

**ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY BARAZA AND THE COMMUNITY
SENSITISATION THROUGH THE CLEAN-UP CONDUCTED IN KISENYI II KAMWOKYA
PARISH AND SEBULIBA-KANSANGA PARISH**

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Chapter one: Introduction and background.

Environmental Alert (EA)¹ recently conducted a consumer satisfaction survey (Scorecard report) in two parishes of Kamwokya and Kansanga the survey to assess understanding: the status of Water, Hygiene and sanitation(WASH) in Kamwokya and Kansanga parishes; community Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices around WASH, community perceptions WASH services rendered by duty bearers (*Kampala Capital City Authority(KCCA), The garbage collection consortium (Nabugabo updeal, Home Kiln among others) and National Water and Sewerage company (NWSC)*); and community's level of satisfaction regarding WASH service delivery,

The study² indicated that

- a) *60% of community members in these communities use water from standpipe, 5% uses rain water, 10% use vendors and 15% use spring wells which are highly contaminated.*
- b) *Bureaucracy involved in accessing prepaid meters at NWSC.*
- c) *The landlords connected to water mains are not satisfied with the water billing system as they confess of them being overcharged.*

Furthermore, Environmental Alert conducted a community groups assessment and findings that were generated highlighted; the indiscrete dumping of solid waste, poor services of the garbage collectors, the unregulated opening of toilets directly into the open channels, low toilet coverage where some landlords own no toilet for their tenants, low community sensitization levels on the available laws. .

EA has continuously engaged with community based organizations in various activities to address some of these issues which included a training in the available KCCA laws, community radio activations and training on effective advocacy and community sensitization—as a result, action plans have been generated and these included activities like community Barraza's, dialogues on WASH and community sensitization through community clean-ups, which will provide a platform for these groups to transfer their knowledge to other community members.

It is on this note that Environmental Alert conducted a community led dialogue targeting duty bearers and community representative from Kamwokya and Kansanga as a follow-up action to discuss issues on how effective WASH service delivery can be achieved and mass sensitization campaign on Water Sanitation and Hygiene through clean-ups and fumigation of bed-bags.

The theme for the Dialogues is, '*Promoting sustainable WASH service delivery for a healthy community.*'

The activities were conducted from 13th—18th March, 2020 with a community dialogue in Kisenyi II on 13th March, 2020 and bedbag fumigation In Kisenyi II zone on 17th March, 2020 and community cleaning exercise and handover of equipment in sebuliba zone on 18th March, 2020. Both activities attracted over 400 participants.

1.1 Objectives of the activity

The objectives of the Community clean-ups and Dialogues and are:

- a. *To present community WASH issues and concerns to the duty bearers—Kampala Capital City Authority, National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC), Nabugabo Updeal, Ministry of Health among others.*
- b. *To develop the advocacy and lobbying skills and capacity of community representatives.*
- c. *To seek commitment from the Duty bearers on the issues presented on WASH.*
- d. *To increase community awareness about the WASH development programs by the key Duty bearers i.e. KCCA, NWSC, Nabugabo Updeal, and Ministry of Health.*

¹ Further information about Environmental Alert is available in the **Box 1**.

² WASH scorecard report available.

- e. *To conduct and support bedbug fumigation and community clean-ups in both Kisenyi II and Sebuliba zones respectively.*

1.2 Methodology and approach

The meeting was highly interactive with discussions between community leaders, community members, community advocacy groups, duty bearers.

The community dialogue was streamed live on **90.4 Ddembe Fm** airwaves for one hour on: the radio Host involved the different participants through asking interactive questions following the questions radio Host guide, the Key panelists were provided with the ToRs and contracts as frameworks for clarifying the expectations and outputs from the tasks.

The panelists consisted of.

- a) **KCCA representative-** *who discussed the possibility of working with communities and the strategies in place to improve WASH in slum communities.*
- b) **The division garbage officer and the private garbage collector** *who discussed a sustainable collaboration between the local leaders, community members for better service delivery.*
- c) **NWSC representative;** *He discussed a more appropriate approach to extend cheap, safe and clean water in the communities.*
- d) **Community member:** *who represented the issues in the community on WASH and what they wish the service providers could do different.*
- e) **EA representative:** *who discussed the more sustainable way to strengthen the collaboration between the community and service providers to ensure effective WASH service delivery for a healthy community.*

Other radio stations (Simba and CBS) were engaged as well to capture news clips (through targeted interviews of the key duty bearers and community representatives -- for subsequent broadcasting as news briefs.

Furthermore; a community clean-up exercise that involved handover of equipment was done in the presence of officials from KCCA, EA, NWSC, Parish counselors, Division mayors, public health officers of KCCA. LC1s among others;

1.3 Key outputs

- a) Community issues discussed on by the community members and duty bearers.
- b) Capacity of community representatives/community advocacy groups developed.
- c) Commitment from the duty bearers attained.
- d) Enhanced Community awareness about the WASH development programs by the key Duty bearers i.e. KCCA, NWSC, Nabugabo Updeal, and Ministry of Health.
- e) Community clean-up and bedbugs fumigated in Kansanga and Kamwokya parishes respectively

Chapter two: Activity proceedings.

2.1 Community dialogue;

The community dialogue was conducted in Kisenyi II in Kamwokya Parish on 13th March, 2020; the community was mobilised by the community advocacy group members following the guidance of the category of participants that is to say the Landlords, the community market members and the youths with in the village and the residents in the nearby communities such as church areas, Kifumbira, among others.

The dialogue attracted a participation of over **194** (99Females and 95Males) registered community members; also the dialogue gathered officials from KCCA, NWSC, community leaders, community activation teams, Village health teams, media(radio Simba, CBS and Dembe FM). Among the officials also attended the Mayor Kampala Central Division—Mr. Charles Serunjogi, Area counsellor Ms. Katana Gorreti, Mr. Jimmy Mbabali the LC1-Vice charman Kisenyi II, Mr. Aksam Semakula Kampala central solid waste management officer, Mr. Ronald Mufunguro the coordinator kampala Urban propoor taps—NWSC, representative of the townclerk, among others.

The dialogue was streamed live at the peak hour of Dembe FM with the community host, Ms. Laila Kalanzi kachapizo in coordination with Mr. Sam Gombya and Ken in the studio.

During the pre-radio activation remarks were made as highlighted below.

2.1.a) Welcoming remarks from Vice chairman LC1—Kisenyi II

In his remarks, Mr. Jimmy Mbabali appreciated Environmental Alert for the support rendered to his community, He hinted on the capacity building that has been extended to his committee that he said has empowered them to handle sensitive issues on WASH such as drafting the community by-laws which is in process the awareness on the KCCA laws and their powers to enforce these laws, hitherto they couldn't ably interpret the laws and his team used to enforce these laws temerarily.

He further commended the corporation of the community members for adhering to the call made for the community dialogue and the promptness in attending the event, He highlighted the importance of such events in their community as they help to iron out the restrains observed in the service delivery and gather commitment from them. In his words he said *"we are blessed to have such officials in our communities even though some come to our communities to do supervision we rarely interact with them to point out the challenges—therefore if they are here let us use this opportunity to tell them our challenges and discuss the possible solutions for the betterment of our community"*

He continues to appreciate the political leaders who attended the meeting and to them he informed that this event has come in a right time as the issues they get from here can help in adjusting their manifestos and lay down strategies that will help the community.

2.1.b) Remarks from Environmental Alert

These were made by Mr. Kizito Charles the program officer—ENR who appreciated the political leaders, the technical staff of KCCA, NWSC, the Mayor of Kampala Central Division who was in attendance.

In his remarks, Charles highlighted the journey from inception of the Sustainability WASH—SusWASH to present and this was to give the background of what SusWASH intends to achieve at the end of implementation—that is to say strengthening platforms such community Barazas to provide feedback and hold WASH service providers and duty bearers to account while building civic consciousness for communities to not only demand for services but also actively play their roles and responsibilities.

He furthermore advised the technical officials and political leaders at the division to develop a plan to have time with communities through cost effective monthly barazas to solicit feedback from the members so as to provide solutions to the emerging issues—He highlighted the challenges of the drainages and solid waste management in Kisenyi II community that need urgent attention and also following up on the companies that were given the tender to collect the garbage from the community members, how they work and monitor whether they do what is expected as this will shock proof a lot of problems that manifest in this regard.

As he was concluding Charles indicated that Environmental Alert is not working alone but works in partnership with KCCA with funding from H&M foundation through Water Aid Uganda.

2.1.c) Remarks from the area counsellor

In her remarks, Ms. Katana Goretti welcomed the mayor for attending this health event in her parish

She brought the participants to remembrance that Environmental Alert has not only started working with Ghetto research lab/ Eco-voice but has previously provided 6 groups in Kamwokya with equipments which included wheelbarrows, overalls and mega phones all to support clean-ups in Kamwokya and these equipment are available whenever community clean-ups are called. Furthermore, she pointed out the vital hygienic aspect conducted by Environmental Alert to train people on how to WASH hands this was conducted in different years during the Global handwashing day.

She congratulated Ghetto Research Lab/ Eco-voice upon becoming an ensample for the rest of the groups in Kamwokya, he appreciated their consistence amidst all challenges and she wishes them the best in their endeavours—the sky is not the limit. On this point she called upon the mayor to extend more support from his office to this she asked the leadership to get time and visit the office of the mayor Kampala Central division for further discussion on how they can be supported and advance their initiatives.

She appreciated Mr. Ronald Mufunguro from NWSC for the tremendous job he has done in the slum areas of her parish Kisenyi II for supporting the extension of the pro-poor taps and—“...as of today he has assured me of the continued provision of more taps as soon as they identify the places where these taps can be installed.” She added.

She appreciated Mr. Aksam Sssemakula for his supervision and his unwavering work in the Kamwokya, the solid waste management team—The community Activation teams (CATs) and the private garbage collectors—Nabugabo Updeal. She said though that challenges keep merging every now and then, there has been improvement in collection of the garbage and she is optimistic that as communities work with these teams Kamwokya will be a model parish in as far as solid waste management is concerned.

2.1.d) Remarks from Mayor Kampala Central Division

In his introduction, Mr. (Salongo) Charles Serunjogi Musoke appreciated Environmental Alert for the tremendous work it has done in promoting sanitation and Hygiene initiatives in his parish—He added that he was born and raised in Kamwokya and if he can compare the Kamwokya of then and now! He confidently sounded that he would choose the Kamwokya of now; because Kamwokya is better now due to the combined efforts by the government, CSOs and this is a continuous effort to which Environmental Alert is adding a milestone.

He sensitised the participants on the need to having a clean community, he compared the clean community to a very smart and clean young girl, that every man would wish to marry her due to her hygienic status among other qualities—likewise no one would wish to associate him/herself with a dirty community—thus he appealed to the community members to embrace initiatives to keep their surroundings clean, unblock channels, sort their garbage, avoid throwing trash in trenches—this would safeguard the members to the associated challenges like cholera, typhoid, floods among others these have adverse impacts on the health of all gender categories, escalades poverty in a community; “I know we can fight this because it is simple and it is part of life.” He added.

He urged the parents to train their children basic sanitation or hygiene practices that can easily be applied even when they are not with them, like Washing hands before eating this will prevent them from contracting deadly diseases like cholera—, “treatment for cholera is very costly one needs over 1 million which money an ordinary resident in Kisenyi II can’t afford all at once; cleanliness is a must.” –He commented.

In his speech, Mr. Charles Serunjogi he unveiled a truth to the community leadership saying that, *“if you see many problems in the community just be ready to trace the chaos in the leadership structure of that community,”* on this point he commended the leadership of Kisenyi II for the good leadership they have demonstrated to absorb all the community shocks.

He appreciated Mr. Aksam Ssemakula for the tremendous work he has supervised in kampala Central like the unblocking the drainages, garbage collection, He further reported an need that requires urgent attention and it was on the people who used to clean the trenches who are no longer working due to the changes made in the council thus he requested him to convey this message to his boss that there is a need to bring the services of these people back to save the community members from floods.

He commended Water Aid for its continual support to improve WASH in slum communities—He added that he is a beneficiary of their support when he was funded to attend a training on sustainable WASH and on how to transform waste to money in Sweden. He narrated the country advancement and development in waste recycling and transformation of sectors that are driven by the products from waste like the Agricultural sector(manure and animal feeds), the transport and the energy sector(from the biogas), and many others; to this He challenged the participants not to look at solid waste as a problem but as *‘gold’* to this he appreciated Ghetto research lab team which has done something on this, He inspired them to continue with small and technology will find them along the path.

As he was concluding his speech he cautioned the participants to keep safe from the pandemic—Covid 19 that is caused by corona Virus, he sensitised participants that this disease is contracted through the T-zone of the face(The eyes, Mouth and Nose)—He appealed to the community members to be hygienically mindful of their hands—*“Wash your hands and avoid touching your face, all people are advised to provide hand washing facilities, you should be alert and report any sign of flu, cough, short breath, and fevers to the nearest health centre, for God and My country”*—He suggested.

2.2 Radio activation session

The radio activation was hosted on 13th March, 2020 by Ms. Leila Kayondo Kachapizo of Ddembe FM who introduced the program to the listening Audience. She mentioned the venue, the topic and the sponsors of the program being Water Aid, KCCA and Environmental Alert.

She started the show with inviting the Vice chairperson of Kisenyi II Mr. Mbabali Jimmy who appreciated Ddembe FM for according them an opportunity to express their views on WASH in their community and share initiatives to promote community WASH to a wider listenership.

She later invited the project coordinator—Mr. Kizito Charles to inform the listener the objective of the community activation and he introduced the key resource persons from KCCA, NWSC and representative from the community advocacy group—He highlighted the major reason for selecting Kamwokya and specifically Kisenyi II to be a need to see that the community WASH improves.

2.2.a) Interviewing Mr. Aksam Ssemakula from KCCA—Solid waste management officer

KCCA Guide Q1. The community is concerned with the issue of people opening their toilets direct into the open drainage channels, what are some of the initiatives and measures KCCA has put in place to apprehend these culprits?

Ans. He advised the community members to corporate with KCCA to report everyone who opens the toilets direct to the drainage channels, from the previous experience there were two culprits who were presented to court and at the end of the of the verdict they were forced to construct a better toilet and the toilet discharge pipe closed.

Ans. KCCA has a toll-free line that can be called anytime to give guidance on how to empty toilets that are full at a low cost. This number still can be called on to report people who are releasing raw sewerage into the drainages and the team will be on ground to apprehend the culprit. The number is **0800990000**

2.2. b) Interviewing Mr. Ronald Mufunguro—Coordinator urban Pro-poor, NWSC

Guide Qn1. *Kamwokya is having a challenge of sewerage flowing in the community, what are some of the strategies and measures national water and sewerage corporations has put in place to eliminate this problem?*

Ans. Mr. Ronald acknowledged the fact that during rainy seasons, sewerage pipes get overwhelmed with the flow due to infiltration and the surrounding communities are at risk of the overflows (excess raw-water), But as the cooperation we are working tooth and nail to see this challenge is dealt with—this is through initiatives to widen the sewerage network/ system to offset some of these overflows.

Likewise some community members have made it a habit to make illegal connections to the sewer lines in this it is found that in these indiscriminate connections hard materials like pampers find their way in the pipes and block the flow, thus resulting into bursts—on this point he appealed to those doing so to stop with immediate effect.

Guide Qn2. *Some part of Kamwokya have prepaid taps but a big issue highlighted is the maintenance of the spoilt taps, whose responsibility is it and how the community members can be supported to ensure functionality of these taps.*

Ans. NWSC has a technical team that makes repairs of the faulty pre-paid taps we have also tried to get in touch with community members to ensure feedback is received from our clients —“..like two months back we have been in this parish to extend services of these pro-poor taps with a connection of over 30taps and a number of participants here are beneficiaries”—He added.

2.2.c) Interview with Mr. Patrick Mujuzi—Ghetto research lab on behalf of the community

Guide Qn1. *What are some of the challenges in your community concerning WASH and what have you done to improve community WASH?*

Ans. We have encountered a number of challenges such as the prepaid meters, these are very few in the community compared to the population. Also the challenge for the token the owners move with them which affects those who would want to fetch clean water, this is a cry to NWSC to make these token accessible and affordable for everyone. He also appealed to the landlords should provide space for these taps so to extend the essential services these taps provide.

2.2.d) Community member question

Question 1. *How much is the prepaid token?*

Ans. the token is UGX 15,000 (600 jerrycans) at NWSC office also the token can be accessed through the mobile vendors that walk house to house in the communities—these tokens can be recharged at NWSC office in Kamwokya.

Question 2. *Some community members who have the prepaid taps refuse people with tokens because they assumed ownership of these taps, they even went ahead and welded metal casing around them with a padlocks—what do you say about such behaviors.*

Ans. NWSC is aware of these behaviors especially by landlords and whoever doing this should know that they are doing it illegally and should stop if they don't NWSC may take a decision to relocate the tap—He went ahead to tell the community members that everyone with a token is allowed to use the prepaid meter freely because it is a public tap and it is easy to get the token—they should access help with this at token office in Kamwokya.

Another alternative NWSC has provided PSP—Public Stand Pipes in the community and people can get this water at a cheap cost of UGX100 per jerrycan and there is an anticipated project that is going to be launched in a later date to change the PSPs into prepaid meters to promote convenience

Question 3 *We have a challenge of the drainage that get blocked during rainy seasons, thus for people who don't care about public health release their toilet waste in the drainages—what shall we do to see this problem curbed.”*

Question 4 *Some garbage collectors don't go in the deeper points of the slum, they just stop on the main access and ignore other people—this has forced people to throw garbage in the drainages.*

Ans. Based on the changes that were made in KCCA, Drainage and solid waste ,management departments were under public health directorate, but on discussion with relevant authorities they realised instead of duplication of the directorates they relocated drainage department to directorate of Engineering-this affected many divisions as people who are working on solid waste, cannot now work on unblocking/desilting drainages but *he promised to take action that will see the people who used to desilt the drainages come back to avoid further community challenges.*

The community radio activation was concluded by Mr. Kizito Charles sensitising the participants on the importance of living in a clean and safe hands he emphasised the need to WASH hands and other preventive measure provided by the ministry of health to combat the pandemic—COVID-19 caused by corona virus.

Chapter three: Community sensitisation through community clean ups.

3.1 Bedbug fumigation—Kisenyi ii

The sensitisation on sanitation and hygiene in Kamwokya Parish was held on 17th March, 2020, this was an initiative to reduce the infestation of bedbugs in the community as one of the hygiene support exercise that was requested for by the community representatives. Over **100**Households were fumigated.

The community advocacy group—Ghetto research lab received the equipments on behalf of the community from Environmental Alert. These included the full set of the bedbug fumigation kits as highlighted in the **Table 1**.

Table 1. Items delivered to Ghetto research lab/ECO-VOICE group.

ITEMS	QUANTIY
Fumigation cans	15
Branded overalls	15
Long rubber gloves (heavy duty gloves)	15
Nose masks	15
Mega phones	3
Gumboots	15
Fumigation chemicals(1box)	100

3.1.a) Welcoming remarks from Vice Chairman

In his remarks, Mr. Jimmy Mbabali appreciated Environmental Alert for the support rendered towards the well-being of his residents. He further clarified the objective of the meeting which is solely on Hygiene matters, he highlighted a number of challenges faced by his community members and as a track runner, he promised that step by step they shall be overcome with time. “..Now with Environmental Alert on board I know our challenges and voices shall be amplified to the concerned authorities”—He said

He appealed to the participants that their homes shall be attended to during the house to house fumigation exercise. In his speech he requested that after the bedbug fumigation another priority should be given to emptying of full public toilets and constructing more toilet for the betterment of his community.

3.1.b) Remarks from Program officer Monitoring, Evaluation and learning (MEL)—EA

In his remarks, Mr. Andrew Tebandeke on behalf of the Executive Director—Environmental Alert, he appreciated the continued support from the community rendered to Environmental Alert team working in Kisenyi II, the support from KCCA, NWSC and the local council—this spirit should continue as we track progress on improving WASH in Kisenyi II community.

He continued to brief the participants where Environmental Alert has come from in as far as working with the various teams in Kisenyi II, and this began with assessments, analysis of the situation, action planning, capacity building, engagements through community barazas, now we are doing sensitisation through community bedbug fumigation. He stressed this point that fumigation of bedbugs was a decision that was undertaken after thorough consultations of the community leaders and representatives and as it has been further actions for subsequent support in the next phase shall follow similar process.

As he was concluding his speech, Andrew asked the ghetto research lab team to continue demonstrating discipline and never lose the trust Environmental Alert and Water Aid has in them.

3.1.c) Remarks from Mr. Aksam Ssemakula—Solid waste management officer

He introduced the team he moved with that is to say—Ms. Viola Matanda (weyonje program officer.) and Ms. Lilian Hamba (Division Health Officer—Kampala central division). He assured the community members that the Weyonje and health teams in the community shall be vital in ensuring that Hygiene is esteemed in Kisenyi II community and by this he encouraged the community members to work hand in hand with these teams—Weyonje team.

He further requested the community group (*Ghetto research lab*) not to own the equipments but for the benefit of other communities, they will coordinate with KCCA teams (weyonje and Health teams) to offer these equipments for similar exercises in other communities.

He told the participants that some of the equipment such as the fumigation cans are multi-purpose thus can be used to fight other related disease causing vectors such Malaria causing mosquitoes that hatch in isolate garbage heaps, stagnant water and unmanaged bushes—thus they should be kept well to get those benefits.

As he was concluding he appreciated Environmental Alert and his request was to strengthen the corporation at hand even in the next phase and involve KCCA community system in the subsequent planning and interventions.

3.1.d) Remarks from project coordinator—Environmental Alert.

In his remarks, Mr. Charles Kizito taught the participants the cautions that should be adhered to during the fumigation exercise for both the household heads and the people who are going to do the fumigation.

He taught members the recommended hours they are meant to leave their houses soaked with the fumigation drug (6hrs), that they should move out all their essential food stuffs to avoid poisoning among others.

To those fumigating he taught them the techniques they have to use to have maximum return on their efforts while fumigating the bedbug hotspots i.e. the crevices, the bedposts, mattress linings, chair joints among others. He further taught them on how to assemble the fumigation cans and the pumps.

After his speech, Charles guided the participants through the equipment handover agreement and read out all the agreement sections to bring to light the rights of the community on accessing these equipment from the team anytime—in this he informed the participants that the equipment are in the community to stay and anyone with need as long as they have the chemical/fumigation drug can access these equipment for free of charge.

As he was concluding he led the Ghetto research lab to acknowledge the equipment dispatched to their community by Environmental Alert and verify if they are as spelt out in the agreement and are of exact quantity. He emphasised the need to work with KCCA teams working in the community.

3.1.e) Speech from chairperson Ghetto research lab

Mr. Patrick Mujuzi appreciated Environmental Alert for the support rendered to the community and he pledged to give in all his effort in ensuring that hygiene in his communities is improved and now that his group has the equipment all the 100households shall be worked on with the 100cans and those who and he encouraged other members who would want the same services to approach their office as long as they come with their chemical.

He shared the success story of his group—that it has provided over 400jobs to women in Kisenyi II community; some of these collect plastic bottles while others engage in packing plastic bags (bueras) in plastic bottles(a 500ml bottle can compact about 300-400 bueras depending on the microns) that at the end are used for building houses(plastic bottle houses) as bricks—this has enabled community members to improve their incomes and overall livelihoods. He also talked about the various products they get from waste such as compost manure from the organic waste.

3.1.f) Remarks from Mayor—Kampala Central division

In his remarks Mr. Charles Serunjogi appreciated the support extended to his community from Environmental Alert—he confessed that he got lessons from the support rendered and these are;

- i. Environmental Alert is empowering communities to overcome their social challenges; that is to say, Environmental Alert has lifted off the fumigation pump hiring fees of 30,000/= per day, they are now in the community and accessing them is for free.
- ii. This intervention has created jobs for the community members; the members of ghetto research lab who will fumigate other households on mutual understanding should be paid for his time as a motivation and in so doing they shall be earning a living.

To this he added that on top of promoting community WASH, the project has joined the efforts to ground to fight societal poverty—He advised ghetto research lab team to get in touch with Mr. Aksam to see how they can sort garbage from the communities for other benefits that can earn them money.

“For the matter of policy, I have talked with my colleagues Aksam from KCCA and pointed at the challenge Environmental Alert has posed to us policy makers—If they can do such a thing, what about

us who are mandated to ensure that our communities are safe and in sound health; why can't we do the same?. I have told him to note this in our next meeting.”—He said

He added that, his suggestion shall be tabled to the executive committee as a policy recommendation and it will read as follows.

“As KCCA we should adapt this a policy to empower communities to conduct community basic fumigation through distribution of nose masks, overalls, gloves, sprays and mega phones –This shall be a policy,” he added that in the next planning cycle he is going to provide a budget for these equipment that will be distributed in every parish, what is happening in Kisenyi II he said shall be replicated in other parishes.

He challenged the local council leadership to find solutions for the community challenges and not to look up to the mayor, they should develop strategies that engaging their members to overcome a common problem.

He also clarified that people should stop confusing institution mandates for KCCA and NWSC—many people all the time call KCCA officials to come and solve issues that would have been solved by NWSC like on sewerage burst—that is NWSC mandate to ensure that they fix all these damages.

He concluded by providing the contacts for the relevant persons the local leaders can raise from NWSC whenever sewerage challenge surface in their community and these are as highlighted **Table 2**.

Table 2. Contacts of NWSC officials.

Name/operation officer at NWSC	contact
Sewerage Engineer	0758 931056
Sewerage manager	0752 919000/ 0772 486350
Mr. Segawa Denis—Assistant Sewerage manager	0752 916601
Sewerage line worker	0701 294511

He finally flagged off the fumigation exercise.

3.2 Community clean-up—Ssebuliba zone

The community clean-up in Ssebuliba zone—Kansanga parish was held on 18th March, 2020. The exercise commenced with the handover ceremony and then later on the clean-up started.

Favour women group on behalf of Ssebuliba community received the equipment for clean-up as shown in the Table 3.

Table 3. Highlighting the items to be delivered to favour women group.

ITEM	NUMBER
1. Wheelbarrow	8
2. Spades	12
3. Mega phone	3
4. Hoes	12
5. Gloves	15
6. Branded overalls	15
7. Gumboots	15
8. Nose masks	15
9. Rakes	15

The handover ceremony was graced with officials from KCCA, Area counsellor, Local council II, Local Council committee members, community members and some duty bearers—Homeklin limited.

3.2.a) Welcoming remarks from LC1—Chairperson

In his remarks, Mr. Ssenfuka Bosco welcomed the participants, his community members and the teams from KCCA and NWSC.

He went ahead to appreciate the support rendered to his community through favour women group, he says he is so proud of these women, their consistence and it is through this that have leaped bounds and edges to be accorded this support.

He promised Environmental Alert that these equipments shall be put to maximum use in promoting community hygiene and sanitation. He also requested Environmental Alert to support the construction of the community drainage channel that collapsed.

3.2.b) Remarks from local Council II chairman—Kansanga

Mr. Sseguya Francis welcomed all participants and congratulated favour women group and Ssebuliba community for having received this support from Environmental Alert—he added that from his previous engagement with Environmental Alert, this is just a beginning. He narrated a story of Nabisaalu drainage channel constructed by Environmental Alert with financial support from Water Aid.

He appreciated Water Aid for the continued support to see that community WASH is improved and he challenged other community leaders to pick a leaf and develop actions that can improve WASH in their communities.

3.2.c) Remarks from Executive director representative

In his remarks, Mr. Andrew Tebandeke – the Program Officer – Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning at Environmental Alert, appreciated the preceding speakers for their valuable words and commitment to see that community WASH is improved.

He added on other voices to appreciate the community members who spared their time to witness the handover ceremony and their commitment to participate in the planned community clean—up.

Furthermore, he praised the discipline and commitment displayed by favour women group in such an honour to receive the clean-up equipment on behalf of the community—he is rest assured that even after 10years these equipments shall be found in the community and shall have delivered the purpose. He informed the group that an assessment shall be conducted to see where more effort should be placed for subsequent support in the next phase of the project.

He requested the community members to work jointly with the group, that whenever they are called upon to do community clean-up they should respond and combine efforts for the betterment of their community.

3.2.d) Remarks from solid waste management officer—Makindye Division

Mr. Joseph Kirabira observed all protocol as he introduced the team he came with—the weyonje team and the division health officer.

Like his former speakers, he appreciated Environmental Alert for their effort to improve the sanitation and hygiene of the community, to this he added that community members present also approve of their work which cannot be taken for granted.

He enlightened the participants that for sustainability WASH project to stay continue in the community, all members of the community must play a role in working with all other duty bearers-KCCA and NWSC.

That they should not cast their roles to KCCA instead they should ensure that they fulfil their part from whence KCCA shall pick up from.

He talked about sanitation 'Mayumba Kumi' committee; this is where a committee of community people is selected with one person monitoring the sanitation of ten households—this he acknowledged needs resources which he said shall be discussed with Environmental Alert to see whether this can be implemented.

He told the LC1 committee being part of KCCA to work on some of the emerging issues that require enforcement of the laws in the community, the idea of developing by-laws is a good one and this shall help to manage petty sanitation issues at community level.

He also advised community members to work with homeklin team in improving solid waste management in their community.

He concluded by informing participants to keep safe against the pandemic—covid,19, He encouraged them to wash their hands with water and soap and those who can afford the sanitiser should use it and he assured them when we follow the guidelines as given by the Ministry of Health this disease shall be taken off the radar.

3.2.e) Remarks from Project coordinator

In his remarks he briefed the participant of the kind of support extended to the community as highlighted in table 3 above. He echoed the importance of working as a community to see that WASH in Ssebuliba is improved.

He read through the contract to the listening audience to clarify the various sections of the contracts and guided the group through the acknowledgement and verification of the equipment provided.

3.2.f) Appreciation remarks from Favour women group

The team extends their gratitude to the following for the continued support, moral guidance, capacity development and above all the financial support.

- a. *Chairman Mr. Bosco Ssenfuka*
- b. *Chairman LC II*
- c. *Executive Director, Environmental Alert—Dr. Joshua Sserufusa Zake (Ph.D)*
- d. *Water Aid Uganda*
- e. *Mr. Arafu Kamoga and Mr. Charles Kizito the project coordinators*
- f. *The community members of Ssebuliba zone.*

She requested the representative from Homeklin to appear during the community dialogue organised to answer more questions.

The community clean-up

The community clean-up was flagged off by the OC station Kansanga police with a community transect walk to the collapsed drainage from here we witnessed a commitment by the area counsellor Mr. Dirisa Tebandeke who offered a truck of hardcore stores for the construction of the drainage.

We later went to the cleaning up of the Ssebuliba market.

All the garbage was heaped at a central point where KCCA truck was picking it from to the dumping site.

Chapter four: Conclusion

The events were successfully conducted with various commitments from political leaders as summarised in **Table 4**.

Table 4 Highlighting commitments made and the responsible officers.

No.	Commitment	Responsibility
1	A policy recommendation is going to be presented by the Mayor Kampala central division to executive by the mayor to empower communities to conduct basic fumigation.	Mr. Charles Serunjogi--KCCA
2	People who used to work on drainages are to be brought back to support desilting of the drainages to avoid floods in the community.	Mr. Aksam Ssemakula—KCCA
3	NWSC to provide more pro-poor water services to the communities in Kisenyi II.	Mr. Ronald Mufunguro—NWSC
4	The counsellor providing a track of hardcore stones to construct the collapsed drainages.	Area counsellor Dirisa Tebandeke.

Furthermore these events provided a platform to sensitise the mass on the effect of COVID-19 caused by corona virus and people were urged to WASH their hands regularly as a habit after touching money and avoid touching their soft parts of the face³

Chapter five: Emerging issues

5.1 Challenges

During the implantation period some challenges were registered and they included.

- Local leaders fighting for ownership of the equipment—some leaders especially in Kisenyi II wanted to be the custodian of the fumigation equipment contrary to the original plan to be handed over to the group.
- Weyonje team was not well coordinated during the community activities yet they are the community ambassador for KCCA.
- The outbreak of COVID-19 affected the planned community activities like community dialogue as the presidential directive was passed to stop all community gatherings.

5.2 Opportunities

- There is a great need to strengthen sensitisation of communities on how to stay healthy amidst the COVID 19 pandemic, through training them on hand washing using radio jingos, community markets demonstrations, IEC materials for easy stepwise guidance, and radio talk shows among others.
- Community leaders are willing to work with Environmental Alert as well as KCCA team as it makes sensitisation and Mobilisation easy.

5.3 Recommendations

- The groups should use the equipments for the very purpose they are provided.
- Political leaders should consider priority issues of the community that pertain to WASH in their manifestos and commit to fulfil them this will provide a milestone in their race and regime—this is because WASH affects every aspect of life like poverty, health, education, transport among others
- Community Activation Teams (CATs) should be brought on board whenever any intervention in the community is conducted, this shall help to advance their operations in the community and avoid parallel operations.
- There is need to conduct joint planning with KCCA teams to strengthen the collaboration and partnership.

³ The soft are the soft parts of the face, i.e. Mouth, Eyes and Nose.

- e) There is need to redesign the remaining activities to fit in the new normal of the COVID-19 situation.

Annex1. Activity pictures. Photo credit: Environmental Alert.



Figure 2 community member participating in the community clean-up near ssebuliba market.



Figure 1 community members as they stand next to the collapsed community drainage channel.



Figure 4 Mr. Kizito Charles speaking to the participants in ssebuliba community



Figure 3 some of the equipment provided to ssebuliba community



Figure 6 Favour women group chairperson signing the equipment management agreement



Figure 5 Mr. Andrew Tebandeke making remarks on behalf of the Executive Director--Environmental Alert



Figure 8Mr. Joseph Kirabira making remarks during the Ssebuliba clean-up



Figure 7 fumigation exercise in Kisenyi II community



Figure 9 fumigation equipment supplied to the community



Figure 10 Mr. Kizito Charles demonstrating the assembling of the fumigation cans



Figure 12 equipment provided to Kisenyi II



Figure 11 Mr. Aksam Ssemakula being interviewed by Ms. Leila Kalanzi during the radio activation



Figure 14 Mr. Ronald Mufunguro being Answering some of the questions posed by the community members



Figure 13 Mr. Mujuzi Patrick talking to the community members during the radio activation in Kisenyi II



Figure 16 Participants who attended the community dialogue in Kisenyi II community—Kamwokya Parish



Figure 15 Mr. Jimmy Mbabali making welcoming remarks during the kisenyi II community dialogue

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Program and institutional Components:

- a. Environment and Natural resources management;
- b. Food security and Nutrition;
- c. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene;
- d. Finance and Administration;
- e. Resource mobilization and Investment.

Scale of Implementation:

EA operates in selected districts for generation of evidence to inform policy engagements on agriculture, environment and natural resources at National and International levels. Currently EA's operations are in 40 districts across the country. EA undertakes area wide targeted awareness on selected issues in agriculture, environment and natural resources engagements

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- b. Uganda Forestry Working Group - <http://ufwg.entalert.org/>;
- c. The Standards Development Group (for promotion of Sustainable Forest Management in Uganda); and
- d. Promoting Local Innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resources management (PROLINNOVA-Uganda Network) - <http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda>;
- e. The Renewable Energy CSO Network.

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