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CLUS Project Clears Piles of Waste at the Fiamah and Stockton Creek Transfer Stations

The long stay of garbage at the Stockton Creek and Fiamah Transfer Stations damaged the physical structures, clogged the drains and consequently affected the flow of leachate to the drains, which also increased the odor of the waste in the afore-named communities. The project received grievances from Fiamah and Stockton Creek Communities for the odor from the waste.

Secondly, community-based enterprises (CBEs) were also unable to dispose primary waste at the transfer stations due to the overfilled of waste therein. CBEs usually collect primary waste from their various operations communities.

Additionally, the pile of waste at the Whein Town Landfill also covered the access road at the landfill to the extent that it was no longer accessible. The waste management system became more challenging in Monrovia.

However, in June 2022, the PIU organized an intervention strategy and named an intervention team to clear the two transfer stations. The team worked day and night to ensure that the two transfer stations were cleared of waste in eleven days (June 7 -17, 2022) ahead of the 21 days it was originally planned for. A total of 616 truckloads (10,299.30 tons) were hauled out of the two transfer stations and deposited at the landfill as usual. Moreover, during the intervention, the drains at the transfer stations were cleaned, and the transfer stations and nearby communities were fumigated.

During said intervention, the access road was rehabilitated at the Whein Town Landfill which provided easy access for trucks to dispose solid waste at the landfill.

Meanwhile, community members around the transfer stations halted the reporting of grievances as the odor was curtailed from the two already named communities; and the registered grievances were addressed.

CLUS Project Builds Two Hand Pumps in Jokpen Town Community

The Jokpen Town Community, which has a population of approximately 2500-3000 people, is located in Sinkor, Monrovia along the Tubman Boulevard. The community is yet to have full access to pipe-borne water since the civil war ended in 2003. Residents of the community walk about 15–20 minutes to access water from two uncovered wells for use. The lack of safe water in the community usually gives birth to water-borne diseases among residents.

As the CLUS Project, through the Global Partnership for Results-based Approaches (GPRBA), introduced the community cleanliness competition, something sprung among the community dwellers of Jokpen Town. They organized themselves quickly.

With the advice from the elders, they decided to work for victory, to clean their community in order to win the "Community Cleanliness Award". The program involves cleaning your community daily. They worked hard to clean up their community to ensure that they won the award among the twelve quarterly targeted communities. As they cleaned daily, community assessors from the project came unknown to the 12 communities that were participating in the cleanliness competition. They visited each community 48 times in a period of three months. And surely, the plan of Jorkpen Town Community will work out. At the end of the third month, the cleanest and cleaner communities were selected as winners.

Indeed, the hard work of the Jokpen Town Community dwellers was rewarded with a win. The community became one of the two winners for the 19th quarter. The program gives each winner the opportunity to select a mini project in the tune of US\$5,000.00 that could make a change in the lives of the community dwellers. As winner, Jokpen Town Community selected the rehabilitation of two wells to hand pumps and some cleaning tools to continue the community's cleanliness as their mini project. The CLUS Project through the GPRBA fund, completed the rehabilitation of the two wells to hand pumps in the 19th quarter.