Stakeholder's Participation in Solid Waste Management in Lira City

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Abstract

The study aimed to investigate the role of stakeholder participation in solid waste management (SWM) within Lira City, Uganda, amidst challenges posed by rapid urbanization and inadequate infrastructure. The introduction highlighted the historical context of SWM in Lira, emphasizing a transition from informal practices to a structured system, while noting persistent issues such as inadequate resource allocation and regulatory enforcement. Theoretical frameworks, including Stakeholder Theory and Integrated Solid Waste Management Theory, informed the analysis of how stakeholder engagement affects SWM outcomes. The research identified key themes through qualitative methods, such as interviews and focus groups, revealing public disillusionment due to ineffective policy enforcement, political interference, and resource limitations Stakeholder engagement was often superficial, with community members feeling their input was not genuinely valued. Political dynamics significantly influenced resource allocation and regulatory practices, undermining effective waste management. The findings suggested that enhancing stakeholder collaboration, improving enforcement mechanisms, and addressing political and resource-related challenges could lead to more effective SWM in Lira. Recommendations included establishing a multi-stakeholder partnership, formalizing the role of informal waste collectors, and implementing localized awareness campaigns. Further research was recommended to assess the long-term impacts of collaborative strategies and to explore socio-cultural factors influencing waste management behaviors. Overall, the study underscored the necessity for an inclusive, accountable, and effective SWM framework in Lira City.