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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CBOs	Community Based Organizations
LCC	Lira City Council
LCCA	Lira City Council Authority
LCW	Lira City West Division
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organization
QOL	Quality of Life
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SWM	Solid Waste Management
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programs
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
MOWE	Ministry of Water and Environment.

ABSTRACT

Environmental education is a process that allows individuals to explore environmental issues, engage in problem solving, and take action to improve the environment. As a result, individuals develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues and have the skills to make informed and responsible decisions.

The general objective of the study was to assess the impact of environmental education on solid waste management practices in Lira City West division -Lira City. The objectives of the study were to establish reasons for methods of solid waste management practiced by residents of different social status in Lira City West division; to find out the reasons for views of the community about the solid waste management practices exhibited in the city and to find out the reasons for different skills used in managing of the different types of solid waste generated in Lira City by the community.

A cross sectional survey research was employed and the study employed both qualitative and quantitative methods. The sample size comprised of 100 respondents selected from the cells in Bar-Ogole Ward using simple random sampling techniques and the data collected was analyzed using excel.

The study found out that the community members have positively changed their attitude towards solid waste management and this is as a result of environmental education. Environmental education is also improving waste management in the city.

The residents are using the simple emptying methods of solid waste management including collection their waste in the sacks and then taking it for dumping at the collection point, there is solid waste sorting carried out with the reason to keep the environment clean though some are

doing it in order to get the recycling materials to sale for money. The study also found out that the community is sorting and segregating solid waste in order to reduce on the solid waste that ended up in the land fill and to get some money out of it for sale.

Education on making compost from organic waste is still need to continue this is because organic waste constitutes 50% of the solid waste generated in the city. Composting of solid waste would reduce on the quantity of waste that end up in the landfills and it would also improve on the quality of our environment as well as reduce on the cost of managing the solid waste.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background.

1.1.1. Definition of terms

Solid waste.

Describe as any discarded or abandoned material that is used by one person or another and can be liquid or gas. It encompasses a wide array of items generated by human activities, such as household garbage, industrial waste, construction debris, and agricultural refuse (ALAM, 2013).

These materials can be solid, semi-solid, or even contained within containers like bottles, cans, and packaging. Waste management involves the generation, collection, transportation and disposal of waste, be it solid, liquid or gaseous waste. In industrial settings, solid waste might include manufacturing byproducts, such as scrap metal, chemicals, or leftover materials from production processes (ALAM, 2013). Improper handling of wastes can lead to environmental pollution, health hazards, and the depletion of natural resources.

Environmental education.

This is a process that allows individuals to explore environmental issues, engage in problem solving, and take action to improve the environment (mabilisi, 1990) . As a result, individuals develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues and have the skills to make informed and responsible decisions (*pers. Comm*).

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