

# THE COCONUT WASTE PROJECT

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## INTRODUCTION

The Coconut Waste Project (COWAP) seeks to achieve a green-circular economy and create livelihood opportunities through value addition to coconut husks in the La Nkwantanang-Madina Municipality. The project targets coconut vendors, unemployed youths, communities within the La Nkwantanang-Madina Municipality (LaNMM) and communities surrounding the LaNMM.

The project is co-funded by the European Union (EU) under its “Promoting a Circular Economy and Local Development Programme”.

The COWAP is being implemented by CERATH Development Organization (CDO) (lead), La Nkwantanang-Madina Municipal Assembly (LaNMMA) and the Tree Crops Center (TCC). Welcome to our project newsletter for March, 2021 which presents highlights on COWAP

## COWAP COMMENCES BASELINE STUDY

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021, the COWAP began activities towards conducting a baseline study for the project. A one-day training was held for enumerators on the use of the Kobo collect data collection software, the goal of the data collection exercise, and processes in gathering quality data to inform the project implementation. In all, 15 enumerators were recruited and trained to participate in the data collection exercise.



Photo: A picture showing the training session for the enumerators  
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Photo: A picture of an enumerator interviewing a coconut vendor at Madina Zongo Junction © Coconut Waste Project

As part of the baseline study, data was gathered from 308 coconut vendors sampled from a population of 318 coconut vendors. Due to the limited data on coconut vendors, the project team conducted a census on coconut vendors within the project area and selected communities surrounding the project area. The number of coconut vendors counted during the census were then used as the population for the study. Data was also collected from households to understand coconut waste generation and management at the household level.

Interviews with market actors within the coconut waste value chain were also conducted as part of the baseline study. These market actors rely on coconut waste value-added products for their operations/activities. They include hospitality companies, agricultural/forestry industries, and mining industries. The study also included a focus group discussion (FGD) with coconut vendor representatives, interviews with individual waste collectors and key expert interview with the Municipal Planning Department and the Environmental Health Department of the La Nkwantanang-Madina Municipal Assembly (LaNMMA).



Photo: The project team conducting a key expert interview © Coconut Waste Project

## LAUNCH OF EU CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

On 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, CERATH Development Organization participated in the launch of the European Union (EU) Circular Economy and Local Development Programme held at the Victory Presbyterian Church, Adentan. As part of the launching, the project manager made a presentation on the COWAP. Among others, the project manager highlighted the goal of the project, the implementing partners, the key expected outputs, and the activities undertaken thus far.



Photo: A picture of the project manager making a presentation on the Coconut Waste Project at the launch of the EU Circular Economy and Local Development Programme.

## MEETING WITH THE GHANA CHAMBER OF MINES



Photo: A group picture of members of the project team with an officer from the Ghana Chamber of Mines © Coconut Waste Project

As part of efforts in exploring the manufacturing of coconut waste value added products, the project team met with key personnel from the Ghana Chamber of Mines on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain the market for activated carbon charcoal used by mining companies in Ghana.

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