



Monrovia City Corporation

Promoting sustainable Waste Management
for Resilient Monrovia



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INTRODUCTION

- ❖ Monrovia is the capital of the Africa's oldest republic which declared her independence in 1847.
- ▶ **Area of Monrovia** - Land size is **194.25 km²**
- ▶ **Monrovia Population** - approx. **1.5 million** people. (1/3 of Liberia's population)



OVERVIEW OF MONROVIA CITY CORPORATION

- ❖ The Monrovia City Corporation (MCC) provides oversight regulation and is responsible for waste management within the municipality.
- ❖ It promotes the mantra of “Clean, Green and Resilience” city.



OVERVIEW OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MONROVIA

- ❖ The overarching solid waste management sets out the vision which reorganizes safe collection, treatment and disposal of solid waste generated by population.
- ❖ Promoting sound public health, clean environment and socially satisfactory manner by using most economical and available means.

REASONS FOR CHALLENGES

- ❖ Limited government budgetary allocation to the sector
- ❖ Public perceptions of waste management
- ❖ Inadequate human resource capacity



APPROCHES TOWARD ADDRESSING PROBLEMS

- ▶ To institute a strong Polluters Pay Policy (PPP)
- ▶ To develop effective solid waste management strategies
- ▶ Education and awareness on solid waste management
- ▶ To promote waste value addition



LEARNING FROM THE BEST PRACTICES IN YOKOHAMA CITY

- ▶ Community engagement
- ▶ National strategic policy on waste management and value chains
- ▶ Learned about participation of citizens/stakeholders in waste management

Yokohama city (August 2018)



Beach Cleaning Monrovia
(February 2019)



DIVIDENDS FROM TRAINING PROGRAMS

Study tour to Koshe Dump Site in Addis Ababa Landfill Management (December 2018)



Knowledge sharing with senior staff and colleagues from Addis Ababa (January 2019)



ACTUAL ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS

- ▶ In Monrovia, **Clean-up campaign** is held on the first Saturday of every month, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- ▶ JICA Alumni Association of Liberia (JAALIB: an organization for ex-participants of JICA Training Programs) joined the first Saturday cleaning-up exercise in March 2019.



CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IN MARCH 2019

JAALIB participated in the cleaning exercise in the boulevard in Monrovia.



ACTUAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

Fire outbreak at Rally Town
Collection Point
(May 2019)



Mass Clearing Team for
Fire outbreak at Rally Town
Collection Point
(May 2019)



AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Expanding our engagement with Bishop Brooks community dwellers on proper waste disposal and corresponding public health consequences in January 2019.



RESULT OF ACTUAL ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Lessons learned from Japan (JICA) have added value and capacity to waste management of the Municipality of Monrovia.
- ▶ MCC expanded our engagement with community dwellers and stakeholders on proper waste disposal and corresponding public health consequences, which enables many of them to realize the significance of a clean and safe environment.
- ▶ National dialogue on solid waste management has heightened the public perception, which led to a two-day citywide solid waste conference in November 2018.

WAY FORWARD

- ▶ MCC should solicit support from the international community through multi/bi-lateral agreements on investing their knowledge and technical know-how in Monrovia for the sake of an environmentally sound management of waste streams.
- ▶ Private sectors should be actively involved in solid waste management and be a collaborative partner of government bodies. This will create more employment opportunities for the growing population.

“There is no shortcut in solid waste management, neither event. It is a systematic procedure that must be followed. Solid waste management is every citizen’s responsibility”

Hafiz A.V Sannor



Prof. Shoichi Hayami

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

