

**GBN MONITORING VISIT
AT THE SUB COUNTY HALL IN AUGUST 2022
Activity Report**

**PROMOTING CLEAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION AND GARBAGE COLLECTION IN LUSALIRA TRADING CENTRE -
MUBENDE DISTRICT**

<Progress of the monitoring visit>

- a) Visit Subcounty leadership and hear about trash project
- b) Visit trash collection points
- c) Visit LUNA FM radio station and make speech responsible for garbage management information dissemination

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On the 30/07/2022 the GBN team arrived in Uganda and on the 31/07/2022 the team arrived in Mubende. While in Mubende, the team was involved in several monitoring visits including the visit to Kibalinga Sub-County leadership on the 03/08/2022 in order to assess the impact of the project activities.

At the sub-county hall, the team held a meeting with the sub county leadership which involved generating feed back from the leaders regarding the project and come up with a way forward on how the project activities shall be sustained.

In attendance were the different local council leaders including 11 male and 4 female. The SORAK staff included the Project Officer, Executive Director and the Projects Manager.

The following was the feedback from the members regarding the project.

All members appreciated the initiative because it had contributed towards the general cleanliness of the community hence environmental conservation.

They however had the following concerns and requests,

- The leader in charge of defense requested for more trash cans in order to ensure that all points are covered for effective management of the garbage.
- Members had never dreamt of such initiatives to happen in their community and credited the development partners for the support, however they requested for support towards youth livelihood projects for example poultry.
- The chairperson for Persons with Disabilities noted that a total number of 320 persons with disabilities live within the community. He requested for support towards the provision of sewing of machines, wheel chairs and crutches in order for them to be able to sustain themselves.
- A member mentioned that there is no public toilet around the market area, thus water flow is polluted with human excrement.

- Members requested that support towards the boy child should also be given priority as a number of boys face a lot of challenges in the community and currently projects focusing on girls have increased.
- A member of an environmental NPO mentioned that he would like to learn about environmental policies, projects, and garbage collecting/ sorting systems in a developed country like Japan because environmental issues are not actively addressed in Uganda.

Activity photographs



Recommendations towards project sustainability

- There should be continuous awareness creation regarding proper garbage disposal especially when it comes to sorting the garbage.
- Leaders were encouraged to be exemplary as they continue to create awareness regarding proper garbage disposal.
- There should be by-laws backed up with fines to the defaulters of proper garbage management.
- Enforce the environmental act whereby every community member is supposed to get involved into activities directed towards ensuring community hygiene and failure to do so, the person is subjected to a fine.
- The previous practice regarding garbage management will be emphasized whereby, community members are encouraged to contribute a small amount of money. For example, 500/= for the garbage containers to be emptied for garbage to be taken to the dumping sites.

b) Visit trash collection points

After holding a meeting with sub-county leadership, the team had time to visit the different points where the garbage containers are stationed. This was to confirm if the containers had been stationed in the respective points. There after they had a movie interview regarding what they had found out during the monitoring exercise.

	
<p>GBN Team during trash collection point monitoring</p>	<p>One of the garbage points</p>
	
<p>One can is for plastics and another one is for organic wastes</p>	<p>Plastics and organic wastes are mixed and discarded</p>
	
<p>The Director during the movie interview regarding garbage management</p>	<p>GBN team during a media interview</p>

Findings

- At each point, 2 trash containers are set up; one can is for plastics and another one for organic wastes. However, in all trash cans plastic wastes and organic wastes are mixed.
- When we interviewed local vendors who are selling food around the trash cans, they did not know that two trash cans are marked differently and they are for different types of trash.
- We team encouraged members to creatively solve their challenges such as a lack of trash containers. For example, we suggested to use basket made of plants or wooden boxes as trash cans.
- Even though the amount of trash has decreased, there are still a lot of trash was illegally dumped.

c) Visit LUNA FM radio station and make speech responsible for garbage management information dissemination

The team visited Luna FM studios but did not have time to make a speech regarding garbage management.



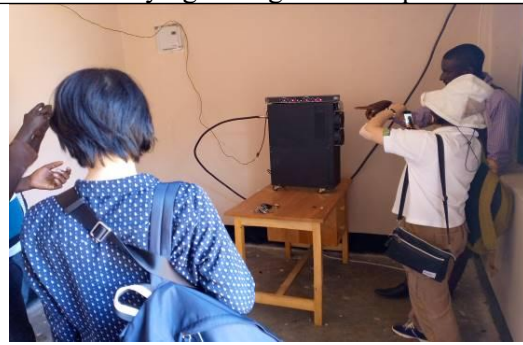
A visit to Luna FM



Members trying testing the microphone



A Radio Tower



The team checks the transmitter



Team after visiting Luna FM

Challenges

- Too much expectations from the local leaders, we mitigated this by clearly explaining to them that GBN team purposely came to monitor the progress of the implemented projects.

Positive influence

- The leaders were willing to share the impact of the project.