**SEEING WASTE PROJECT INTERVIEW**

**Interviewer:** Jonathan Kwangulero

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**Location :** Sunny Side Park

**Interview :** #18

**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:** *male*.

**Interviewer:** How old are you?

**Interviewee:** I’m 25 years old.

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

**Interviewee:** I’m a landscaper.

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

**Interviewee:** I interacted first with dirty blue plastic because it`s making this place look unpleasant especially during this rainy season and it can easily find its way into that river.

**Interviewer:** Okaaaay

**Interviewer:** yeah, also it degrades soil because it does not decompose.

**Interviewer:** Okay, just curious, why would it would be easier for blue plastic to find its way into the river than the other objects?

**Interviewee:** There are just too many in town because of the street food business, and it`s lighter as such it can easily be moved by the wind.

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

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, I interacted with broken glass because it can easily cut people.

**Interviewer:** Okay, others?

**Interviewee:** I felt irritated by blue plastics, shoprite bag, plastic bottles, sugarcane chafe, soda cans and tin cans because they were making this place look unpleasant, and I just wanted to burn them.

**Interviewer:** Okay, I asked you to order the objects you interacted with from the most helpful to most harmful. What’s your order?

**Interviewee:** The most useful object for me is the crockery.

**Interviewer:** Why?

**Interviewee:** Because I can use it as a cup for drinking water.

**Interviewer:** What else?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, scrap of cloth for the purpose of wearing it.

**Interviewer:** Okay, you can wear that?

**Interviewee:** Haha (laughs) I can use it as a bathing towel.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The wine bottle case since I can use it as suitcase.

**Interviewer:** Okay, can your clothes fit in there? The way it is

**Interviewer:** Especially if it was a little bit bigger. Plus I can use it for keeping my money.

**Interviewer:** what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

**Interviewer:** Oookay, what about those objects you deemed to be harmful?

**Interviewer:** It’s the dirty, broken and clean blue plastic for the reason that they are making this place look unclean and they can easily find their way into the river especially in this rainy season by the wind because they are light.

**Interviewer:** Why did you order them that way?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, by just differentiating their form.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The milk bag because it`s making this place and the city look unclean.

**Interviewer:** Sure, what else?

**Interviewee:** Shoprite plastic bag.

**Interviewer:** In what order?

**Interviewer:** broken then new, as they are making this place look unpleasant.

**Interviewer:** Sure, what else?

**Interviewee:** Broken glass bottles, glass jars because they can easily cut people who pass here.

**Interviewer:** Sure, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

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

**Interviewee:** No!

**Interviewer:** Why?

**Interviewee:** My categorization was based on a broad context not only on this one. Rubbish is rubbish, and good is good (laughs)

**Interviewer:** Haha okay. Which objects did you leave and why?

**Interviewee:** That 5L bottle, I forget to clear it up

**Interviewer:** Ooh why would you forget to clear up something that big?

**Interviewer:** Oooooh! I’m sorry. I wanted to keep it for stopping dogs from defecating on the surface.

**Interviewer:** Okay, how does it work?

**Interviewee:** You just put want in the bottle and put it on the surface, and dogs don’t plat around that area.

**Interviewer:** Oooooh, why?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, I don’t know.

**Interviewer:** Sure, what else did you leave?

**Interviewee:** The rubble because I did not see. But I can use that for scrubbing my foot when bathing.

**Interviewer:** Sure, what else?

**Interviewee:** I left dry leaves and maize cob with and without kernels because they are small and numerous and I need a bloom to clear all those objects up.

**Interviewer:** Sure, the cigarette?

**Interviewer:** Yes, they are just too small.

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

**Interviewee:** The grey dust bin for garbage collection and disposal.

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

**Interviewee:** The plastic bags because they do not decompose.

**Interviewer:** Mmmh.

**Interviewee:** The broken glass, the glass jars because they can cut people who come here to read and relax.

**Interviewer:** Okaaaay…

**Interviewer:** Sugarcane chafe, dry leaves because they are making this place look unpleasant.

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

**Interviewee:** People are just careless. They just throw objects anyhow, you see we have weed smokers who come here and throw objects after eating.

**Interviewer:** haha, I will put it up to you, all these objects were brought by weed smokers?

**Interviewer:** Haha, not only weed smokers, it’s just people.

**Interviewer:** Haha, why do you think that do that?

**Interviewee:** haha, I don’t know.

**Interviewer:** Sure, last one, how can we stop this?

**Interviewee:** Sure, maybe if we can have capacity building activities like roadshow on waste management to change people’s mind set.

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

**Interviewer:** Welcome.