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Enhancing waste disposal practices and education for Lake Bosomtwe visitors and communities project aims to enhance waste disposal practices, educate and create public awareness for Lake Bosomtwe visitors and communities hence contributing to the mitigation of existing negative waste disposal practices impacting on the lake. Related to project objectives, the following key activities targeting both tourists and local communities to address the pollution of the lake has been carried out.

Supply of Waste Bins



Through community collaborative and participatory processes, very sensitive sites along the shore and communities were identified for waste bin placement. Accordingly, 30 large sized waste bins were purchased and placed along critical sites of the lake's shoreline where day visitors activities is immense and also at critical waste sensitive sites. Signs and/or signage were attached to bins and tree's to illustrate appropriate disposal of rubbish.

Motor Tricycle

A large-sized motor tricycle has been purchased and presented to local volunteers. The tricycle aids in the regular emptying of bins and transportation of waste to an appropriate off-site refuse dump.



Conservation Education and Public Awareness



A local oriented education material was carefully designed. A total of 60 students from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology were recruited, their capacities built using the education manual and were used as community educators. They were divided into smaller groups and distributed to the various lake communities for the education programme through house to house, one-on-one, and group discussion method. A local community

broadcaster was recruited and trained on the specific education messages, purposely for radio education in the local dialect. Eight different sessions of the radio education has been carried out in communities.

Capacity building

A 3-day capacity workshop has been organised for 20 local Information Centre employees and tour guides. Participants' capacities were built on ways to implement waste management practices, promote eco-touring in the area, effective tour guiding and communication.

