**1. Who is affected?**

* **Residents**. People living near the dumping site are directly impacted by poor waste management, facing issues like bad odors, health risks, and environmental degradation.
* **Businesses**. Local businesses, especially those related to food and hospitality, suffer due to pollution and unsanitary conditions.
* **Municipality**. The city of Mbarara is affected in terms of financial burden, public health, and environmental challenges.
* **Environment**. Air, soil, and water sources around the site are at risk of contamination, affecting wildlife and ecosystems.

**2. What is the problem?**

* **Poor Waste Management**. The inability to handle waste effectively leads to accumulation, improper sorting, and inadequate recycling.
* **Environmental Degradation**. The site contributes to pollution (soil, water, air), increasing health risks for residents and harming biodiversity.

**3. How big is the problem?**

* There are high waste volumes poorly managed and scattered beyond the planned area.
* Environmental damage from unregulated waste disposal and health risks from hazardous materials like industrial wastes and plastics.

**4. When has it occurred?**

* **It’s ongoing**. The problem has persisted for years due to rapid urbanization and inadequate waste management systems. It escalates during periods of higher waste generation, such as market days or festive seasons.

**5. What contributes?**

* **Population Growth**. Increasing waste due to urban population growth and industrial activity.
* **Lack of Sorting**. Insufficient sorting at the source (homes, businesses, industries) leads to mixed waste disposal.
* **Insufficient Infrastructure**. Limited waste collection services, lack of recycling facilities, and inadequate landfill management.
* **Poor Regulation**. Weak enforcement of waste management policies and laws.

**6. Where has it occurred?**

* **Kenkombe Dumping Site**, located in Mbarara, the site receives waste from both residential and commercial sectors, and is a central point of concern for pollution.
* **Surrounding Areas**, pollution spreads to neighboring communities, affecting the swamp nearby and air quality due to the bad odour.

**7. Why does it still exist?**

* Limited public understanding of waste management best practices, such as sorting and recycling.
* Insufficient funding and infrastructure for waste collection, recycling, and enforcement.
* Existing policies may be poorly enforced or outdated, failing to address the growing waste problem effectively.