**SEEING WASTE PROJECT INTERVIEW**

**Interviewer:** Jonathan Kwangulero

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**Interview : #**15

**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 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 *male*.

**Interviewer:** How old are you?

**Interviewee:** I’m 40 years old.

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

**Interviewee:** I’m a cleaner with Blantyre city council.

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

**Interviewee:** It`s African locust bean because they are numerous on this place, so it’s making this place look unclean and unattractive than any other thing.

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

**Interviewee:** I interacted with the blue plastics, biscuit wrappers, milk bag, sugarcane chafe, maize cob with and without kernels, scrap of cloth, shoprite plastic bag, damaged plastic bottles because these objects are making this place look unclean and unhygienic. At the same, I cleared up the glass jars, broken glass, soda cans, and tin cans for the reason that they easily cut people.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewee:** The crockery and 5L bottle to keep they seem usable.

**Interviewer:** Oookay!

**Interviewee:** Yeah, as you can see, this place is looking tidier than it was.

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) Yeah. Can you order the objects you interacted with from most harmful to most harmful, and their potential uses?

**Interviewee:** Mmmmmh, the most helpful item to me is the usable crockeryas I can use it at home as a cup for tea.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The 5L bottle for the reason that I can use for storing drinking water at home.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all I find useful.

**Interviewer:** Okay, tell me about the harmful objects.

**Interviewee:** The most harmful object is the African locust beans, then dirty blue plastic because those items were visible from afar than the rest of the objects. Consequently, they were making this place look more unpleasant than the other objects.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Mmmh, someone ate biscuit and threw the wrapper carelessly expecting someone to clear it up. This wrapper is harmful as it does not decompose so it is degrading the soil.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The milk bag because is useless and making this place look unattractive.Plus it doesn’t decompose in soil just like the biscuit wrapper.

**Interviewer:** After that are the blue plastics – broken and clean because they degrade the soil since they doesn’t decompose in soil.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** It’s the broken glass because it can without difficult cut people who visit this place.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** The glass jars because it can break easily and cut people.

**Interviewer:** Okay, in what order?

**Interviewee:** Starting with glass jar without lid because it can easily break than the one with a lid.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Crushed and intact soda cans because they are making this place look unpleasant. Plus, these type of cans do not decompose as well.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Okay, that’s all.

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

**Interviewer:** Mmmh, no, all the objects I interacted with are suppose to be in a bin not here, and certainly not at home. They are rubbish either here or at home because can make anyplace look unpleasant.

**Interviewer:** Okay, I can see some items on the ground. Which objects did you leave and why?

**Interviewer:** Branches, dry leaves, scratch cards, rubble, and wine bottle

**Interviewer:** Why did you leave them?

**Interviewee:** These things I didn’t see them, but should be here.

**Interviewer:** Why do you think you did not see them?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, as compared to other objects they were not very noticeable because they are small and their colors are not too bright to be seen from afar.

**Interviewer:** Oookay.

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) if I can remember back in the days in school, we used to have a cleanup activity after school, we were only picking up the big ones (Laughs)

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) old habits die hard. Ummhu! Why were you picking only the big ones then?

**Interviewee:** Aaah, it wasn’t a serious activity, we were just picking up objects that could be seen from a distance. Plus those small ones need to be swept.

**Interviewer:** Okay, which objects belong in this context?

**Interviewee:** Green grass, flowers**,** I mean if we can bring any other object other than those, then we will make this park unappealing.

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

**Interviewee:** The plastics, broken bottles, glasses, I mean every over objects aside from the flowers and grass.

**Interviewer:** How do you think those objects got here?

**Interviewee:** Some are blown by the wind but majority come from the people who come here to read and relax. These people throw rubbish anyhow expecting other people to clear up. But where do you expect these people to come from, what if these people do not come. Yeah, we have a problem.

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

**Interviewee:** People must be responsible for what the other person is doing in terms of littering. People need to rise against whoever is doing this, maybe then we will have a clean city.

**Interviewee:** Lastly, what are the problems of littering in this context?

**Interviewer:** It’s making Blantyre look unclean and this may stop people from other countries from coming here, they may be saying Blantyre is unclean and all those things. It’s a shame.

**Interviewer:** Thanks for your participation.

**Interviewee:** Welcome.