

**ABLEKUMA CENTRAL MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION UNIT**  
**REPORT ON SENSITIZATION CARRIED OUT ON COCONUT SELLERS AT ZONGO**  
**AND LIBERO ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION**

Demand for coconut in the municipality is increasing rapidly with its associated problems in terms of food safety, personal hygiene and medical screening on the part of the vendors.

It's in this direction that the unit targeted the coconut sellers within the municipality to health educate them in order to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and increase revenue mobilization for the assembly and improve upon their personal appearance.

The issues discussed include:

- Physical appearance
- Disposal of coconut husk
- Medical screening for fitness

The program was held at Zongo and Libero respectively at their depot.

The Municipal Environmental Health Officer (MEHO) advised the coconut sellers about the role they play in the food chain and how they can add some value to their business by making more profits through proper appearance.

The MEHO made it clear that a lot of people love to consume coconut but sometimes the physical appearance of some of the sellers make people lose

appetite thereby affecting their sales. Proper and decent dressing will motivate more customers to patronize the coconut which will translate in maximizing profit.

Another area of concern is the disposal of the coconut husk which is a burden and a nuisance to the municipality through indiscriminate disposal of the husk without recourse to the health implication.

The MEHO advised and remind them of polluter pay policy which states that they must pay for any pollution they create through registering with an accredited waste contractor or paying and dumping at the central containers within the municipality.

The MEHO devoted her time to read the bye-law and its accompanying punishment when the law is flouted.

They were made aware that it is illegal to sell food under insanitary condition and without subjecting themselves to screening to know their medical status and acquisition of medical certificate.

The leadership of the coconut were very happy and thankful to the assembly for organizing such a wonderful program and promised to support and comply with the directives and advise from the assembly.

MEHO made it clear to them that any member who fail to comply with this directive will be dealt with accordingly.

## CONCLUSION

Total compliance from the coconut sellers will lead to food safety, revenue mobilization for the municipality and sanitary disposal of their trade refuse which translates to a clean environment.

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**PICTURE GALLERY:**



*Officers sensitizing coconut sellers on the best practices to make the coconut wholesome for consumption*



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