

# DZIKO LANGA SANITATION FESTIVAL 2018

Dziko Langa, Lusaka, Zambia

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## A Healthy Living, I see you!

From August 29-31, 2018, the Dziko Langa Club held it's first ever Sanitation Festival under the theme 'A Healthy Living, I see you!' The 3 day festival which was planned by Dziko Langa children and youth, was held with the aims of :

- Incorporating the broader community (particularly children and youth) into sanitation and health action;
- Sensitising and share information on sanitation and health; and
- Shedding light on the activities of Dziko Langa and other Sanitation and Health bodies.

### Festival Highlights

- ⇒ Community led civic engagements through collaborations with government (Lusaka City Council), private sector (Fairy Bottling) and national Health Ambassadors (Zambian artists: B-Flow, T-Boy and D2)
- ⇒ Opening of the Festival by the Mayor of Lusaka, His Worship, Mr. Miles Sampa
- ⇒ A total of 271 persons registered as participants across the 3 day Festival



Day 1: Launch of Sanitation Festival

His Worship, the Mayor of Lusaka, Mr. Miles Sampa (L)  
Japan Research Institute for Humanity & Nature, Sanitation Value Chain Project Leader, Prof. Taro Yamauchi (R)



Day 1: Dziko Langa geared to clean New Soweto Market

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Day 1: March Past (Civic Centre to New Soweto Market, Lusaka)

## Day 1: March for Sanitation

The first day of the Festival [Wed. Aug 29] was a March Past starting from Lusaka Civic Centre, to Government Complex, to the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA), to New Soweto Market.

The day commenced with an address from His Worship, the Mayor of Lusaka, Mr. Miles Sampa and was graced by Dziko Langa's research team from the Research Institute of Humanity & Nature (RIHN), Japan, University of Zambia representative and Chawama Youth Project partners. The Mayor then opened the March by leading the procession of 135 children and youth before taking leave.

Main activities during the March Past were waste collection (done with the support of the Lusaka City Council via onsite personnel, bins and a waste collection truck) and information sharing en route. At the last stop of the March Past (New Soweto Market), participants dedicated 2 hours to cleaning, waste collection and information sharing with marketers.

## Day 1 Reflection

Whilst the event was a success, the costs were high; and it is imperative to state that *despite good intention, the support from various stakeholders is required for successful community outreaches and action of this magnitude.*

- ⇒ Participation of higher government officials comes with additional costs
- ⇒ Hygienic equipment and refreshments are needed for participants
- ⇒ Whilst garbage collection is an easy process, the disposal of collected garbage must be considered to complete the process hygienically. This requires partnerships, and/or procurement of services.

## Day 2: Kanyama Cleanup

Day 2 [Thur. Aug 30] was focused on waste collection and sensitization of the areas surrounding the Kanyama Central Ground in Kanyama Constituency. It also presented an opportunity for community engagement and activation towards proper waste disposal habits.

To this end, community members were equipped with gloves, garbage bags and bins; and invited to collect waste alongside Dziko Langa members and assistance from the Lusaka City Council. A total of 73 people signed up to participate during the 3 hour exercise.

The cleanup was launched by the representative of the Member of Parliament for Kanyama, Mr. Clive Mwanga. Additionally, national health ambassadors Brian 'B-Flow' Bwembya and Tanonga 'T-Boy' Nswana were in attendance to encourage the community towards their participation for a cleaner, healthier society.



Day 2: B-Flow interacting with attendees





Day 3: Community members at Dziko Langa information desk

## Day 3: Chawama Interaction

The final day of the Festival [Fri. Aug 31] was held at the Chawama Ground next to the Chawama Primary School. Dziko Langa members engaged over 200 attendees through information sharing on sanitation and health, highlighting their activities and that of other water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) bodies within their community, such as Manja Pamodzi, an initiative focused on the recycling of solid waste. Dziko Langa activities highlighted focused on photovoice, and household sanitation assessments pertaining to WASH. The day also had attendees entertained through drama, poetry and quizzes focused on WASH.

### Day 2 Reflection

Recycling was meant to be a major theme of Day 2. However, the partners for this exercise were unavailable, increasing the waste burden on Lusaka City Council. Despite this change in plans, the young people diligently focused on and completed their community goal. *Reliable partners towards waste collection and recycling are needed in these communities, to support community and government efforts.*

### Day 3 Reflection

The initial plan of Day 3 was to have other WASH related organisations available to engage with the community. *To be able to do this successfully in the future, stronger links, partnerships and collaborations have to be established between Dziko Langa and related institutions within these locations.*



Day 2: Plastic waste collection point

*"Young people, don't give up!  
The future is bright! You  
have our support!" -*

*Health Ambassador, Brian 'B-Flow'  
Bwembya*

## Notable Mentions

Dziko Langa sends out a loud 'We See You!' to the following, for their support:

- His Worship, the Mayor of Lusaka, for his attendance and launch of the march (Day 1)
- Mr. Clive Mwanga, for gracing and launching our Day 2 event
- Artists Brian 'B-Flow' Bwembya and Tanonga 'T-Boy' Nswana for volunteering their time in Kanyama (Day 2)
- Fairy Bottling for their generous donation of drinking water for the 3 days
- Lusaka City Council: Collection of waste and provisions of bins for Day 1 and Day 2
- The schools and churches that permitted the attendance of their young people
- The young people, for being Sanitation & Health champions in their city and community



Thank you, Fairy Bottling for the water

# What Next?

Since the Sanitation Festival, Dziko Langa has taken part in the following activities:

⇒ World Cleanup Day, organized by Junior Chamber International, Lusaka City Council, European Union [Sept 15, 2018, Lusaka]

Clean up of Tokyo Way (vicinity of Golden Crest Mall, Kamwala South)

⇒ Discover Waste! Workshop, organized by WeCreate Zambia [Sept 24-26, 2018, Lusaka]

Entrepreneurship Focus: Business Development in Waste Management



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*We see you!*

## We are getting ready for 2019!

Our theme is:

*'Promoting Good Sanitation and Health in our Communities'*

- ⇒ We are presently working on our calendar for 2019
- ⇒ We are open to partnerships, collaborations and trainings towards our goals and those of institutions aligned with our goals
- ⇒ We are open to sponsorship that will help expand or intensify our scope of work (research, cleanups & activations, community engagement events, waste management)
- ⇒ We will be recruiting new members within our communities of Chawama and Kanyama so that we can do even more

