**SEEING WASTE PROJECT INTERVIEW**

**Interviewer:** Jonathan Kwangulero

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**Location :** Sunny Side Park

**Interview : #**11

**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 our research purposes only and there are no risk associated with your involvement in the study.

**Interviewee:** Okay.

**Interviewer:** Sure, 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:** Sure.

**Interviewer:** Sure, what’s your name?

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

**Interviewer:** Okay,how old are you?

**Interviewee:** I’m 24 years old.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what is your occupation?

**Interviewee:** I’m a businessman.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what do you sell?

**Interviewer:** I trade groceries.

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

**Interviewee:** I interacted with a candy wrapper first because it was closest to me.

**Interviewer:** Okay**,** which objects did you interact with and why?

**Interviewee:** I interacted with rubbish like broken glass, blue plastics, shoprite bags, candy wrapper, 5L plastic bottle, scrap of cloth, and glass jar for the simple fact that these objects were making this place look unpleasant.

**Interviewer:** Okay, can you order the objects you interacted with from the most helpful to most harmful, and their potential uses. What’s your order?

**Interviewee:** The most useful object for me is the 5L plastic bottle for the reason that I can clean it with soap and use it as a container for drinking water.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** After that I can keep the clean shoprite bag for the purpose of carrying groceries from the market.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu!

**Interviewee:** I also find the scrap of cloth useful because I can use it as a patch for my torn cloth.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

**Interviewer:** Okay, can you order the objects you interacted with from most harmful, and their potential uses. What’s your order?

**Interviewee:** All these objects are harmful.

**Interviewer:** Okay, so can you please try to order them in regard to degree of harmfulness?

**Interviewee:** Sure, broken glass is the most harmful object because it can cut people easily if stepped on.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** After that it`s the blue plastic because it decomposes slowly as compared to other plastics.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what’s your ordering in regard to blue plastic?

**Interviewer:** That dirty blue plastic first, seconded by the broken one, and lastly clean one.

**Interviewee:** Ummhu,why?

**Interviewer:** The dirty one can attract flies because it looks like there are leftovers in it, whilst the broken one is not usable, and the clean one looks like can be used after further cleaning.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, broken shoprite bag because it does not decompose, just like blue plastic.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Aaah, that’s all.

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

**Interviewee:** No! Even if these (harmful) objects were at my home or on the road I would still regard them as rubbish, and the items I regard as helpful I would find them useful regardless of the context they are at.

**Interviewer:** Mmmh, glancing through, I can still see some objects. Which objects did you leave and why?

**Interviewer:** I left maize cob with and without kernels, soda cans, tin cans, dry leaves, sugarcane chafe, milk bag, and mango seed because they are not harmful, and unnoticeable from a far as such they are not looking so much out of place.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu.

**Interviewer:** And also it was difficult for me to touch some items like that mango seed because it`s gross to touch with bear hands.

**Interviewer:** Sure, which objects do you think belong in this context?

**Interviewee:** Grass and flowers because they are beautifying this place.

**Interviewer:** Okay,which objects do you think are out of place in this context?

**Interviewee:** The damaged plastic bottles, plastic bags, glass bottles.

**Interviewer:** Why do you say that?

**Interviewee:** They are making this place look unhygienic and unattractive.

**Interviewer:** Okay, how do you think they got here?

**Interviewee:** The people who visit this place to study and chill dispose items without bearing any repercussions they may have to their health and environment.

**Interviewer:** What repercussions do you think these objects have to public health and environment?

**Interviewee:** Some items like dirty blue plastics attract flies that spread food borne disease like cholera, and other items like plastic bottle, glass bottles do not decompose in soil thereby affecting soil structure.

**Interviewer:** Okay, least but not last, why do you think they do that?

**Interviewee:** Haha (laughs) the whole park as big as it is doesn’t have a bin so people can’t do otherwise.

**Interviewer:** Oooooh! That’s bad. What can be done to stop this?

**Interviewee:** The city council should put bins in this place so that people can throw such objects into.

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

**Interviewee:** Thanks!