



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYAMIRA
NYAMIRA MUNICIPALITY



Citizen Forum on Solid Waste Management	
Venue	Guardian Hotel
Date	15th May 2024
Taking Proceedings	Gibson Nyagwoka
Time	9:30 AM

Attendance (see attached participants list)

- County Secretary
- Municipality Manager
- CCO, Department of Agriculture Mwencha Nyasimi
- Director Physical Planning and Survey Services
- Board Members
- Municipal Technical officers
- GIZ officials
- Traders
- Community members

Introduction and Opening Remarks

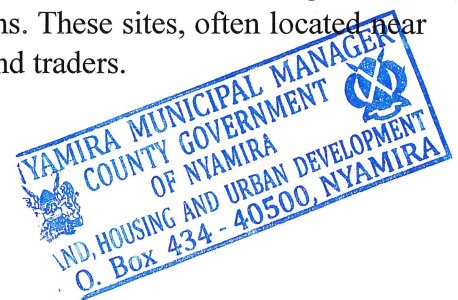
The Nyamira Municipal Manager, Morara Mookua, brought the meeting to order at 9:30am with an opening prayer from Steve Masese, the municipal manager then delivered the opening remarks and invited the County Secretary, Jack Magara, to welcome the local participants and the GIZ officials for the training. He emphasized the critical need for effective solid waste management to improve public health, environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life in Nyamira Municipality. The rest of the proceedings was conducted by Sam Cimiyyu and Dave Marquis

Plenary Session

a) Waste Collection Points

Current Status

In areas such as markets like Miruka, Nyabite, and Kebirigo, as well as around business establishments like Boflos Enterprises and Season Club, numerous informal or illegal waste collection points have emerged, creating unsightly conditions. These sites, often located near open drainage, pose significant health hazards to residents and traders.



Issues

- Limited collection points relative to waste generated.
- Infrequent collection schedules result in overflow and unpleasant odours.
- Indiscriminate dumping worsens the situation.

Recommendations

Install dust bins

Increase the number of waste collection points to ensure adequate disposal options.

Schedule frequent waste collection to reduce overflow and minimize health hazards.

Implement community sensitization programs on proper waste disposal.

b) Regulations Against Littering

Current Status

There is minimal enforcement of anti-littering regulations, and this has led to an increase in waste on streets, in markets, and other public areas.

Issues

High prevalence of illegal dumping.

Lack of awareness and disregard for existing waste disposal regulations.

Recommendations

Establish and enforce strict regulations against littering, including fines for violators.

Initiate public education campaigns to raise awareness of the importance of proper waste disposal.

c) Solid Waste Management Infrastructure

Current Status

The municipality lacks adequate infrastructure, including landfill sites and recycling facilities, to process and manage waste effectively.

Issues

Insufficient recycling options led to waste accumulation.

Lack of structured waste segregation and collection, leading to environmental contamination.

Recommendations

Construct designated landfill sites and recycling facilities in collaboration with private sector partners.

Implement a waste segregation program to separate recyclables and non-recyclables.

d) Training on Solid Waste Characterization

Objective

To empower residents, school principals, factory representatives, and the public with the knowledge and skills to identify, categorize, and separate different types of waste, thereby improving recycling and waste management practices.

Training Participants

Community members, families, and local leaders.

School Principals who will facilitate waste management education in schools.

Factories representatives from local manufacturing facilities responsible for managing industrial waste.

Training Topics

Types of Waste: Introduction to the various categories of solid waste such as organic, recyclable, hazardous, and electronic waste.

Waste Segregation Techniques-practical methods for sorting waste at the source.

Impact of Improper Waste Management such as health, environmental, and economic implications.

Best Practices for Waste Reduction and Reuse-strategies for minimizing waste generation in homes, schools, and industries.

Outcomes Expected

Increased awareness and participation in waste segregation practices among residents.

Implementation of waste segregation programs in schools, with school leaders as champions of environmental education.

Adoption of sustainable waste management practices within local factories to minimize industrial waste impact.

Recommendations

Schedule regular training workshops across the municipality to ensure widespread understanding of waste characterization.

Establish partnerships with environmental organizations and educational institutions to support training initiatives.

Develop and distribute educational materials, including posters and guidelines, to reinforce training lessons.

e) Emerging Issues

Proposed Solutions

Introduce Advanced Solid Waste Collection Processes, adopt modern waste collection and disposal techniques, such as compactors and closed waste bins, to improve cleanliness.

Engage the public through regular forums and outreach initiatives to foster a collective approach to waste management.

Strategically place dustbins across public spaces to encourage waste disposal and prevent littering.

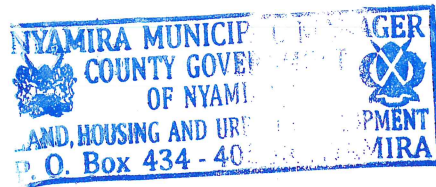
Collaborate with the county enforcement department to monitor and ensure compliance with waste management policies.

Conclusion

Improving solid waste management Nyamira Municipality requires coordinated efforts among municipal authorities, community members, and private sector partners. By addressing the identified issues and implementing the proposed recommendations, we can create a cleaner, healthier environment that promotes sustainable development within the municipality.

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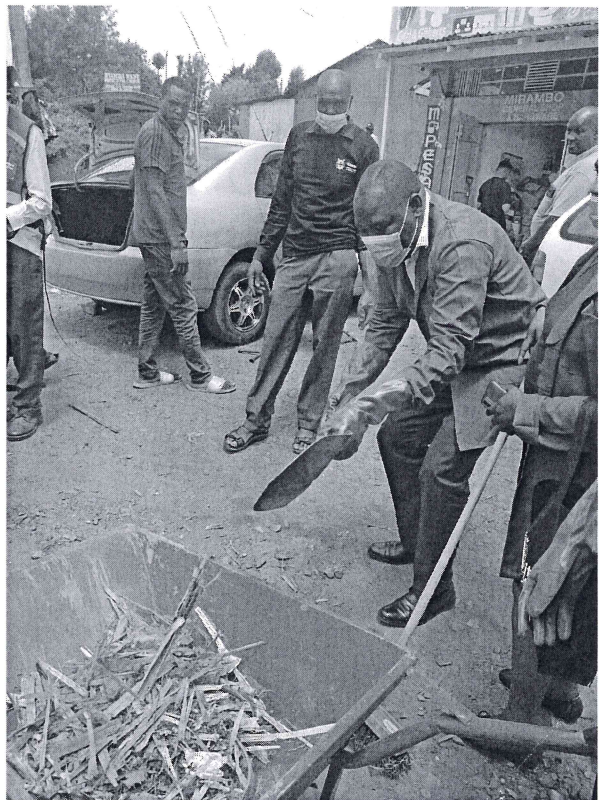




Solid Waste management training at Guardian Hotel. Seated from the left, Municipal Manger Morara Mokuu, County Secretary Jack Magara and CCO Mwencha Nyasimi



Solid Waste management characterization training at Jamhuri Gardens.



Hands-on training in solid waste segregation led by Sam Cimuyu.