**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 our 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:** To start with, what’s your name?

**Interviewee:** My name is *female*.

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

**Interviewee:** I’m 37 years old.

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

**Interviewee:** I’m a street cleaner for Blantyre city assembly.

**Interviewer:** Okaay,

**Interviewee:** Yeah, I sweep the roads, pick up litters in the city, and clean up drains to make the city look the same.

**Interviewer:** Oh that’s great, I profession is similar to yours, so let’s make the city clean.

**Interviewee:** Haha (laughs) sure!

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

**Interviewee:** The dirty blue plastic bag because it is useless to keep, very noticeably from a distance and detrimental to the environment.

**Interviewer:** Okay, how is it detrimental to the environment?

**Interviewee:** It does not decompose in soil unlike the leaves as such it makes the land unproductive.

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

**Interviewee:** Okay, I interacted with blue plastic; shoprite bag and milk bag because they are not useful and unhygienic and are making this place look unattractive.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu

**Interviewee:** I interacted with tins, cans, plastic bottles; glass jars because these objects are making this place look unhygienic.

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

**Interviewee:** Mmmh, maize cobs with and without kernels, maize husks, mango seeds, scrap of cloth, sugarcane chafe because these objects are useless, out of place, and making this place look unclean.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu,

**Interviewee:** I think that’s all.

**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:** I don’t see anything which might be useful to me!

**Interviewer:** Oh, you mean, there is nothing you can use or keep for yourself from all these items?

**Interviewee:** Yes! For instance if I can get the clean shoprite bag and use it to carry groceries, I don’t know what can happen to me because I don’t know what the other person was using it for.

**Interviewer:** Okay, can you order harmful objects? Begin with the most harm

**Interviewee:** It’s the plastic objects, starting with blue plastic – dirty, broken and damaged for the reason that they are detrimental to animals and humans.

**Interviewer:** How is it harmful to animals?

**Interviewee:** Okay, once pigs, goats and cattle eat food mixed with plastic they die because they fail to digest the food.

**Interviewer:** How is it harmful to animals?

**Interviewee:** Plastic may attract flies that spread diseases like cholera.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Okaay, the 5L plastic bottle because there was something in it before it came here, so it can’t be used again because it’s very unhygienic.

**Interviewer:** Ummhu?

**Interviewer:** Also it could be that there were pesticides in it, so if I simply clean it and use it, wouldn’t I die?

**Interviewer:** Yeah, you can die (laughs). What else?

**Interviewee:** Mhhh, Similarly with the 5L bottle, is the damaged plastic bag because it`s unhygienic to use and can be life threatening because we don’t what was contained in it.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** It’s the cans! Crushed soda can, damaged tin can, intact soda can and usable soda can because these objects can easily rust and if it happen cut a person it can infect the wound.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Then it’s the sugarcane chafe, maize cob with and without kernels, maize husks because these objects host flies that spread diseases like diarrhea.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Broken glass because it can cut people easily.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewee:** Glass jars as it can be easily break once step on.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** Scrap of cloth because it`s useless and making this place look unattractive.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what else?

**Interviewer:** That’s all!

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

**Interviewee:** No, I just take it that any object that has been used is rubbish, regardless of the context. For instance I just cleared up everything and did not keep anything because all these objects are rubbish.

**Interviewer:** Okay, I can see you have done a great job of clearing up this place. I don’t think you have left anything behind (laughs). Which objects did you leave and why?

**Interviewee:** (Hahaaha) I have cleared up everything.

**Interviewer:** Oka

**Interviewer:** Okay, I can see a cigarette, Ummmh

**Interviewer:** I did not see that, I think it’s only that I dint pick up.

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

**Interviewee:** It’s the green grass because it`s making this place look attractive.

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

**Interviewee:** (Hahaaha) anything except grass is out of this place because it`s making this place look unattractive. So plastics, glass bottles, jars, tins, cans and scrap of cloth is out of place.

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

**Interviewee:** Eh, you cannot understand people. I clear this place at around 10 and when I’m knocking off at around lunch I find the place full of items. I think it’s the business people, customers who are the major culprit of waste mismanagement around this place.

**Interviewer:** Okay, finally, what can be done to stop this?

**Interviewee:** People should be responsible and stop disposing items anyhow. It`s making this city look unclean. It`s our town! We don’t have another city.

**Interviewer:** (Laughs) Thanks for your participation.

**Interviewee:** Thanks.