

Progress Trash Report for July and August 2022

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

<Progress of each activity>

Activity 1.1 A community-based radio communication system established with ability to relay information and messages via megaphones/loudspeakers to the entire training Centre

GBN team visited Luna FM studios on 3/08/2022 in Kibalinga sub county as monitoring.






GBN Team visiting Luna FM



Members trying testing the microphone

Activity 1.2 Thirty (30) minutes' environmental education talks conducted for 10 months

In respect to the above activity, 3 megaphone talk shows were conducted by the monitoring team and the Director from 13/07/2022 to 15/07/2022 which would run for 30 minutes at Voice of Lusalira megaphone and one small megaphone which would be used for massive sensitization too. These were intended to create awareness about the use of the garbage containers and their availability. Also, to inform the community about the launching of the garbage containers which took place on the 16/07/ 2022.

		
<p>The publicity secretary of the monitoring committee during sensitization of the community about proper garbage management</p>	<p>Director together with the Monitoring committee members during a megaphone talk show</p>	<p>The Chairman LC 1 Luslira sensitizing the community in a megaphone talk show</p>

Activity 1.3 An environmental education and awareness raising jingle/spot message aired 5 times a day

Airing of spot messages on Luna Fm radio in Kibalinga to create awareness about proper garbage management in the community thus improving sanitation and hygiene. These messages are aired 5 times a day to ensure that people acquire basic information about garbage.

<Spot Messages>

Fellow Ugandans, did you know that poor garbage disposal negatively affects both an individual and the entire community in households and in the community. Poor garbage disposal can cause dangerous diseases like Cholera and Diarrhea that are harmful to our lives. Burning of garbage anyhow can lead to environmental degradation.

Therefore, SORAK has come out to provide support by engaging in sensitization of community members about proper garbage management, through providing containers where garbage will be disposed, a vehicle that will collect garbage to the collection points, sorting and recycling of garbage aimed to keep the environment clean

Therefore, it is advised that we work together in this call to improve sanitation and hygiene in Luslira community.

This message is brought to you by SORAK together with Global Bridge Network-Japan

Activity 2.1 Ten (10) garbage containers/skips procured and stationed at 5 different places to encourage and support garbage sorting and safe disposal.

The garbage containers (10) were launched and stationed at 5 different places on 16/07/2022. Local leaders, the monitoring committee together with SORAK team stationed the garbage containers as they sensitized the community about their use. 2 containers including one for garbage that decomposes and another for garbage that doesn't decompose were placed at each station for garbage disposal. Monitoring to ensure garbage sorting is still ongoing, but after its success SORAK together with volunteers will proceed to Garbage processing into manure.



The 10 garbage containers stationed at the different 5 places in Lusilira with the help of some leaders and the monitoring team

GBN Monitoring Visit of the 10 garbage containers stationed at the different 5 places.

On 3/08/2022, GBN team visited 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 editor's interview regarding what they had found out during the monitoring exercise.



GBN Team during Trash collection point monitoring



GBN team during a media interview

Activity 3.1 A community based environmental protection monitoring group established and it is active in monitoring safe garbage disposal in Lusalira trading Centre

On 12/07/2022, a meeting for the launch of the garbage containers was held at SORAK Offices with the monitoring group. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss on matters concerning proper garbage disposal, making necessary preparations for the launch including massive sensitization of community members on safe garbage disposal.

Reactions from the meeting;

- The Chairman LC 1 advised the committee to work hand in hand with the community leaders for the betterment of the project.
- Members requested for more containers claiming that 10 cannot accommodate the entire community.
- The Environmental Officer advised fellow members to utilize the available containers.
- Members suggested that they should engage in the 3 days sensitization of the community about proper use of garbage containers.
- Suggested putting holes in the garbage containers to prevent them from being stolen.



The monitoring committee together with SORAK team during the meeting

Activity 3.2 Safe garbage disposal by-laws passed and enforced.

Visited Subcounty leadership and hear about trash project by laws and impact of the project GBN team visited Kibalinga Sub-County Hall on 3/08/2022 in order to assess the impact of the project activities from the local leaders. They held a meeting with the sub-county leadership which involved generating feedback from the leaders regarding the project and come up with a way forward on how the project activities shall be sustained.



<Positive influences>

- All the called upon monitoring committee members turned up for the meeting of the preparation for the launch of the garbage containers and appreciated the idea of cleaning the community, they also promised to work hand in hand with SORAK.
- Leaders were willing to share the impact of the project. This was observed during the monitoring visit at Kibalinga subcounty hall by the GBN team to hear about the impact of the project from the leaders and the monitoring committee members.
- Mayor appreciated the efforts made by SORAK and GBN to improve the sanitation and hygiene in Lusalira trading center and shared his experience about sanitation during the meeting for the launch of the garbage containers.
- The community members and the leaders appreciated the GBN visit to Mubende and thanked them for the wonderful support towards their community.

<Challenges faced during conducting of activities>

- Mismanagement of garbage containers whereby community members were advised to sort garbage and put the ones that decompose like food peelings in one container and the ones that don't decompose like plastic bottles in a different container. They have failed in a way they mix garbage which makes it for people who picks it to be taken to the collection points but more sensitizations are ongoing to create awareness on the importance of garbage sorting.
- Too much expectations from the community and the local leaders as they were requested for more trash containers claiming that the ones provided are too small and few to accommodate the community but the GBN Director advised them to make use of the ones available which they are doing.
- Limited time during GBN visit to the radio studio in Kibalinga. The team visited Luna FM studios but did not make a speech regarding proper garbage management.

<Lessons Learnt>

- It was learnt that the monitoring committee, community members and most local leaders appreciated GBN through SORAK to keep up the spirit of bringing such wonderful projects that improve the wellbeing of the community.