

**REPORT OF THE MARKET SANITATION PROJECT CARRIED OUT BY
GRASSROOT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE (GEHI) IN
COLLABORATION WITH ABUJA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
(AEPB), FCT BETWEEN OCTOBER 7TH AND DECEMBER 3RD, 2023.**

Introduction

Grassroot Environmental Healthcare Initiative (GEHI) is a non-governmental, non-profit making organization committed to the promotion of environmental sanitation. GEHI is made up of professionals who have a background and passion for sanitation and hygiene and who are willing and ready to contribute to the promotion of environmental sanitation in rural and urban communities. In 2023, GEHI extended its sanitation awareness campaign to the major markets in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Project Title: PROMOTION OF SANITATION AND HYGIENE PRACTICES IN THE MARKET PLACES AND AMONG MARKET MEN AND WOMEN IN THE FCT, ABUJA (MSP)

Aim: The Market Sanitation Project aims to create environmental health awareness and raise the consciousness of market men and women on environmental sanitation for better healthy living, economic benefits, and reduction in diseases associated with sanitation.

Objectives:

- i. To provide basic relevant information on proper waste management principles.
- ii. To sensitize market men and women on the dangers of improper management of wastes.
- iii. To educate market men and women on the economic potential of proper waste management.
- iv. To trigger the market men and women's quest for proper waste management for healthy living, and economic benefits, and
- v. To create awareness of the public health implications and economic effects of defecating in open places.
- vi. To trigger the traders's desires for appropriate excreta disposal methods.
- vii. To encourage proper hand washing before and after the use of the toilet and during other activities.

viii. ix. To advocate for improved sanitary conditions in the markets.

Project Locations

The following three major markets in the Federal Capital Territory were visited:

- i. Wuse Market
- ii. Utako Market
- iii. Garki Market

Activities

The activities carried out were the same though the findings differed slightly on some variables and largely on others. The findings would be shared with relevant stakeholders.

- i. There were health awareness talks throughout the markets
- ii. Real-time clean-up exercises were carried out
- iii. Interactive sessions were held with the Market Officials

Next steps

- i. To visit the government agencies in charge of the markets and share our findings for possible interventions
- ii. To extend the visits to other markets in the FCT, Nigeria, and other public places for improved sanitation and hygiene.

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