**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 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 18 years old.

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

**Interviewee:** I’m a student.

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

**Interviewee:** Dirty blue plastic because I see it many times for the fact that people use them as take away packaging so after eating they dispose them off anyhow. So, blue plastic I can say is making this place unclean and many places in town as well.

**Interviewer:** There are three kinds of blue plastic, why did you start with the dirty one, and not the other two?

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) okay, mmmh dirty blue plastic can attract flies unlike the other blue ones because it looks like there are leftovers in it…. As you know flies exacerbate spread of food borne diseases.

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

**Interviewee:** I interacted with objects likedirty blue plastic, clean blue plastic, maize cob with and without kernels, plastic bottles, sugarcane chafe because these objects were making this place look unclean and unappealing. Also, I interacted with objects which have a potential of injuring people like the broken glass, soda cans, glass jars before they do.

**Interviewer:** Sure, can you order the objects you interacted with from most helpful to most harmful?

**Interviewee:** The 5L plastic bottle because it can be recycled into a durable plastic pipes for irrigation because of its thickness.

**Interviewer:** So the assumption is, thick plastic make tough or strong plastic after recycling?

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) Obviously!

**Interviewer:** Okaaay.

**Interviewee:** after that it’s the clean shoprite plastic bag for the reason that I can use it to carry groceries from the market.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The rest I don’t know how useful they might be.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what about those objects you see and interacted with and find harmful?

**Interviewee:** The government says blue plastic should not be used because it is damaging the environment because it does not decompose.

**Interviewer:** Where did you get that information?

**Interviewee:** I heard it on radio and TV.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** After that it’s broken glass because it can cut people easily.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewee:** Then wine glass bottle because it can break with no trouble and cut people.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Broken shoprite plastic bag, uuuh it could have been on the same level as the blue plastic but this one decompose much easier in soil than blue plastic.

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) interesting to hear that. I mean all the people I have interviewed you are the first one to see that difference.

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) Okaaaay!

**Interviewer:** Again, where did you get that information?

**Interviewee:** (Laughs) TV

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) TV is making you smart…… Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Plastic bottle without lid and then plastic with lid because they make soil unproductive since they do not decompose in soil. However, they can be recycled so they are not that damaging.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all**.**

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

**Interviewer:** Mmmh…No! This is a gathering place and just like any other place in town it should be clean, thus my categorization was based on this context so as to keep it clean bearing in mind other contexts, as much as I would keep some items things for usage in other places.

**Interviewee:** Okay, I can see some objects on the ground, which items did you leave and why?

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) Yeah, green leaves, dry leaves, pizza box because those items are not harmful to human beings and the environment since they easily decompose into manure essential for trees and grass.

**Interviewer:** Ooookaay!

**Interviewee:** Plus I didn’t see them quick as I did with other items.

**Interviewer:** Why?

**Interviewee:** They are very unnoticeable from a distance and I see them not too often.

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

**Interviewee:** This place should have things like grass, trees and bins to throw rubbish into so as to keep this place look beautiful.

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

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, plastics because they are making this place unattended an unclean. On top of that broken grass, grass jars because can injure people easily.

**Interviewer:** Sure, how do you think these objects got here?

**Interviewee:** The people who come to chill and read throw plastic bags after eating.

**Interviewer:** Why do you think they litter around?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, I don’t know.

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

**Interviewee:** Maybe if there can be bins around this area.

**Interviewer:** What are the problems of littering in this context?

**Interviewee:** It makes this place look unattractive**.**

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

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

**Interviewee:** Thanks.