

Community participation in solid waste management in the City of Bulawayo



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1. Starting Point:

- ☐ Until the early 1990s, the City of Bulawayo was regarded as the cleanest city in the country.
- ☐ SWM was traditionally a domain of the employed workers
- ☐ Residents were just consumers and admirers of SWM services
- ☐ Economic meltdown saw the city failing to maintain SWM services
- ☐ Cleanliness standards started deteriorating
- ☐ There was realisation that the greatest asset that the city had was its people



2. Institutional setting:

- The city is obliged in terms of the Urban Council, Public Health and Environmental Management Acts to ensure that the environment is clean
- Residents longed to see their city reclaiming its former glory of being known as a clean city



3. Policy & Management:

3.1 COMMUNITY SWEEPING GROUPS

- ☐ Existence is due to a council resolution
- ☐ Councilor selects group members for his/her ward
- ☐ Community groups sign “performance based” contract and are supervised by the Director of Health
- ☐ Council pays the groups a monthly allowance
- ☐ Groups responsible for PPE and tools
- ☐ Monthly peer review meeting



3.2 Informal Waste Salvagers

- ☐ Informal tender invitation for the salvaging of waste materials from the landfill
- ☐ Community members form groups and tender to salvage particular materials
- ☐ Groups pay a small monthly fee for salvaging material
- ☐ Salvaged materials is sold to private companies



3. 3 BULAWAYO SOLID WASTE IMPROVEMENT PLATFORM (BSWIP)

☐ Existence is due to a Council resolution

☐ Members include:

Captains of industry & commerce, tertiary institutions, churches, NGO, Artists, Government Departments, Residents Associations

☐ Patron of BSWIP is the His Worship Mayor of Bulawayo

☐ Chaired by a Pastor of a local church. Deputy Chair is a Senior Manager of one of the national retail chain stores.



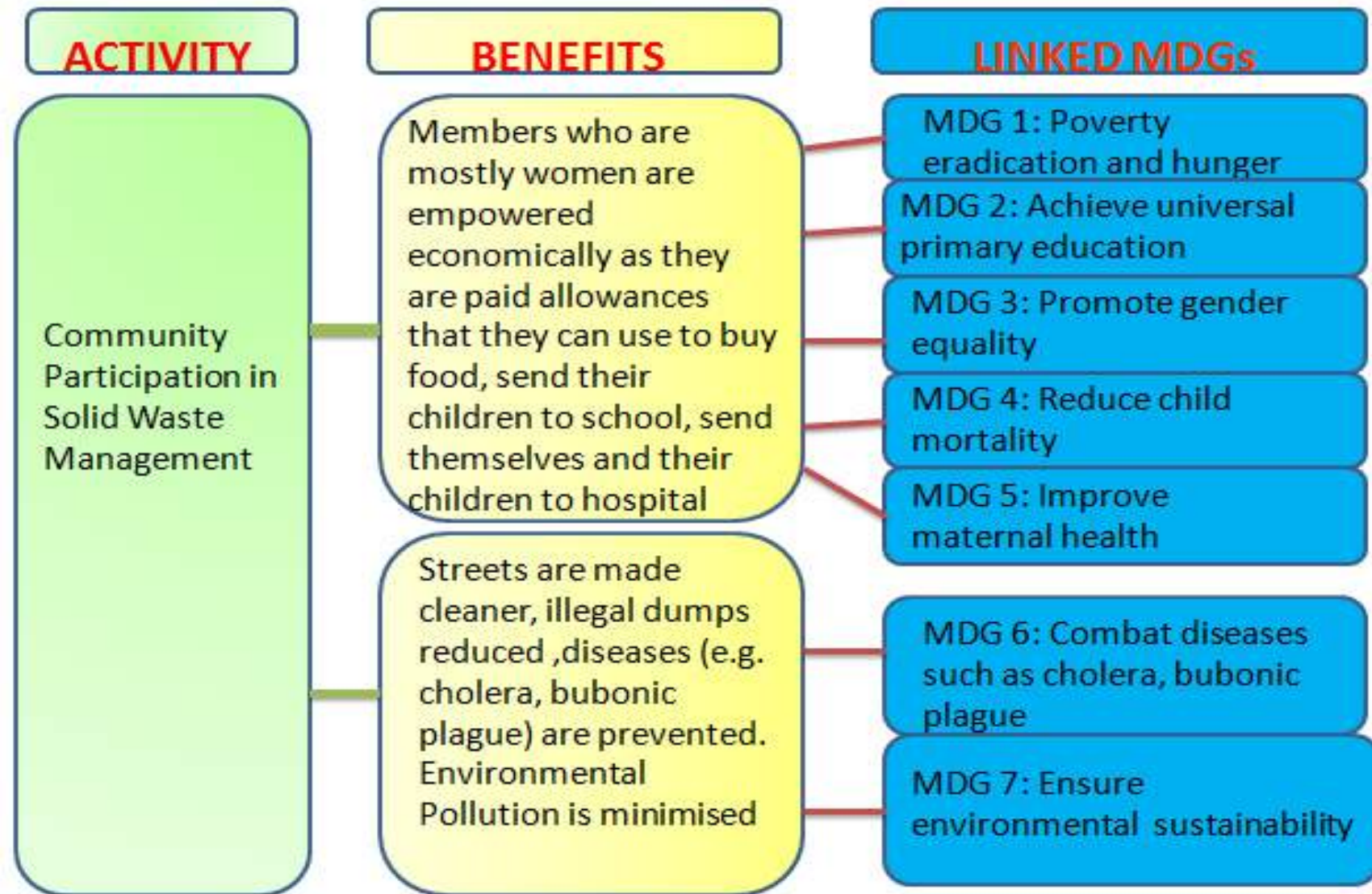
4. Outputs:



- ❑ Residential areas are now more cleaner
- ❑ Staff costs have been significantly reduced
- ❑ Residents are now more responsible for their environment
 - * Heightened community self-policing
 - * Increased number of community organised cleanups
 - * Donations and resources have been sourced towards SWM



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5. Lessons:

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- ☐ Involving the community reaps more friends for SWM
- ☐ Political will is crucial for the success of SWM activities

OUTSTANDING QUESTION

- ☐ Medical Insurance

6. Transfer

- ☐ Common understanding on identified gaps
- ☐ Political will
- ☐ Successfully implemented and improved in Kadoma



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