**SEEING WASTE PROJECT INTERVIEW**

**Interviewer:** Jonathan Kwangulero

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**Interviewer:** Hello, my name is Jonathan Kwangulero. I’m a researcher at the Polytechnic. I’m conducting a research investigating attitudes and perceptions towards waste in an urban context. 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 27 years old.

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

**Interviewee:** I’m a businessman.

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

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, I cleared up the dirty blue plastic first because it`s the most common rubbish in the city.

**Interviewer:** Okay, why do you think it’s common?

**Interviewee:** Aaah…. These blue plastics are usually used for packaging street food, so instead of people throwing them in a bin, they are just thrown anywhere in town. Yeah, so they are everywhere and they are making Blantyre city unclean.

**Interviewer:** Why do think people just throw them anyhow?

**Interviewee:** I don’t know, maybe it’s because we don’t have enough bins in town, or it’s just the way we are.

**Interviewer:** Why do you say ` it’s just the way we are`

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) People just throw rubbish without a careand everyone is doing it.

**Interviewer:** Oooooh! You one of them? (Laughs)

**Interviewee:** Haha (Laughs) everyone is doing (Laughs)

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) except me. Okay! Which objects did you interact with and why?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh! Just as you said, you asked me to tidy up the place, so I cleared up some of the objects to make this place look clean, for example, I cleared up the scrap of cloth, plastic bag of bread, biscuit wrapper, and milk bag.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu!

**Interviewee:** And picked up some because they looked like I can use them at home, for example the usable crockery, 5L bottle, tin can, wine bottle case.

**Interviewer:** Okay, that brings me to my next question.Can you order the objects you interacted with from most helpful to most harmful? and their potential uses.

**Interviewee:** First is the usable crockery because I can use that at home as a cup for making tea and drinking water.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Usable tin can for the reason that it is the perfect pot for making glue for catching birds.

**Interviewer:** Okay, how do you make that glue?

**Interviewee:** I cook sticky glue-like exudation from plants in that pot to make it very sticky that once a bird touches it, it gets glued.

**Interviewer:** Ooh! so the bird gets trapped in the pot?

**Interviewee:** No,I put the glue on wire and place it on ground with maize grain to attract birds so once a bird comes in contact with the glue on the wire, it’s gets trapped!

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Mhhh,wine bottle case because I can use that to keep small items like coins and screw drivers.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The 5L bottle since I can use that for keeping drinking water.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Aaah, that’s all.

**Interviewer:** Okay, objects which are harmful?

**Interviewee:** The most harmful object is the glass bottle because it can easily injure people who pass here.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu, what else?

**Interviewee:** The dirty blue plastic because it`s making our town look unclean, I mean they are just everywhere. Plus, it’s disgusting because if the leftover are left in the package for a long time, and seen by some people they feel like vomiting.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Scrap of cloth! You don’t know what the person who threw that here was doing with it, maybe he or she used it to clear a runny nose, and that’s disgusting.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Both grass jars, starting with the one that doesn’t have a lid.

**Interviewer:** Obviously, there was food in them, so once the left overs become rotten, it’s disgusting.

**Interviewer:** Okay, why is grass jar without lid more dangerous than the jar with a lid?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, flies can easily come into contact with the leftover easily, and at the same time it can easily break.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

**Interviewer:** Okay, reflecting on the context, was your categorization impacted by this context?

**Interviewee:** No, my categorization was only focusing on the object rather than the context.

**Interviewer:** Why is that?

**Interviewee:** I don’t really know. My focus was merely on the objects, like how these items make places look unclean and how they can be used under different context.

**Interviewer:** Okay, looking around the area I can see you have left some of the objects on the ground, which ones did you leave and why?

**Interviewee:** Yes, soda can, both damaged and intact, maize cobs, green leaves because those are small and I needed a bloom to clear up.

**Interviewer:** Mmmhu!

**Interviewee:** Plus you can`t clear up everything as people will think you are crazy to be picking these things.

**Interviewer:** Okay, I see cigarette butt………

**Interviewee:** I didn’t seethat, it’s just too small.

**Interviewer:** Why would they thinking you are crazy?

**Interviewee:** (Laughs)a normal person can’t be picking rubbish here in town, that’s madness!

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

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, green grass and not rubbish. Plus natural things that can make this place look beautiful.

**Interviewer:** Okay, you said rubbish shouldn’t be here, let me ask you, which objects are out of place in this context?

**Interviewee:** Broken glass, plastic bags, tins and cans because these things are making this place look unattractive. On top of that the glasses can injure people who visit this place.

**Interviewer:** Okay!

**Interviewee:** Yeah, dry leaves are out of this place because are making this place look like there are no cleaners here, and needs to be cleared up.

**Interviewer:** How do you think these things get here?

**Interviewee:** People just throw these things in town and the dry leaves fell from the tree.

**Interviewer:** How can we stop this?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, city assembly need to tell people to stop littering around.

**Interviewer:** Okay, do you think people can stop, because I believe it has happened in the past.

**Interviewee:** I don’t know, but what else can we do.

**Interviewer:** Okay, last one, what are problems of leaving objects like these out of place in a context like this.

**Interviewee:** The city doesn’t look clean and beautiful.

**Interviewer:** Mmmhu, what other problems?

**Interviewee:** Aaah diseases spread easily especially during this rainy season**.**

**Interviewee:** Okay, what diseases?

**Interviewer:** Diarrhea, cholera

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

**Interviewee:** Welcome.