

Policy Brief

WASTE DISPOSAL & MANAGEMENT IN CROSS RIVER STATE PROBLEM DEFINITION



Municipal waste management (SWM) has become a priority for Nigerian Government both at National and State level due to increase in urban population and high consumption rate of the inhabitants.

Various policies and efforts have been put in place to address the issue of waste management/disposal especially in Cross River State yet, solid waste continue to take over our streets especially during the raining season. Waste dump on water channels including gutters by citizens contributes greatly to flooding in Calabar Metropolis and other cities across the state.

WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection and disposal of waste if not adequately handled can constitute a serious threat to public health as well as human and aquatic environment. Commendation is given to the present Government of Cross River State in improving waste collection and disposal in the State especially in Calabar Metropolis.

However, the following is recommended to further enhance waste collection and disposal in the state:





- Sensitization of both the public and those employed to sweep the street on daily bases. This can be done through the use of various media outfits in the state, in-School sensitization, training and workshops and the use of community announcers.
- Cross State Government or the relevant body should provide more trucks to convey trash from inception to dump sites while emphasizes should also be made for trucks conveying trash to the dump sites to be properly covered to avoid indiscriminate dropping of those trash back to the streets.
- Cross River State Government or agency responsible for collection of trash should ensure timely evacuation of such from the streets to promote clean and healthy environment.

