

How KCCA is managing solid waste collection

The pact. KCCA entered into waste collection service agreements with three companies under public private partnership arrangement.

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As the population of the city increases every day, so is the demand for services from authorities, especially Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), which is responsible for the management of the city.

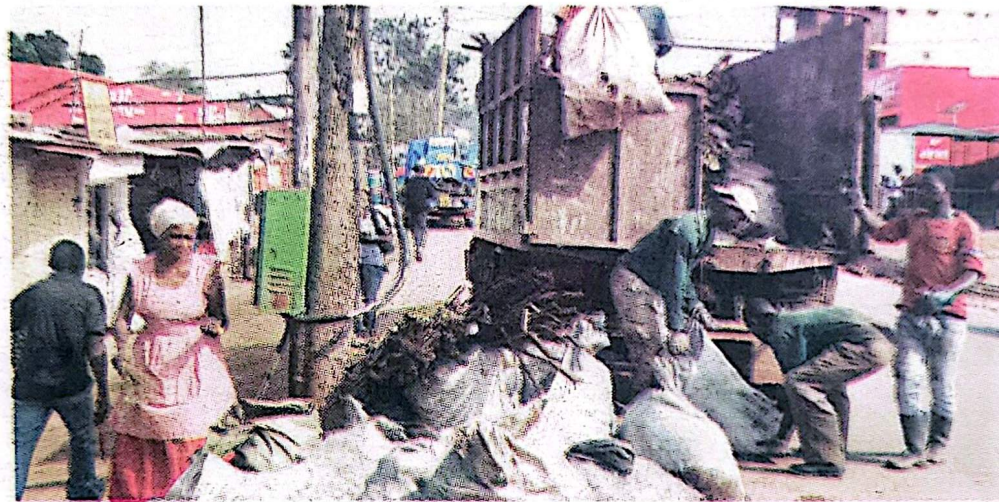
The services include health services, well-constructed roads for easy mobility, cleanliness of the city and solid waste management.

However, solid waste disposal remains one of the most troubling issues not only to KCCA but also to Kampala residents who have for long, been complaining of the littered garbage in the city.

Kampala city receives a day population of about 4.5 million people during day and about 1.5m during the night.

The surging day population leaves the city littered with waste as majority of those who visit the city are either ignorant of the law or there is no enough garbage bins in the city.

According to Section 17, of the Kampala Council (Solid Waste Management) Ordinance 2000, Council shall, either by its agents, servants or licensed collectors, ensure that solid waste in the district is col-



Employees of Homeklin Uganda Ltd collect garbage in Rubaga Division recently. KCCA contracted other private companies to back up its garbage collection team.

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lected and conveyed to treatment installations or approved disposal sites to the extent required to satisfy both public and environmental conservation requirements.

KCCA garbage collection trucks are required to go to the communities to collect municipal garbage at a free cost. But it resolved to contract other service providers to collect commercial garbage, especially from commercial institutions

such as hotels. However, individuals who have the capacity to pay could also use the services offered by these companies. Although these companies are currently operating, they continue to encounter criticism from many people who accuse them of being incompetent.

Charges

According to available information, these companies charge Shs

3,000 per for a small business and Shs 30,000 for bigger businesses like hotels per month. The contracted company is supposed to collect garbage from these places twice a week as per the agreement.

However, the money is paid by individuals who enter into agreement with a particular company to collect garbage from the locations of their businesses and homes respectively.

KCCA entered into waste collection service agreements with three concessionaires of Nabugabo Up Deal Venture, Homeklin (U) Ltd and Kampala Solid Waste Management Consortium (KSWMC) under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement to collect garbage in the seven zones of the city.

KSWMC operates in Nakawa and Kawempe, Nabugabo Up Deal operates in the Central and Rubaga divisions while HomeKlin (U) operates in Makindye Division.

Although these concessionaires are supposed to provide regular and continuous collection of generated waste from all private households and similar waste from public private enterprises, businesses and institutions within the service zone, concessionaires are not fully adhering to the agreement.

For instance, KCCA terminated the contract of KSWMC for zone 6 because it had failed to fulfill some key conditions such as delivering the collection and transportation plan and not submitting the requisite performance Bond for approval.