**SEEING WASTE PROJECT INTERVIEW**

**Interviewer:** Jonathan Kwangulero

**Date :** 9th December, 2019

**Location :** Sidewalk at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital

**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:** 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:** Yeah.

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

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

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

**Interviewee:** I’m 29 years old.

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

**Interviewee:** I’m a builder.

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

**Interviewee:** I interacted first with a plastic bottle without because it was closest to me.

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

**Interviewee:** I interacted with the objects to make this place look attractive and at the same time, set an example to others about hygiene.

**Interviewer:** Why do you think it`s necessary to encourage other to make the city hygienic?

**Interviewee:** Okay, a lot of people are careless about waste management, so I thought it wise to clean up so as make them feel guilty about there habits and let them see that some people care about waste management and are hygienic.

**Interviewer:** Okay, that’s interesting! If I hadn’t asked to tidy up the place, would you have cleared up the objects without being asked?

**Interviewee:** Hahaaha (Laughs) it’s nice that people have seen me tiding the place up, and I’m hopeful they will learn from it.

**Interviewer:** No doubt, which objects did you interact with and why?

**Interviewee:** I interacted with plastics like blue plastic, shoprite bag, milk bag because they look like they have been used before and deserve not to be here.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay.

**Interviewee:** I interacted with objects that attract flies which spread diseases like diarrhea especially to children, thus, maize husks, dry leaves, maize cob with and without kernels, mango seeds, and sugarcane chafe.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay!

**Interviewee:** These objects are manure for some people who live in rural communities.

**Interviewer:** Can you elaborate?

**Interviewee:** Yeah, people make compost piles with rubbish like dry leaves, maize husks, and maize cobs by mixing them in a container or pit then after sometime rubbish become manure.

**Interviewer:** Okay!

**Interviewee:** I also interacted with damaged crockery, usable crockery, soda cans, tins, 5 L bottle because, broken glass bottle because they looked out of place and made the place look untidy.

**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 use it for keeping things like salt, and that can help reduce use of plastic through reuse.

**Interviewer:** Okaay!

**Interviewee:** And the bottle needs to be washed thoroughly with hot water and soap to ensure that it is bacteria free.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** After that it’s the shoprite clean for the reason I can use carry things from the market.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what things?

**Interviewee:** Anything except food stuffs

**Interviewee:** Why?

**Interviewer:** I don’t know what was in it, it could be poisonous. So it is safer not to put food stuffs.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewer:** That’s all.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what tell me about the objects you interacted with and harmful?

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewer:** The most harmful thing here is the maize husks because they attract flies which spread diseases like diarrhea to children.

**Interviewee:** Followed by that it`s glass bottle because it can easily cut people.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu!

**Interviewee:** Plastics because they don’t decompose as such they affect soil structure.

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

**Interviewee:** Mhhu, the dirty blue plastic

**Interviewer:** Aaaha!

**Interviewer:** It`s not look good and making this place look unattractive.

**Interviewee:** Haha, what else?

**Interviewer:** It’s useless and making this place look attractive.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Damaged crockery because it can cut people easily once stepped on, just like the glass jar.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** The maize kernel with and without kernels can also attract flies.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Mmmh, damaged and intact soda because they are useless. After that it’s the crushed tin and the usable tin because they look like they can still be used.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what purpose?

**Interviewee:** I don’t know. Maybe as a pot for cooking (laughs)

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** I believe I am done.

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

**Interviewee:** I don’t think so. My categorization was not influenced by this context because I considered how I could use some of the objects at home.

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

**Interviewer:** Rubble because it is necessary to prevent soil erosion.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, great. Which objects belong in this context?

**Interviewer:** Mmmh, soil, green grass and rubble.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, can you expand?

**Interviewer:** The grass if it is well taken care of looks like a carpet, thus making this place look beautiful. For the rubble I have just explained it holds soil thereby preventing erosion.

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

**Interviewee:** Nearly all items you are seeing here are out of place. The plastic bags, plastic bottles, glass bottles, maize husks and cobs are public health concern

**Interviewer:** Ummh

**Interviewee:** You see some waste pickers are not careful enough, they just pick waste and start using without precaution as such they may end up dying. The same objects like plastic can affect environment since plastic does decompose.

**Interviewer:** Okay, how did these items get here?

**Interviewee:** Every person who uses this sidewalk is responsible for this mess. I see people throw objects here without a care.

**Interviewer:** Okay, why do you think they litter without a care?

**Interviewee:** It`s just embedded in our lives. I don’t know why.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, how can we stop this?

**Interviewee:** We need to change people’s mindset regarding littering through awareness campaigns, and on top of that government need to punish people for littering with hefty amount of money.

**Interviewer:** Thanks for your participation.

**Interviewee:** Thanks.