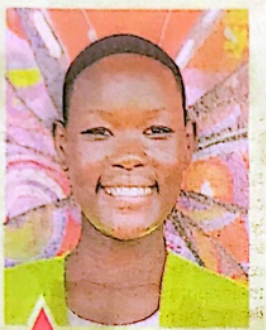
Why do community clean-up activities matter to you?

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In Acholi Quarters of Kinawataka, a Kampala suburb marked by poor sanitation and low housing standards, residents grapple daily with unhealthy living conditions such as littered trenches and crowded settlements. However, amid these challenges, a sense of hope and awareness emerged among the residents during a community clean-up organised by the Green Vests Initiative.

Driven by a shared call to improve hygiene and public health in the area, several teens joined the exercise. In this article, they share their thoughts on why participating in community clean-ups matters to them and the future they envision for their neighbourhood.



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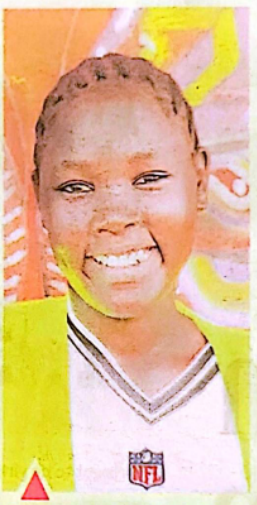
When we participate in community clean-up activities, it helps us build confidence in our communities. In the process, we learn how to engage with others and take responsibility.



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Community clean-up activities set a good example for teens, inspiring them to take responsibility for their surroundings and develop a sense of care.





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Many people have become used to living in dirty environments, but community clean-up activities help change this mindset by encouraging residents to understand that everyone deserves to live in a clean and healthy environment.



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Cleaning the community in which



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Cleaning drainage channels removes waste allowing water to flow freely to reduce floods.



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They strengthen teamwork, and also teach young people to be responsible citizens.

