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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: THE CASE OF LEDZOKUKU-KROWOR MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY, ACCRA - GHANA

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ABSTRACT

The study sought to assess the contribution of Public Private Partnership (PPP) on Waste Management System in Ledzokuku-Krowor Municipal Assembly in the Greater Accra region of Ghana. As a result, structured, semi-structured questionnaires and interviews were employed in both Accidental and Purposive sampling techniques to seek the views of 80 Household Respondents and 20 Management Officials of Private Waste Management Companies, Opinion leaders and Officials of the Municipal Assembly. Although, the Community members described the waste situation in the study area as well below requirement, achievements of Private waste management companies in the study area included ensuring tidy surroundings (30 %), placement of adequate numbers of bins (15 %), alleviated indiscriminate refuse dumping (25 %) and overall reduction in the quantities of municipal waste (30 %). These contradictory statements perhaps suggested the inconsistency of the achievements of such private companies with the study revealing poor or delays in payment as a key challenge for the Private companies and therefore underscored the need for Governments to inject more and adequate funds into solid waste management as well capture waste management in every developmental budget. Creating competition among Private Waste Collection Companies both at the tendering stage and during operations and doing away with monopolies in contract offers by local Government are also critical.

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