick box, maize cob without kernels because these things are too small and too small to see from afar and could be cleared up easily with a bloom.

**Interviewer:** Which objects belong in this context?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, green grass, flowers, and trees, and if we can have these things here then we can say we have a beautiful park. Plus a bin to dispose of object to keep this place clean.

**Interviewer:** Which objects are out of place in this context?

**Interviewee:** The objects like plastics bags, plastic bottles, tins should not be here, but in a bin to be disposed of at the landfill.

**Interviewer:** How do you think these object got here?

**Interviewee:** I think people are not compassionate with one another; they just throw objects any anyhow expecting the city workers to collect these objects. What people are doing is a burden to cleaner and show lack of love.

**Interviewer:** Lastly, how can we stop this?

**Interviewee:** By having awareness campaigns to make people think about what they are doing and change.

**Interviewer:** Okay, thanks for your involvement.

**Interviewee:** Welcome.