

03 September, 2020

Ms. Sally Roever  
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Dear Ms. Sally Roever,

Re: Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development Project (P164330): Kpone Landfill

Thank you for your letter dated September 2, 2020, raising concerns about the potential negative impacts on the livelihood of the waste pickers due to the decommissioning and re-engineering of the Kpone landfill in connection with the above-mentioned project. The World Bank shares your concerns about the social issues that may result from the decommissioning of the Kpone landfill and has accordingly forwarded your letter to the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources for action. As earlier advised, we would like to reiterate that the World Bank is not involved in financing the decommissioning and re-engineering of the Kpone landfill.

During preparation of the Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development (GARID) project, the Government of Ghana and the World Bank explored the potential for extending the lifespan of the Kpone landfill by developing additional cells and improving operations and maintenance (O&M). Please note that the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) and Financial Agreement of GARID make reference to Kpone landfill only in respect of the possible extension of its lifespan and not its decommissioning. Based on subsequent technical studies (including an Environmental Audit prepared by the Ministry of Works and Housing) and land availability constraints, the World Bank and the Government agreed to exclude the developing of additional cells and improving O&M from the scope of GARID.

We would advise that you engage directly with the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources to raise your concerns and seek possible resolution. As you are already aware, the World Bank and Waste Pickers Association and Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) are part of, and both are actively contributing to the Ghana National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP). Indeed, the technical focal point for NPAP, Mr. Lorenzo Carrera, is also the Task Team Leader of the GARID project, so we hope that you can also take advantage of the NPAP platform to facilitate constructive dialogue between the World Bank and WIEGO on this matter. Finally, the World Bank is available to discuss this matter and clarify any outstanding questions you may have.

Yours Sincerely,



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