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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPALITY DISCUSSION ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024.**

**Date**: 10TH May 2023
**Venue**: Isiolo Municipal Board

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**MIN/1/5/2023 Preminilary Opening Remarks:**

* **Chairperson’s Introduction**: The meeting was called to order at by the Chairperson of the Municipality Board. The Chairperson welcomed all board members and stakeholders, emphasizing the importance of reviewing the solid waste management (SWM) implementation report for 2023-2024. The Chairperson noted that waste management is crucial for both public health and environmental sustainability, and the report serves as a valuable tool for assessing the progress of ongoing initiatives.
* **Approval of Agenda**: The agenda for the meeting was presented and approved unanimously by all members.

**MIN/2/5/2023 Presentation of Solid Waste Management Implementation Report:**

* **Municipal Environment and Sanitation Officer**: The Environment and Sanitation Officer presented a detailed report on the status of the Solid Waste Management initiatives undertaken in 2023-2024. The officer highlighted key achievements, challenges, and recommendations for the coming year.
	+ **Key Achievements**:
		- **Waste Collection and Segregation**:
			* Introduction of door-to-door waste collection services in major residential areas of Isiolo town, leading to a 30% increase in waste collection coverage.
			* Deployment of waste bins in key public spaces and the creation of separate bins for recyclable, biodegradable, and non-biodegradable materials.
			* Launch of public education campaigns on waste segregation at the source, focusing on households, markets, and public institutions.
		- **Recycling and Waste Treatment**:
			* Proposed for the Establishment of a pilot waste recycling plan in collaboration with a private sector partner, aimed at processing plastic and organic waste.
			* Over 50 tons of waste collected from designated sites were to be recycled or processed for energy recovery once the facility established
		- **Public Awareness and Participation**:
			* A series of community awareness programs were conducted, including workshops, radio shows, and school programs to educate the public on the benefits of waste segregation, recycling, and sustainable waste disposal practices.
			* Engagement of local youth groups for community clean-up drives and waste collection, providing employment opportunities for 200 individuals.
	+ **Challenges**:
		- **Inadequate Infrastructure**: Despite progress in waste collection and segregation, the municipality faced challenges in expanding waste management infrastructure, particularly in informal settlements and remote areas.
		- **Limited Financial Resources**: The budget allocated for waste management was insufficient to cover the costs of expanding waste collection services and maintaining waste management facilities.
		- **Public Non-Compliance**: There was a significant level of non-compliance with waste segregation guidelines, especially in low-income areas, due to lack of enforcement and awareness.
		- **Illegal Dumping**: Persistent issues of illegal dumping in unregulated spaces, particularly in peri-urban areas, continued to hinder efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment.

**3. Discussion of Key Issues:**

* **Chairperson**:
	+ Suggested that a more robust public awareness campaign should be launched, focusing on the importance of waste segregation and the environmental impact of improper waste disposal.
	+ Recommended introducing stricter penalties for illegal dumping, with clear enforcement mechanisms in place.
* Mr Dahir Yusuf
	+ Emphasized the need for additional waste management infrastructure, particularly waste transfer stations in strategic locations around the town, to streamline waste collection and prevent blockages.
	+ Proposed collaboration with private companies to provide financial support for waste management services through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).
* **Mr Mohamed Dahir** :
	+ Stressed the importance of improving the waste recycling process by investing in modern equipment and expanding the capacity of recycling plants.
	+ Suggested that a waste-to-energy project should be explored to address the issue of waste disposal while generating energy.
* **Mrs. Grace Lolim**:
	+ Recommended the establishment of a dedicated task force to monitor illegal dumping and enforce regulations. This could include engaging with local police and community groups.
	+ Proposed a community-based model where residents are incentivized to participate in waste segregation by offering small financial rewards or public recognition.

**MIN4/5/2023 Action Points:**

The following actions were agreed upon:

* **Increase Public Education**: The municipality will allocate resources to enhance public education campaigns on waste segregation, targeting schools, markets, and local businesses. A digital campaign through social media platforms and local radio will also be initiated.
* **Expand Infrastructure**: Plans will be made for the installation of additional waste bins in underserved areas, as well as the establishment of transfer stations in key strategic locations around Isiolo town.
* **Improve Enforcement**: An enforcement will be posted into CBDs and estates to monitor illegal dumping and ensure compliance with waste management regulations. Penalties for illegal dumping will be increased and enforced more effectively.
* **Waste-to-Energy Feasibility**: A feasibility study will be commissioned to explore the potential of a waste-to-energy plant in Isiolo, with a focus on converting waste into usable energy.
* **Private Sector Engagement**: The municipality will engage with potential private sector partners to form a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for long-term financing and management of waste treatment and recycling facilities.
* **Youth and Community Involvement**: Continue collaboration with local youth groups for clean-up campaigns and waste collection. Incentives will be introduced for active community participation.

**MIN 5/5/2023 Conclusion and Closing Remarks:**

* The Chairperson thanked the board members for their valuable contributions and emphasized the importance of a collaborative effort to tackle the waste management challenges facing Isiolo. It was noted that while progress had been made, there was a need for more coordinated efforts to ensure long-term sustainability.
* The Chairperson concluded the meeting by confirming the next meeting date and the need for progress updates on the action points discussed.

**MIN 6/5/2023: ADJOURNMNT**

Having no other business, the meeting ended at 12.30 pm with a prayer said by Mr. Osman Halake Dadacha.

Minutes taken and prepared by:

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