**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 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:** Let me start off….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 security guard supervisor working at Poly.

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

**Interviewee:** The shoprite bag because plastic does not decompose.

**Interviewer:** Okay, just curious, there are many plastics here, so what’s so special about that one?

**Interviewee:** Nothing really…. That’s where I started off.

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

**Interviewee:** I interacted with plastics like blue plastic, milk bag, damaged plastic bottle because there were look out of place and making this place look unhygienic.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewee:** I interacted with the 5L bottle, the intact tin can because I find them valuable…I also interacted with maize cobs with and without kernels, maize husks, scrap of cloth, sugarcane chafe because these objects are making this place look unclean and can spread diseases like cholera by attracting flies.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewee:** I interacted with glass bottles, plastic bags, broken glasses, cans because these objects are making this place look unhygienic.

**Interviewer:** Uh huh

**Interviewee:** I interacted with broken grass, soda cans, glass jar because they were look out of place, unhygienic and with potential to injure people.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu.

**Interviewee:** In short I cansimply say, I interacted with the objects because I wanted to make this place look tidy, hygienic, and to remove every object which seemed out of place.

**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 water….. Plus, I can sell it to vendors at K20 or so…. but it needs be to washed with hot water before using.

**Interviewer:** Okay, why washing it with hot water before it?

**Interviewee:** To kill bacteria that causes diseases like diarrhea.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, just with hot water?

**Interviewee:** Yeah. That’s enough.

**Interviewer:** I think soap would be necessary as well, what do you think?

**Interviewee:** Haha (laughs) yeah, that’s important.

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

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, to kill all bacteria that cause diseases.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what other object did you find helpful?

**Interviewee:** After that it’s the usable tin can because I can use it for baking African cake.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** I think that’s enough.

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

**Interviewee:** It’s the blue plastic

**Interviewer:** In what order? We have various blue plastic

**Interviewee:** Dirty, broken and clean

**Interviewer:** Why?

**Interviewee:** It takes more time for blue plastic to decompose compared to other plastic bags.

**Interviewer:** Uh huh, why dirty, broken and clean?

**Interviewee:** Aaah, because of the respective appearance.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Broken glass bottle because it can cut people easily once stepped on.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Pizza box since it attracts flies that spread diseases like cholera especially during this rainy season.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewee:** scrap of cloth, maize husks for the same reason as the pizza box.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Glass jar because it a public health and environmental hazard.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, how?

**Interviewee:** Glass jar does not decompose and it can cut people easily once stepped on.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Damaged and intact soda can because they are public and environmental hazards

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, damaged soda can, intact soda can, damaged tin can, intact tin can, glass jar.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewer:** Usable crockery is out of place and making this place look unattractive.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** That’s all.

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

**Interviewee:** No, it just the way it is here in Malawi. You see those women selling African drink; they buy plastic bottles like that 5L bottle at K20….. Thus, you cannot leave that 5L bottle here or any other place expecting to find it after sometime, unlike the plastic bags

**Interviewer:** Hahaaha (laughs) why is that?

**Interviewee:** Like I said many women use that for the purpose of packing Thobwa (local drink) … I mean, you can’t go to the market and fail to find a market for that.

**Interviewer:** Sure, I can see you have left some objects like cigarette and damaged crockery. Which objects did you leave and why?

**Interviewee:** I did not see a cigarette and damaged crockery, and it shouldn’t be there because it can easily cut people.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu, the mango seed there?

**Interviewer:** That one I didn’t see as well. And I would have cleared it up if I had seen it because it`s harmful as it hosts flies that spread disease like diarrhea.

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

**Interviewee:** In this context, we should find things that cannot cause health problems to humans like grass.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, which objects are out of this context?

**Interviewee:** I would say any object that negatively affect public health like glass bottles because they can cut people.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Mango seeds, maize husks because they attract flies that spread disease.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewee:** Plastics because they do not decompose thus affecting the environment and agricultural activities.

**Interviewer:** Sure, how do these things got here?

**Interviewee:** We have city cleaners in town so our expectation is that city cleaners should clean up the city, so people just throw objects anyhow because they know cleaners will clean up the.

**Interviewer:** Okaaay, last but not least, how can we stop this?

**Interviewee:** People should be responsible! This town is for everyone not cleaner only.

**Interviewer:** Thanks for your participation.

**Interviewee:** Thanks.