

Progress Trash Report for September and October 2022

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

<Progress of each activity>

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

In respect to the above activity, 2 radio talk shows were conducted by the Project Officer on 16/09/2022 and 07/10/2022 which ran for 30 minutes at Luna FM Kibalinga. These were intended to create awareness about the use of the garbage containers, sorting of garbage and recycling. It was also intended to inform the community about respecting the monitoring team and to work hand in hand to keep the community clean.

Pictorial

	
<p>Project Officer educating the community about proper garbage management at Luna FM</p>	<p>Project Officer sensitizing the community about the importance of garbage sorting</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 is disposed, a vehicle collects garbage to the collection points where sorting and recycling of garbage aimed to keep the environment clean is conducted from.

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

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

These were bought and stationed as planned in the 5 different places. Two containers were stationed at each point to enable proper garbage sorting. Garbage is sorted accordingly as the ones that decompose are separated from the ones that do not decompose like plastic bottles.

Pictorial



Non-decomposing garbage that includes plastic bottles at the collection point where sorting takes place



Garbage gathered in sacks for sorting

The status of some of the points where people used to dispose garbage



Next plan

- Decomposable garbage is being taken to gardens by interested farmers.
- SORAK plans to make manure from decomposable garbage but this may not be feasible because farmers take this garbage continuously.

<Positive influences>

- Community members appreciated the work done by the monitoring committee to keep the environment clean and promised to work hand in hand with them.
- Farmers in the community welcomed the idea of garbage sorting whereby they are willing to engage in the process and use the decomposed garbage in their gardens as manure.
- Listeners appreciated the radio talk shows that aim at promoting hygiene and sanitation in the community. This was evidenced by the 10 calls and messages they made during conducting of the talk shows.
- Most community members have adopted to proper use of the garbage containers. They sort garbage by disposing the ones that decompose in one container and the ones that do not in another container which has enabled proper garbage sorting.
- Community members appreciated the spot messages that are aired 5 times as a day as they keep on reminding them about what to do to keep their community clean.

<Challenges faced during conducting of activities >

- Too much expectations from the community monitoring group. They requested for daily facilitation with money for lunch, airtime to help them during monitoring of the activity but the Director advised them to make use of the available resources and also focus on improving the cleanliness of the community
- Due to Ebola pandemic, a lockdown was imposed on Mubende on the 16/10/2022 which made a number of activities to be put on hold till the situation improves hence affecting the programs that were met to take place during that period.

<Lessons Learnt>

- It was learnt that the monitoring committee, community members and local leaders

appreciated the project and requested SORAK to keep up the spirit of bringing such wonderful projects that improve the wellbeing of the community.

- Simple tasks like garbage sorting are not easily appreciated by local communities unless motivated by the prospect of selling garbage or making use of it. This was learnt after realizing that community members were encouraged to sort garbage because they knew that they would both sell plastics and take decomposable garbage to their gardens. Community members now actively sort garbage and take plastics for sell. SORAK is not involved in the selling of these because leaders resolved that the community would take it up on themselves to sort and sell.