

SUKAMBIZI ASSOCIATION TRUST

WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. Introduction

Malawi Waste Management Standards require any business establishment that is capable of producing waste to have in place a Policy to manage waste which ensures that the segregation, handling, transportation and disposal of waste are properly managed so as to minimise the risks to the health and safety of the public and environment.

Due to diverse nature of activities on Sukambizi Association Trust, a wide variety of waste is generated. The wastes range from waste water from bathrooms, kitchens, and solid waste that falls into two categories namely plant material and other biodegradables, like plastics.

Sukambizi Association Trust as a responsible small producer organisation has a duty to ensure that all of these wastes are disposed of responsibly following good waste management practices.

2. Policy Statement

Sukambizi Association Trust will apply a waste hierarchical approach to dispose waste products to recommended disposal sites where degradable waste will be disposed separately from biodegradable waste.

As required by the Malawi Environmental Management Act, Sukambizi Association Trust will take full responsibility over the waste it produces and do its best to comply with all those requirements stipulated therein. Sukambizi Association Trust recognises the importance of meeting these legal requirements and to manage its waste responsibly not only for the purposes of protecting the local environment but also for the betterment and future of its business on the national and international markets.

Sukambizi Association Trust therefore requires all farmers and anyone else making use of the premises to comply with this Policy, to ensure compliance with waste legislation.

3. Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are:

- To ensure that waste management is done following all waste legislative requirements.
- To minimise waste reaching water bodies...

- To provide clearly defined roles and responsibilities to identify and co-ordinate each activity within the waste management chain.
- To promote environmental awareness in order to increase knowledge on waste disposal.
- To ensure safe handling and storage and disposal of waste on the premises.
- To provide appropriate training to all farmers and other stakeholders on waste management issues.

4. Application

This policy applies to all activities done by Sukambizi Association Trust around households and Fields.

5. Organisation and Management

The responsibilities and organisational arrangements for this Waste Management Policy lie with a variety of personnel within the estate.

SAT MAIN COMMITTEE

- i. To draw up a Waste Management strategy that deals with all waste from bathrooms, kitchens, and homes.

BLOCK COMMITTEES

- i. To ensure rubbish pits are available in all households and are being used.
- i. Providing advice on use of rubbish pits to farmers.
- ii. Provision of appropriate training to sensitize farmers on proper waste management.

DIVISIONAL MANAGERS

- i. Monitor waste management strategies for their respective blocks.
- ii. Provision of waste disposal information for proper waste segregation.
- iii. Overseeing general cleanliness of the Blocks.

FARMERS

- i. Ensuring that waste is disposed of responsibly through the appropriate waste disposal method.
- ii. Report to block committees any problem experienced in the course of waste disposal.