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**CLEAN-UP AND GREENING EXERCISE WITHIN EMALI TOWN AND
EMALI BUS PARK CARRIED OUT ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023**



Introduction

The community that plants together, grows together! Engaging the community in planting trees helps bring them together to promote local engagement and environmental awareness. Community tree planting helps foster a sense of community pride and ownership of the aesthetic view tree provide, while spreading the word about their importance. There is nothing better than trees to protect and conserve our environment. From enriching the biodiversity to combating pollution, trees help in sustaining the delicate balance of our ecosystems. The benefits of trees are priceless, and their value extends beyond our generation.

Cleaning brings in people some sense of respectability and moral superiority. It plays an important role in establishing values of culture, in respect to cultural imperialism and social class. It is measured from a person's personality, his clothes, attire, and personal hygiene. Cleanliness is not restricted to body only. Maintaining a clean environment is for the health of humans, as their health completely depends on the atmosphere. A bad environment is solely responsible for spoiling the health of the people around.

Summary of the tree planting activity

A market clean-up exercise was organized for Emali market and later a greening exercise at Emali Bus Park. The activity was in partnership of the Emali-Sultan Hamud Municipality fraternity, various stakeholders and the community at large. A flag-off meeting was held at Eden Mall where the Municipal Manager made a brief commence on the day's activity depicting the theme of the clean-up as "the world is changed by your example, not by your opinion". he emphasized on the importance of a clean market not only for aesthetic value of the municipality but also for the health of the residents within the municipality. A procession was done from Eden Mall by the team where clean-up started immediately, cleaning was also done within Emali town and later culmination to Emali Bus Park where the fire extinguisher was used to clean the bus park and unclog the trenches passing along the kiosks. Speeches in regard to the clean-up day were day and acknowledgment with appreciation to the different stakeholders who supported the exercise was done.

The event was graced by the CO - Trade, Marketing, Industry, Culture and Tourism who launched working tools and equipment for Emali-Sultan Hamud Municipality market cleaning casuals. The Municipal team with the leadership of the Municipality Manager appreciated the kind gesture by the chief officer as handover was done.

A tree planting session was done within the Bus Park where 16 palm tree seedlings were planted within already pitted holes at the bus park. 200 more ornamental tree seedlings and 100 siena siemea tree seedlings were donated to be planted at a later date, some precisely at the newly constructed Emali Business Centre for aesthetic purposes. During the event the participants were encouraged to become more aware of their environment, providing them with an educational experience and the opportunity to do something positive for their local community. They were also advised that planting trees did not only entail having them in their holes but it required them to nurture them and grow

them to maturity. This will not only create a sense of ownership but will ensure their sustainability.

Below is a break-down of the some of the support received from the various stakeholders engaged in the exercise

S/No.	Stakeholder	Support
1.	Kilome Nursing Home Hospital	Masks - 6 boxes Gloves - 2 boxes (100 pieces per box) Tree seedlings - 34 (Ashok) A standby Ambulance
2.	EDCA - Child Fund Kenya	Soda - 16 Crates
3.	Cooperative Bank - Emali	Masks - 1 box Tree seedlings - 12 (Golden Palms) Water - 4 parcels Soda - 2 Parcels
4.	Emali Business Owners CBO	Water - 20 Parcels Soda - 5 Crates
5.	Eco-Green Initiatives	100 Siena Siemea tree seedlings
6.	Bestcare Hospital - Emali	Masks - 6 Gloves - 2 boxes Tree seedlings - 10 A standby Ambulance
7.	Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH)	Tree seedlings - 100 (Christmas tree)
8.	Lukenya University	103 Tree seedlings
9.	Sky Hotel	Water - 6 Parcels
10.	Northstar Alliance	Masks - 20 boxes
11.	Bliss Health Centre	Gloves - 3 boxes Masks - 4 boxes T-shirts - 4
12.	KEFRI - Kibwezi	100 - Tree seedlings

Conclusion

The activity was successfully executed. When done well, tree planting is recognized as one of the most engaging, environmentally friendly activities that people can take part in to better the planet. Trees greatly benefit the people living around them by having a positive impact on mental health and well-being, reducing stress and encouraging outdoor exercise. This is in addition to the benefits they will receive from an improved environmental quality and improved amenity which comes with planted areas.

Understanding the importance and effectiveness of cleaning allows us to fully appreciate its usefulness and the contributions it makes to the quality of life. Man cannot live and survive amidst waste. A clean environment that includes clean air, water, land and energy, is essential for human existence, conducting business and creating wealth. There are many ways you can show that you care about our environment. Some of the most common ways are the three Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle. No matter how small or insignificant your actions may seem, they matter. It only takes one person to start a movement that could possibly lead to a major environmental breakthrough. In this age of environmental concern individuals are outwardly interested in the healthy state of their surroundings. As populations increase and we become more connected with our environment and each other through global communication, commerce and transportation, that interest also increases. Our desire for a clean environment represents a powerful sense of destiny and hope for the future. We cannot isolate ourselves from the earth's natural processes and our immediate environment whether it be natural or built. It is important to acknowledge that every element of our existence is derived from our surroundings.

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Annexes



Fig 1: The Municipal Staff, Stakeholders, Emali Market Cleaners and the Community at the assembly point before start of the clean-up exercise



Fig 1: CO - Trade, Marketing, Industry, Culture and Tourism addressing the community during the clean-up exercise



Fig 2: The Environment and Social Services Committee board chairperson addressing the community during the clean-up exercise



Fig 3: Garbage collection ongoing during the clean-up exercise



Fig 4: Community actively participating in the clean-up



Fig 5: Launch and handover of working tools and equipment by the CO - Trade, Marketing, Industry, Culture and Tourism to the Municipality Manager and Emali market casuals



Fig 6: The County Fire extinguisher using water to clean and unclog the trenches at Emali Bus Park



Fig 7: The Municipal Manager Planting a tree during the exercise



Fig 8: The CO - Trade, Marketing, Industry, Culture and Tourism Planting a tree during the exercise



Fig 9: The Municipal Environment Officer Planting a tree during the exercise



Fig 10: MCAs Planting a tree during the exercise



Fig 11: The Municipal Water Officer and a representative from Kilome Nursing Home Hospital Planting a tree during the exercise



Fig 12: A representative from Eco-Green Initiatives Planting a tree during the exercise



Fig 13: Bestcare Hospital Ambulance supported by the hospital at standby for emergency services during the exercise



Fig 14: The County Fire Extinguisher ready for the clean-up exercise



Fig 15: The County Enforcement staff and Kilome Nursing Home Ambulance at the background in support of the exercise



Fig 16: Emali/Mulala Ward Administrator planting a tree during the greening exercise



Fig 17: Emali Market Committee chairperson addressing the community during the clean-up exercise



Fig 18: Emali Market Cleaners during the handover of tools and equipment at Emali Bus Park