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ABSTRACT

This project is concerned with capacity building for the *Mazingira* Women Group by conducting sensitization meetings to the Majengo Ward community so that they pay the garbage collection fees as required, but also assist the group in acquiring skills that will enable them make alternative use of the garbage they collect. The participants included 20 members of the *Mazingira* Women group who reside in Majengo Ward, Dodoma Municipal Council. By capacitating this group, the members will be able to raise their income through the fee that they collect and also from the compost manure that they will be producing.

The sensitization was done through organized community meetings in the respective *Mitaa* where community members met with the *Mitaa* and Ward leaders, the later being facilitators. The training was done in late November, 2006 to all the 20 group members to teach them how to make compost manure. This was done under the supervision of the ward community development officer.