

DETEA going Green

Recycling contributes to a cleaner, greener and healthier environment and habitat. As the champions for green environment, Detea should lead from the front in this regard. Waste management and specifically recycling is one element of environmental issues which for it to work; we all need to make conscious decision and take part in protecting our environment by making right decisions. To address this, the department has decided to go green by introducing the most modern recycling and waste management procedures.

To this end, DETEA Environmental Empowerment sub-directorate decided to take the first step getting the department green by creating recycling stations in Bojanala, Fountain Towers and Agric buildings. The recycling stations consists of recycling information and receptacles to place recycling materials in; Paper (all types of paper), Plastic (all types of plastic) Cans (all types of beverages and food cans) and Glass (all bottles, no bulbs, safety glasses or car windows).

Speaking, as always passionately about this project Mr Duart Hugo, Deputy Director: Environmental Planning, Monitoring and Coordination indicated that Waste Management Section will train and enhance the skills of cleaners in sorting the material for recycling purpose. This sorted recycling material will then be given to the DETEA cleaners to sell and make a better living for themselves. It is hoped that this project will soon be emulated by other departments and by staff in their own houses.

All DETEA employees are urged to use the opportunity given to them to contribute towards income generation and poverty alleviation through job creation by managing their waste through placing recyclable material in the allocated containers at the different recycling stations. It is very crucial not to mix the recycling materials to make it easy to sort and recycle. From the stations all the recyclable waste will be placed in the main recycling station in the parking area at the Bojanala building.

Green environment is everybody`s responsibility and everyone need to make conscious decision to change bad habits like throwing papers and other things all over and thinking somebody else will clean up. “We need to change our behavior now so that we can save our planet and we must start now. Please remember that waste can be turned into wealth”.

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