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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this study was to explore the level of community participation in solid waste management in Sironko Town, in light of the challenges and prospects for future management. This study used a cross-sectional research design. Data were collected and analyzed by triangulation in which both qualitative and quantitative approaches were used. Frequencies, percentages, cross tabulation and correlations were used to summarize the data. The findings of the study indicated that the level of public participation in solid waste management in Sironko Town Council was low and on small scale; community members were also not being charged for solid waste disposal by the local leaders and even if this charge was imposed they were not willing to pay for solid waste management. The study therefore recommends that the local government officials strengthen their strategies for sensitization and mobilization of the people so that they can participate in solid waste management. They should also enact a law that will make all the community members to pay a small fee to facilitate the activities involved in waste management. This will encourage cost sharing and will make the community members take responsibility for what they do and thus improve on solid waste management in Sironko town.