



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR ROLLING OUT NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS (NACDs)



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PREAMBLE

Uganda's social and economic transformation depends not only on strong institutions and economic growth, but also on the health, productivity, and well-being of its people. A clean, safe, and healthy environment is fundamental to achieving these national aspirations. Environmental sanitation, proper waste management, and good hygiene practices are therefore essential pillars for safeguarding public health, protecting our natural resources, and sustaining inclusive development.

Recognizing this importance, Cabinet, through Minute No. 246 (CT 2025) of the Cabinet Meeting held in Entebbe on 11th August 2025, approved the National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative as a national program to promote collective responsibility for environmental sanitation and cleanliness across the country. The initiative establishes the last Saturday of every month, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., as a dedicated time for all Ugandans to participate in community cleaning activities.

The National Cleaning Days Initiative represents a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, bringing together Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Local Governments, cultural and religious institutions, the private sector, civil society organizations, and all citizens in a coordinated effort to maintain clean and healthy communities. Through this initiative, Government seeks to foster behavioral change, strengthen environmental stewardship, and promote shared civic responsibility.

Regular community cleaning will contribute significantly to preventing sanitation-related diseases, reducing the burden of healthcare costs on households, and improving productivity and livelihoods. It will also strengthen the culture of community participation and reinforce the principle that maintaining a clean environment is the responsibility of every citizen.

The Office of the Prime Minister, in line with its mandate of coordinating Government business and monitoring service

delivery, will provide overall policy oversight and coordination of the initiative. The Ministry of Health will serve as the technical lead, working closely with other Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Local Governments, and partners to ensure effective implementation.

This Implementation Guide provides the institutional framework, roles and responsibilities, coordination mechanisms, and operational procedures necessary for the successful rollout and sustainability of National Cleaning Days across Uganda. It is intended to guide all stakeholders in implementing the initiative in a structured, coordinated, and results-oriented manner.

I call upon all leaders at national and local levels, institutions, communities, and every Ugandan to embrace and actively participate in this important national effort. Together, let us build a culture of cleanliness, protect our environment, and create healthier and more productive communities for present and future generations.



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PRIME MINISTER

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative was approved by Cabinet through Minute No. 246 (CT 2025) of the Cabinet Meeting held in Entebbe on 11th August 2025 as a national programme aimed at promoting environmental sanitation, proper waste management, hygiene practices and collective civic responsibility.

The initiative establishes the last Saturday of every month, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., as National Cleaning Day, during which all Ugandans are expected to participate in community cleaning activities.

The initiative adopts a Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society approach, bringing together Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Governments, cultural and religious institutions, the private sector, civil society organisations, development partners and citizens in a coordinated effort to build a cleaner, healthier, productive and environmentally sustainable Uganda.

Environmental cleanliness and proper sanitation are fundamental determinants of public health, social well-being and economic productivity. Through regular community participation and sustained behaviour change, the National Cleaning Days Initiative seeks to reduce sanitation-related diseases, improve livelihoods and contribute to Uganda's socio-economic transformation.

The Office of the Prime Minister shall provide overall policy oversight and coordination, while the Ministry of Health shall serve as the technical lead ministry.

These Guidelines provide the institutional framework, roles and responsibilities, coordination mechanisms and implementation arrangements necessary for the effective roll-out and sustainability of National Cleaning Days across Uganda.

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS

1.1 Overall Objective

To institutionalize regular, coordinated national action on environmental sanitation and hygiene, contributing to improved public health, environmental protection, and socio-economic development.

2.2 Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the National Cleaning Days Initiative are to:

- i. Improve environmental sanitation and strengthen solid waste management practices in urban and rural communities.
- ii. Promote positive behavioural change and foster a culture of cleanliness, hygiene, sanitation and environmental stewardship among all citizens.
- iii. Strengthen coordination, collaboration and collective action among Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Governments, the private sector, civil society and communities in promoting environmental cleanliness.
- iv. Enhance community participation, ownership and civic responsibility in maintaining clean, healthy and safe living environments.
- v. Reduce the burden of sanitation-related diseases and environmental degradation in order to improve public health, increase productivity and enhance household welfare and socio-economic development.

2.3 Expected Outputs

The National Cleaning Days Initiative is expected to achieve the following outputs:

- i. Increased public awareness and behavioural change on the importance of environmental cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene for improved health and well-being.
- ii. Enhanced participation and inclusive engagement of individuals, communities, institutions and organisations in maintaining clean and healthy environments.
- iii. Improved environmental sanitation and solid waste management practices in communities, public institutions and urban centres.
- iv. Strengthened local leadership, coordination and accountability mechanisms for the implementation of National Cleaning Days at all levels.
- v. Improved community ownership and civic responsibility for environmental cleanliness and sanitation.
- vi. Reduced incidence of sanitation-related diseases and associated household healthcare costs, contributing to improved productivity and socio-economic transformation.

- vii. Strengthened multi-sectoral partnerships and collaboration among Government, communities, the private sector, civil society and development partners in promoting environmental cleanliness and public health.

3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative shall be guided by the following principles:

- i. Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society Approach**
Promoting collective action and shared responsibility by all Government institutions, Local Governments, communities, cultural and religious institutions, the private sector, civil society organisations, development partners and citizens.
- ii. Community Ownership and Participation**
Encouraging communities to take responsibility for maintaining clean, healthy and safe environments and actively participate in National Cleaning Days activities.
- iii. Inclusiveness and Equity**
Ensuring the meaningful participation of all persons, including women, men, youth, children, older persons and persons with disabilities, without discrimination.
- iv. Environmental Sustainability**
Promoting environmentally sound and sustainable sanitation and waste management practices that protect natural resources for present and future generations.
- v. Accountability and Transparency**
Ensuring that all stakeholders fulfil their responsibilities and are accountable for the effective implementation and use of resources under the initiative.
- vi. Results-Oriented Implementation**
Focusing on measurable outcomes and tangible improvements in environmental cleanliness, public health and community well-being.
- vii. Partnership and Collaboration**

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Promoting cooperation, coordination and resource sharing among all stakeholders to maximise impact and sustainability.

viii. Behaviour Change and Civic Responsibility

Promoting positive attitudes, values and practices that foster a culture of cleanliness, environmental stewardship and responsible citizenship.

4.0 INSTITUTIONAL AND COORDINATION FRAMEWORK

The implementation of the National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative shall adopt a Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society Approach and shall utilise existing national and local coordination structures.

4.1 Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)

The Office of the Prime Minister, as the coordinator of Government business, shall provide overall policy oversight, strategic leadership and whole-of-government coordination of the National Cleaning Days Initiative. OPM shall monitor implementation and performance and provide periodic reports to Cabinet.

4.2 Office of the President

The Office of the President shall provide high-level political leadership, national mobilisation and support supervision for the implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative. Through the Resident District Commissioners (RDCs), Resident City Commissioners (RCCs), Assistant RDCs/RCCs and Internal Security Officers (GISOs), the Office shall support coordination, community mobilisation, monitoring of implementation and reporting on compliance at the local level.

4.3 Ministry of Health (MoH)

The Ministry of Health shall serve as the Chair of the Technical Committee and shall be responsible for the day-to-day coordination of the initiative, provision of technical guidance on sanitation and hygiene, and monitoring of public health outcomes arising from the implementation of National Cleaning Days.

4.4 National Steering Committee (NSC)

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A National Steering Committee (NSC), chaired by the Office of the Prime Minister, shall be established to provide strategic direction, policy oversight and inter-sectoral coordination for the implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative.

The composition, functions and operating procedures of the National Steering Committee are set out in **Annex II** to these Guidelines.

4.5 Technical Working Group (TWG)

A Multi-Sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG), chaired by the Ministry of Health, shall be established to provide technical support for the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting of the National Cleaning Days Initiative.

The Ministry of Local Government shall be the Co—Chair of The Multi-Sectoral Technical Working Group with a responsibility of organizing Local Government Coordination Structures.

The composition, functions and operating procedures of the Technical Working Group are set out in **Annex II** to these Guidelines.

4.6 Local Government Coordination Structures

Districts, Cities, Municipalities, Sub-counties, Town Councils, Parishes and Villages shall operationalise the National Cleaning Days Initiative through existing political and administrative structures.

To strengthen coordination and accountability, District/City/Municipal Committees, Sub-county/Town Council Committees, Parish Committees and Village Committees shall be established in accordance with the arrangements provided in **Annex II**.

5.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STAKEHOLDERS

5.1 Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)

The Office of the Prime Minister shall:

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- Provide overall policy oversight and strategic leadership;
- Coordinate Government-wide implementation of the initiative;
- Chair the National Steering Committee;
- Issue policy directives and implementation guidance;
- Promote inter-sectoral coordination and accountability; and
- Monitor implementation and report progress to Cabinet.

5.2 Office of the President (OP)

The Office of the President shall:

- Provide political leadership and national mobilisation for the implementation of National Cleaning Days;
- Mobilise citizens and local leaders through the Resident District Commissioners (RDCs), Resident City Commissioners (RCCs), Assistant RDCs/RCCs and Government Internal Security Officers (GISOs);
- Monitor implementation and compliance at district, city and community levels;
- Coordinate with Local Governments, security agencies and other stakeholders to support effective implementation;
- Submit periodic monitoring reports to the Office of the Prime Minister; and
- Promote public participation and accountability in environmental sanitation and community cleanliness.

5.3 Ministry of Health (MoH)

The Ministry of Health shall:

- Serve as the Technical Lead Ministry;
- Coordinate planning and implementation across MDAs and Local Governments;
- Develop guidelines, standards and information, education and communication materials;
- Integrate National Cleaning Days into health and WASH programmes;
- Lead health promotion and behaviour change campaigns;
- Monitor sanitation-related disease trends and public health outcomes; and
- Serve as Secretariat to the National Steering Committee and Technical Working Group.

5.4 Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE)

The Ministry shall:

- Provide technical guidance on environmental sanitation and solid waste management;
- Promote sustainable waste management and pollution control measures;
- Support the protection of water resources and ecosystems; and
- Promote environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient cleaning practices.
- Carry out other statutory functions under the Local Government Act, Cap-138

5.5 Ministry of Local Government (MoLG)

The Ministry shall:

- Coordinate and supervise implementation by Local Governments;
- Mainstream National Cleaning Days into Local Government plans and budgets;
- Support the enactment and enforcement of sanitation bye-laws and ordinances; and
- Build the capacity of Local Governments to implement the initiative.

5.6 Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD)

The Ministry shall:

- Provide guidance on urban planning and sanitation infrastructure;
- Promote orderly human settlements and sustainable waste management;
- Support enforcement of building and sanitation standards; and
- Guide the identification of suitable sites for waste management facilities.

5.7 Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES)

The Ministry shall:

- Integrate environmental sanitation and hygiene into education programmes;
- Mobilise schools and educational institutions to participate in National Cleaning Days; and

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- Promote school-led environmental and community cleaning initiatives.

5.8 Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT)

The Ministry shall:

- Support cleaning and maintenance of roads and drainage systems;
- Provide technical guidance on drainage management and desilting;
- Mobilise transport sector stakeholders to participate in National Cleaning Days; and
- Provide logistical support where feasible.

5.9 Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)

The Ministry shall:

- Promote safe waste management practices in the energy and mineral sectors;
- Support innovative and sustainable waste management solutions, including waste-to-energy initiatives.

5.10 Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC)

The Ministry shall:

- Mobilise industries, traders and cooperatives to participate in the initiative;
- Promote recycling and circular economy initiatives; and
- Encourage private sector investment in waste management solutions.

5.11 Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD)

The Ministry shall:

- Mobilise communities, women, youth and vulnerable groups;
- Promote community empowerment and behaviour change;
- Integrate National Cleaning Days into community development programmes; and
- Promote occupational safety and health measures during cleaning activities.
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5.12 Ministry of Information, Communications Technology and National Guidance (MICT&NG)

The Ministry shall:

- Lead national communication and public awareness campaigns;
- Coordinate dissemination of information and key messages; and
- Promote positive messaging on civic responsibility and environmental cleanliness.

5.13 Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED)

The Ministry shall:

- Provide guidance on financing arrangements for the initiative;
- Mainstream National Cleaning Days into Government planning and budgeting frameworks; and
- Mobilise domestic and external resources.

5.14 Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs (MoDVA)

The Ministry shall:

- Participate in National Cleaning Days activities;
- Provide logistical and technical support where necessary; and
- Support the safe management and disposal of hazardous waste.

5.15 Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA)

The Ministry shall:

- Support enforcement of sanitation laws and regulations;
- Maintain public order during National Cleaning Days activities;
- Support compliance with public health requirements.

5.16 Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities (MTWA)

The Ministry shall:

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- Promote cleanliness and environmental conservation in tourism and heritage sites; and
- Mobilise tourism sector stakeholders to participate in National Cleaning Days.

5.17 National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)

NEMA shall:

- Regulate and monitor environmental compliance;
- Enforce environmental laws and standards;
- Provide technical guidance on waste management and pollution control.

5.18 Kampala Capital City Authority, Cities, Municipalities and Urban Authorities

Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), Cities, Municipalities and other Urban Authorities shall:

- Coordinate and lead the implementation of National Cleaning Days within their respective areas of jurisdiction;
- Develop and implement urban cleaning and sanitation plans and integrate them into their annual work plans and budgets;
- Mobilise communities, institutions, businesses and other stakeholders to participate in National Cleaning Days activities;
- Identify and prioritise areas requiring regular cleaning, including markets, roads, drainage channels, public spaces, transport hubs and informal settlements;
- Provide logistical support, including waste collection and disposal equipment, garbage bins and transportation facilities, subject to availability of resources;
- Coordinate the collection, transportation and safe disposal of waste generated during National Cleaning Days;
- Conduct public awareness and behaviour change campaigns on environmental cleanliness, sanitation and proper waste management;
- Enforce sanitation laws, ordinances and bye-laws and promote compliance with environmental and public health standards;
- Promote recycling, waste segregation and innovative waste management solutions;

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- Collect and submit periodic implementation reports to the Ministry of Health and the Office of the Prime Minister; and
- Recognise and promote best practices and community initiatives that contribute to cleaner and healthier urban environments.

In addition, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), as the authority responsible for the Capital City, shall provide leadership and showcase best practices in urban sanitation and environmental management that can be replicated by other cities and **urban authorities**.

5.19 Role of Members of Parliament

Members of Parliament shall:

- Provide political leadership and champion the implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative within their constituencies;
- Mobilise constituents, community leaders and local institutions to actively participate in the monthly National Cleaning Days activities;
- Promote public awareness and advocate for improved environmental sanitation, hygiene and proper waste management through constituency engagements and other public forums;
- Work closely with Local Governments, cultural and religious institutions, civil society organisations and the private sector to strengthen coordination and community participation;
- Support resource mobilisation and partnerships to enhance the implementation and sustainability of National Cleaning Days activities within their constituencies;
- Exercise parliamentary oversight by monitoring the implementation of the Initiative and encouraging accountability among implementing institutions; and
- Lead by example through active participation in National Cleaning Days and by promoting environmental stewardship and civic responsibility.

5.20 Religious and Cultural Institutions

Religious and Cultural Institutions shall:

- Mobilise their followers and communities to participate;
- Promote positive attitudes and behaviour towards environmental cleanliness and sanitation;

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- Integrate National Cleaning Days activities into their programmes and events; and
- Champion community ownership and civic responsibility.

6.0 ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Local Governments shall:

- Plan, coordinate and supervise implementation of National Cleaning Days;
- Integrate the initiative into local development plans and budgets;
- Mobilise communities and institutions to participate;
- Identify priority areas for cleaning and environmental improvement;
- Enforce sanitation bye-laws and ordinances;
- Collect, analyse and report implementation data; and
- Promote community ownership and sustainability of the initiative.

7.0 ROLE OF NON-STATE ACTORS

7.1 Private Sector

The Private Sector shall:

- Provide logistics, equipment and technical expertise;
- Invest in waste management and recycling solutions; and
- Support public awareness campaigns and corporate social responsibility initiatives.

7.2 Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations

Civil Society Organisations and NGOs shall:

- Mobilise communities and promote behaviour change;
- Support advocacy and public awareness; and
- Participate in monitoring, community engagement and capacity building.

7.3 Development Partners

Development Partners shall:

- Provide technical and financial support;

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- Support innovation, research and knowledge sharing; and
- Strengthen institutional and community capacity for implementation.

7.4 Citizens

Every Ugandan shall:

- Participate in National Cleaning Days;
- Keep homes, workplaces and communities clean; and
- Promote good sanitation and hygiene practices.

8.0 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The implementation of the National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative shall commence on **1st July 2026** and shall not be contingent upon the official launch of the Initiative. The launch shall serve to enhance public awareness, advocacy and mobilisation and shall not delay implementation.

Accordingly, all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Governments, Cities, Municipalities, Town Councils and other stakeholders shall immediately commence implementation of these Guidelines and undertake the actions set out below:

8.1 Immediate Actions by MDAs and Local Governments

With effect from **1st July 2026**, all MDAs and Local Governments shall:

- i. Designate a National Cleaning Days Focal Person to coordinate implementation and reporting;
- ii. Mobilise staff, institutions, communities and stakeholders to participate in the monthly cleaning activities;
- iii. Integrate National Cleaning Days activities into their annual work plans, budgets and performance frameworks;
- iv. Participate in the National Cleaning Days activities every last Saturday of the month from **8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** For avoidance of doubt, the first National Cleaning Day under these Guidelines shall be observed on Saturday, 25th July 2026, and thereafter on the last Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; and
- v. Submit periodic implementation reports to the Office of the Prime Minister, with copies to the Ministry of Health.

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8.2 Implementation Matrix

Activity	Lead Institution	Supporting Institutions	Expected Output	Timeline	Level
Provide policy leadership, strategic direction and overall coordination of the National Cleaning Days Initiative	OPM	MoH, MoLG, MWE, MICT&NG and other MDAs	National coordination framework, policy directives and circulars issued	Ongoing	National
Disseminate the National Cleaning Days Guidelines and communicate commencement of implementation to all stakeholders	OPM	MoH, MICT&NG	Guidelines disseminated and stakeholders informed	By 1 st July 2026	National
Constitute and operationalise the National Steering Committee and Technical Working Group	OPM	MoH, MDAs	Functional coordination structures established	July 2026	National
Mobilise political leaders, RDCs/RCCs and community structures to support implementation and monitor compliance	OP	OPM, MoH, MoLG, Local Governments	Increased community participation and strengthened monitoring	Ongoing	National and Local
Designate National Cleaning Days Focal Persons in all MDAs and Local Governments	All MDAs and Local Governments	OPM, MoH	Focal Persons appointed and operational	By 15 th July 2026	National and Local
Develop and disseminate National Cleaning Days Guidelines, Standards and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)	MoH	MWE, NEMA, MLHUD	Approved Guidelines, Standards and SOPs disseminated	Immediate and Ongoing	National
Mobilise resources and integrate National Cleaning Days into Government planning	MoFPED	All MDAs, Development Partners and Local	Budget allocations and partner commitments	Annual	National

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Activity	Lead Institution	Supporting Institutions	Expected Output	Timeline	Level
and budgeting frameworks		Governments	secured		
Mainstream National Cleaning Days into programme, sector, institutional and local government plans and budgets	All MDAs and Local Governments	OPM, NPA, MoFPED	NACDs integrated into plans and budgets	By 30 th September 2026 and annually thereafter	National and Local
Develop and disseminate communication, advocacy and behaviour change materials	MICT&NG	MoH, OPM	Communication and IEC materials developed and disseminated	Immediate and Ongoing	National
Conduct nationwide sensitisation, media campaigns and stakeholder mobilisation	OPM, MoH, MICT&NG	MDAs, Local Governments, Religious and Cultural Institutions, CSOs and Media	Increased public awareness and participation	Ongoing	National and Local
Mobilise communities and promote social and behaviour change	MGLSD	MoH, Local Governments, CSOs and MDAs	Mobilised communities and increased public participation	Ongoing	Community
Conduct National Cleaning Days every last Saturday of the month	All MDAs and Local Governments	Communities, Private Sector, CSOs and Citizens	Monthly cleaning activities undertaken nationwide	Commencing 25 th July 2026 and ongoing	National and Local
Mobilise and coordinate participation of schools, health facilities, markets, prisons, tourism sites, religious and cultural institutions and other public and private institutions	MoH, MoES, MoDVA, MoIA, MoLG, MTWA,	All Line Ministries and Departments Religious and Cultural Institutions	Institutional participation in National Cleaning Days strengthened	Monthly and Termly	Institutional
Support urban and planning and sanitation	MLHUD	MoLG, Cities and Urban Authorities	Improved urban sanitation planning and	Medium-term	Urban

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Activity	Lead Institution	Supporting Institutions	Expected Output	Timeline	Level
infrastructure development			infrastructure		
Clean and maintain public institutions, markets, roads, drainage channels and public spaces	Local Governments, Cities and Urban Authorities	MoWT, KCCA, Institutions and Communities	Improved environmental cleanliness and sanitation	Monthly	Local and Urban
Undertake waste collection, transportation and safe disposal	Local Governments, Cities and Urban Authorities	MWE, NEMA and Private Sector	Improved waste collection and disposal systems	Monthly and Ongoing	National and Local
Promote recycling and environmentally sustainable waste management practices	MTIC	MWE, NEMA, Local Governments and Private Sector	Recycling partnerships and green enterprises promoted	Medium-term and Ongoing	National and Local
Support cleaning and maintenance of drainage systems and transport infrastructure	MoWT	Local Governments, Cities and Urban Authorities	Drainage channels and road reserves cleaned and maintained	Monthly	Urban and Transport Corridors
Enforce sanitation laws, ordinances and bye-laws	MoIA	NEMA, MoH, Local Governments and Uganda Police Force	Improved compliance with sanitation standards	Ongoing	National and Local
Provide logistical and technical support, including management of hazardous waste where necessary	MoDVA	MoIA, Local Governments	Improved operational support and safe management of hazardous waste	Ongoing	National
Conduct public and behaviour change campaigns on sanitation and hygiene	MoH	MICT&NG, MGLSD, CSOs and Religious Institutions	Improved sanitation and hygiene practices	Ongoing	National and Community

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Activity	Lead Institution	Supporting Institutions	Expected Output	Timeline	Level
Collect, consolidate and submit implementation data and reports	MoH	MoLG, Local Governments, NEMA and MDAs	Monthly, quarterly and annual implementation reports produced	Monthly, Quarterly and Annual	National and Local
Conduct monitoring, review and learning meetings	OPM	MoH, MDAs and Local Governments	Progress reviewed and implementation bottlenecks addressed	Quarterly	National
Organise the official launch of the National Cleaning Days Initiative	OPM	MoH, MICT&NG, MDAs and Partners	National launch conducted and public awareness enhanced	By September 2026	National
Conduct annual performance review, learning and recognition of best-performing entities	National Steering Committee	All MDAs and Partners	Lessons documented, improvements adopted and recognition awards presented	Annual	National

For avoidance of doubt, implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative shall commence on 1st July 2026 and the first National Cleaning Day under these Guidelines shall be observed on Saturday, 25th July 2026. The official launch of the Initiative shall not delay or suspend implementation of these Guidelines.

9.0 RESOURCE MOBILISATION AND FINANCING

The National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative is not a stand-alone programme requiring additional funding. The interventions under the Initiative are an integral part of the existing mandates and responsibilities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Governments and other stakeholders, particularly in the areas of sanitation, public health, environmental management, community mobilisation and service delivery.

Accordingly, no additional resources shall be released by Government specifically for the implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative during the Financial Year 2026/2027.

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Implementation of the Initiative shall therefore be financed through existing resources and through the reprioritisation of available resources within approved budgets, including:

- Government budget allocations to MDAs;
- Local Government budget allocations;
- Development Partner support;
- Private sector contributions and corporate social responsibility initiatives; and
- Community contributions and voluntary participation.

All MDAs and Local Governments shall mainstream National Cleaning Days activities into their annual work plans, budgets and performance frameworks and shall utilise existing structures, programmes and resources to implement the Initiative in a cost-effective and sustainable manner.

Accounting Officers and Chief Administrative Officers shall ensure that adequate resources are prioritised within existing budget provisions to support the effective implementation of National Cleaning Days activities.

10.0 MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING

The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other stakeholders, shall coordinate the monitoring and evaluation of the National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative to assess implementation progress, identify challenges and lessons learned, and inform continuous improvement and decision-making.

Monitoring and evaluation shall focus on, among others:

- i. Levels of participation by citizens, communities, institutions and stakeholders;
- ii. Compliance by MDAs, Local Governments and other institutions with these Guidelines;
- iii. Quantity of waste collected, managed and safely disposed of;
- iv. Cleanliness and sanitation conditions in communities, institutions and public spaces;
- v. Trends in sanitation and hygiene-related diseases and other public health outcomes;

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- vi. Community awareness, behavioural change and adoption of good sanitation and hygiene practices;
- vii. Integration of National Cleaning Days activities into institutional plans, budgets and performance frameworks; and
- viii. The overall contribution of the Initiative to environmental protection, public health, productivity and socio-economic well-being.

All MDAs and Local Governments shall collect, analyse and maintain data on the implementation of National Cleaning Days activities and submit periodic reports to the Office of the Prime Minister, with copies to the Ministry of Health, using the Reporting Template provided in **Annex I**.

All reports shall be accompanied by appropriate photographic evidence, including at least one photograph taken before and one photograph taken after the cleaning activity.

Reporting Arrangements

- **Monthly Reports:** All MDAs and Local Governments shall submit monthly reports to the Office of the Prime Minister, copied to the Ministry of Health, within ten (10) working days after each National Cleaning Day.
- **Quarterly Reports:** The Ministry of Health shall consolidate reports and submit quarterly progress reports to the Office of the Prime Minister.
- **Annual Report:** The Office of the Prime Minister, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, shall prepare and submit an annual performance report to Cabinet on the implementation and impact of the National Cleaning Days Initiative.

The Office of the Prime Minister may undertake periodic monitoring visits, joint reviews, performance assessments and evaluations to ensure effective implementation, accountability and continuous improvement under the National Cleaning Days Initiative.

Performance on the implementation of National Cleaning Days shall form part of the broader Government monitoring and accountability framework and may be considered during the assessment of institutional performance.

11.0 ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOGNITION

Implementation of the National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative shall be integrated into the Government performance and accountability framework to ensure sustained commitment and results.

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Accordingly:

- i. Performance on the implementation of National Cleaning Days shall form part of the performance assessment of Accounting Officers, including Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Government Institutions;
- ii. Performance on National Cleaning Days shall form part of the performance assessment of permanent Secretaries, Chief Executive Officers of Public Institutions, Chief Administrative Officers, Town Clerks, Sub-County Chiefs and Sub-Parish Chiefs and other Local Government Accounting Officers;
- iii. Compliance with these Guidelines shall be considered during Government monitoring, inspection, supervision and evaluation exercises; and
- iv. MDAs and Local Governments shall be required to submit periodic implementation reports in accordance with these Guidelines.

To promote excellence and continuous improvement, Government shall establish an annual recognition and awards programme to acknowledge and reward outstanding performance, innovation and best practices in the implementation of National Cleaning Days by institutions, communities and individuals.

The recognition programme may include awards in the following categories:

- Best Performing Ministry, Department or Agency;
- Best Performing District Local Government;
- Best Performing City or Municipal Authority;
- Cleanest Institution (School, Health Facility or Market);
- Best Community Initiative; and
- Outstanding Individual or Organisation Championing Environmental Cleanliness.

12.0 SUSTAINABILITY

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the National Cleaning Days Initiative:

- i. National Cleaning Days shall be institutionalised within Government planning, budgeting, monitoring and performance management systems;
- ii. MDAs and Local Governments shall mainstream National Cleaning Days activities into their annual work plans, budgets and sector programmes;

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- iii. Existing community structures, including the Parish Development Model (PDM) structures, Local Councils, Village Health Teams (VHTs), Community Development Structures and other community platforms, shall be utilised to coordinate and sustain implementation at the local level;
- iv. Continuous public education, community ownership and behaviour change interventions shall be promoted to foster a culture of cleanliness, sanitation and environmental stewardship;
- v. Partnerships with the private sector, civil society organisations, development partners, religious and cultural institutions and communities shall be strengthened to support implementation and innovation;
- vi. Environmentally sustainable and innovative approaches to waste management, including recycling, reuse and circular economy initiatives, shall be promoted; and
- vii. Periodic reviews and lessons learned shall be used to continuously improve the implementation and impact of the Initiative.

The long-term success of the National Cleaning Days Initiative shall depend on sustained political leadership, institutional commitment and the active participation of all citizens in maintaining a clean, healthy and productive environment.

13.0 CONCLUSION

The successful implementation of the National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative requires strong political and administrative leadership, effective coordination, and sustained commitment from all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Governments, communities and other stakeholders.

These Guidelines provide the framework for coordinated action, clear roles and responsibilities, accountability and collective participation towards achieving a cleaner, healthier and more productive Uganda.

To ensure sustainability, the National Cleaning Days Initiative shall be mainstreamed into Government systems and aligned with the Parish Development Model (PDM) and other national development programmes aimed

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at improving household incomes and accelerating socio-economic transformation.

Implementation shall leverage existing coordination and community structures, including the National, District, Sub-county and Village Task Forces, the Local Council system, Village Health Teams (VHTs), Parish Development Committees and Social Services Committees at all levels to promote community ownership and ensure long-term sustainability.

The success of the National Cleaning Days Initiative rests on the shared responsibility and collective action of all Ugandans. Every individual, household, institution and community is therefore called upon to actively participate in the National Cleaning Days activities on the last Saturday of every month from **8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, beginning on **Saturday, 25th July 2026**, in order to build a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous Uganda.

Together, let us build a cleaner, healthier, more productive and prosperous Uganda.

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ANNEX I: NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS (NACDs) REPORTING TEMPLATE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Item	Details
Reporting Institution	
District/City/Municipality	
Reporting Period	
Date of National Cleaning Day	
Name of Focal Person	
Telephone/Email	

B. PARTICIPATION

Category	Number
Staff/Public Officers	
Community Members	
Youth	
Women	
Persons with Disabilities	
Private Sector Participants	
Religious and Cultural Institutions	
Other Participants	
Total Participants	

C. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Tick (✓) as appropriate.

Activity	Yes/No
Cleaning of Offices/Public Buildings	
Cleaning of Markets and Trading Centres	
Cleaning of Roads and Drainage Channels	
Waste Collection and Disposal	
Tree Planting	
Community Sensitisation	
Cleaning of Schools	
Cleaning of Health Facilities	
Other (Specify)	

D. KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

Indicator	Achievement
Number of communities/institutions covered	

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Number of markets cleaned	
Number of drainage channels cleared	
Quantity of waste collected (tonnes/truckloads)	
Number of trees planted	
Number of people reached through sensitisation	

E. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

F. KEY LESSONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

G. PHOTO EVIDENCE

Attach at least two photographs:

- ☐ Before the cleaning activity.
- ☐ After the cleaning activity.

Prepared by: _____

Designation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Designation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reporting Timelines

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- **MDAs:** Submit reports to the Office of the Prime Minister, copied to the Ministry of Health, within **10 working days** after each National Cleaning Day.
- **Sub-counties/Town Councils:** Submit reports to District Local Governments within **5 working days**.
- **Districts/Cities/Municipalities:** Submit consolidated reports to the Office of the Prime Minister, copied to the Ministry of Health, within **10 working days** after each National Cleaning Day.
- **Ministry of Health:** Submit quarterly consolidated reports to the Office of the Prime Minister.
- **Office of the Prime Minister:** Prepare and submit annual performance reports to Cabinet.

ANNEX II: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE, TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND SUB-NATIONAL COORDINATION STRUCTURES FOR THE NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS INITIATIVE

A. NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE (NSC)

1.0 Establishment

The National Steering Committee (NSC) shall be established by the Office of the Prime Minister to provide strategic leadership, policy oversight and inter-sectoral coordination for the implementation of the National Cleaning Days (NACDs) Initiative.

2.0 Composition

The National Steering Committee shall comprise representatives at the level of Permanent Secretary, Executive Director, Commissioner or equivalent from the following institutions:

Chairperson

- Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)

Vice Chairperson

- Ministry of Health (MoH)

Members

- Office of the President
- Ministry of Local Government (MoLG)
- Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE)
- Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED)
- Ministry of Information, Communications Technology and National Guidance (MICT&NG)
- Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD)
- Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES)
- Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT)
- Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD)
- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC)
- Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs (MoDVA)
- Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA)
- Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities (MTWA)
- National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)
- Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA)

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- Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA)
- Representatives of Cities and Urban Authorities
- Representatives of Religious Institutions
- Representatives of Cultural Institutions
- Representatives of the Private Sector
- Representatives of Civil Society Organisations
- Representatives of Development Partners.

Secretariat

- Office of the Prime Minister

The Chairperson may co-opt any institution or person whose expertise may be required.

3.0 Functions of the National Steering Committee

The National Steering Committee shall:

- i. Provide strategic direction and policy oversight for the implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative;
- ii. Provide overall leadership and ensure effective inter-sectoral coordination and collaboration;
- iii. Approve annual priorities, work plans and implementation strategies for the Initiative;
- iv. Mobilise political, technical and financial support for implementation;
- v. Promote the mainstreaming of National Cleaning Days activities into sector and local government plans and budgets;
- vi. Review implementation progress and provide strategic guidance to address emerging challenges;
- vii. Promote stakeholder engagement and partnerships among Government, the private sector, development partners and communities;
- viii. Review periodic implementation and performance reports and make recommendations for improvement;
- ix. Promote innovation, best practices and learning in the implementation of the Initiative;
- x. Recommend appropriate recognition and awards for outstanding performance; and
- xi. Advise Government on policy and strategic issues relating to environmental sanitation and cleanliness.

4.0 Meetings

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- The Committee shall meet at least **quarterly** and may hold extraordinary meetings whenever necessary.
- The quorum shall be **one-half of the members**.
- Decisions shall, as far as possible, be reached by consensus.

B. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

1.0 Establishment

A Multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be established to provide technical support for the planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and reporting of the National Cleaning Days Initiative.

2.0 Composition

The Technical Working Group shall comprise technical officers nominated by the institutions represented on the National Steering Committee.

Chairperson

- Ministry of Health.

Vice Chairperson

- Ministry of Local Government

Secretariat

- Ministry of Health.

The Chairperson may co-opt technical experts and other stakeholders as necessary.

3.0 Functions of the Technical Working Group

The Technical Working Group shall:

- i. Develop and review technical guidelines, standards and operational procedures for the implementation of the Initiative;
- ii. Prepare annual work plans, budgets and implementation strategies for consideration by the National Steering Committee;
- iii. Coordinate the day-to-day implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative;
- iv. Coordinate communication, advocacy and social and behaviour change interventions;

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- v. Coordinate stakeholder engagement and resource mobilisation efforts;
- vi. Provide technical support and guidance to MDAs and Local Governments;
- vii. Develop and maintain monitoring, evaluation and reporting frameworks and tools;
- viii. Consolidate and analyse implementation reports from MDAs and Local Governments;
- ix. Conduct monitoring visits, assessments and joint reviews;
- x. Document lessons learned, innovations and best practices;
- xi. Prepare periodic progress reports and submit them to the National Steering Committee; and
- xii. Undertake any other responsibilities assigned by the National Steering Committee.

4.0 Meetings

- The Technical Working Group shall meet **monthly during the first year of implementation and quarterly thereafter**, or as may be necessary.
- The quorum shall be **one-half of the members**.

5.0 Reporting Arrangements

The Technical Working Group shall report to the National Steering Committee through the Chairperson of the Committee.

The National Steering Committee shall provide periodic progress reports and recommendations to the Office of the Prime Minister for consideration and reporting to Cabinet, where necessary.

C: DISTRICT/CITY/MUNICIPAL NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS COMMITTEE (DCMC)

1.0 Establishment

Every District, City and Municipal Council shall establish a National Cleaning Days Committee to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the National Cleaning Days Initiative within its jurisdiction.

2.0 Composition

Chairperson

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- Chief Administrative Officer (District) or City Clerk/Town Clerk (City/Municipality)

Vice Chairperson

- District Health Officer or City/Municipal Health Officer

Members

- District Environmental Officer
- District Community Development Officer
- District Education Officer
- District Engineer
- District Production Officer
- District Natural Resources Officer
- District Commercial Officer
- District Information Officer
- District Police Commander
- Representatives of Municipal/Town Councils
- Representatives of Religious Institutions
- Representatives of Cultural Institutions
- Representatives of the Private Sector
- Representatives of Civil Society Organisations
- Representatives of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities
- Representative of Village Health Teams (VHTs)

Secretary

- District Environmental Health Officer or Senior Health Inspector.

The Chairperson may co-opt any person whose expertise may be required.

3.0 Functions

The Committee shall:

- i. Coordinate and supervise the implementation of National Cleaning Days within the District, City or Municipality;
- ii. Develop annual implementation plans and budgets;
- iii. Mobilise institutions, communities and stakeholders to participate;
- iv. Coordinate public awareness and behaviour change campaigns;

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- v. Identify priority areas requiring cleaning and environmental improvement;
- vi. Coordinate waste collection and disposal arrangements;
- vii. Enforce sanitation standards, bye-laws and ordinances;
- viii. Monitor implementation and compile periodic reports;
- ix. Document and share best practices and lessons learned;
- x. Recommend recognition and awards for outstanding performance within the local government; and
- xi. Submit periodic reports to the Office of the Prime Minister through the Ministry of Health.

4.0 Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least **quarterly** and may hold extraordinary meetings whenever necessary.

D. SUB-COUNTY/TOWN COUNCIL NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS COMMITTEE (STNC)

1.0 Composition

Chairperson

- Senior Assistant Secretary or Town Clerk.

Vice Chairperson

- Health Assistant.

Members

- Community Development Officer;
- Parish Chiefs;
- Agricultural Extension Officer;
- Representative of Head Teachers;
- Representative of Health Facilities;
- Representative of Religious Institutions;
- Representative of Cultural Institutions;
- Representative of Women;
- Representative of Youth;
- Representative of Persons with Disabilities;
- Representative of the Private Sector; and
- Representative of Village Health Teams.

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Secretary

- Health Assistant.

2.0 Functions

The Committee shall:

- i. Coordinate implementation of National Cleaning Days at Sub-county and Town Council levels;
- ii. Mobilise communities and institutions to participate;
- iii. Identify priority areas requiring cleaning;
- iv. Coordinate community sensitisation and behaviour change activities;
- v. Supervise Parish and Village Committees; and
- vi. Compile and submit implementation reports to the District, City or Municipal Committee.

3.0 Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least **monthly**.

E. PARISH NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS COMMITTEE (PNC)

Composition

- Parish Development Committee – Chairperson
- Parish Chief – Secretary
- Parish Health Assistant
- Parish Executive Committee
- Representatives of Religious
- Representatives of Cultural Institutions;
- Representative of Schools
- Representatives of Health Facilities.

Functions

The Committee shall:

- i. Coordinate implementation of National Cleaning Days within the Parish;
- ii. Mobilise communities and institutions;
- iii. Identify priority sanitation challenges;
- iv. Monitor implementation and compile reports from villages; and
- v. Promote community ownership and sustainability.

F. VILLAGE NATIONAL CLEANING DAYS COMMITTEE (VNC)

Composition

- LC I Chairperson – Chairperson;
- LC I General Secretary- Secretary
- Village Health Team (VHT) Coordinator
- Village Executive Committee
- Village Community Development Volunteer;
- Religious Leaders;
- Cultural Leaders;
- Representative of Schools
- Representatives of Community Institutions.

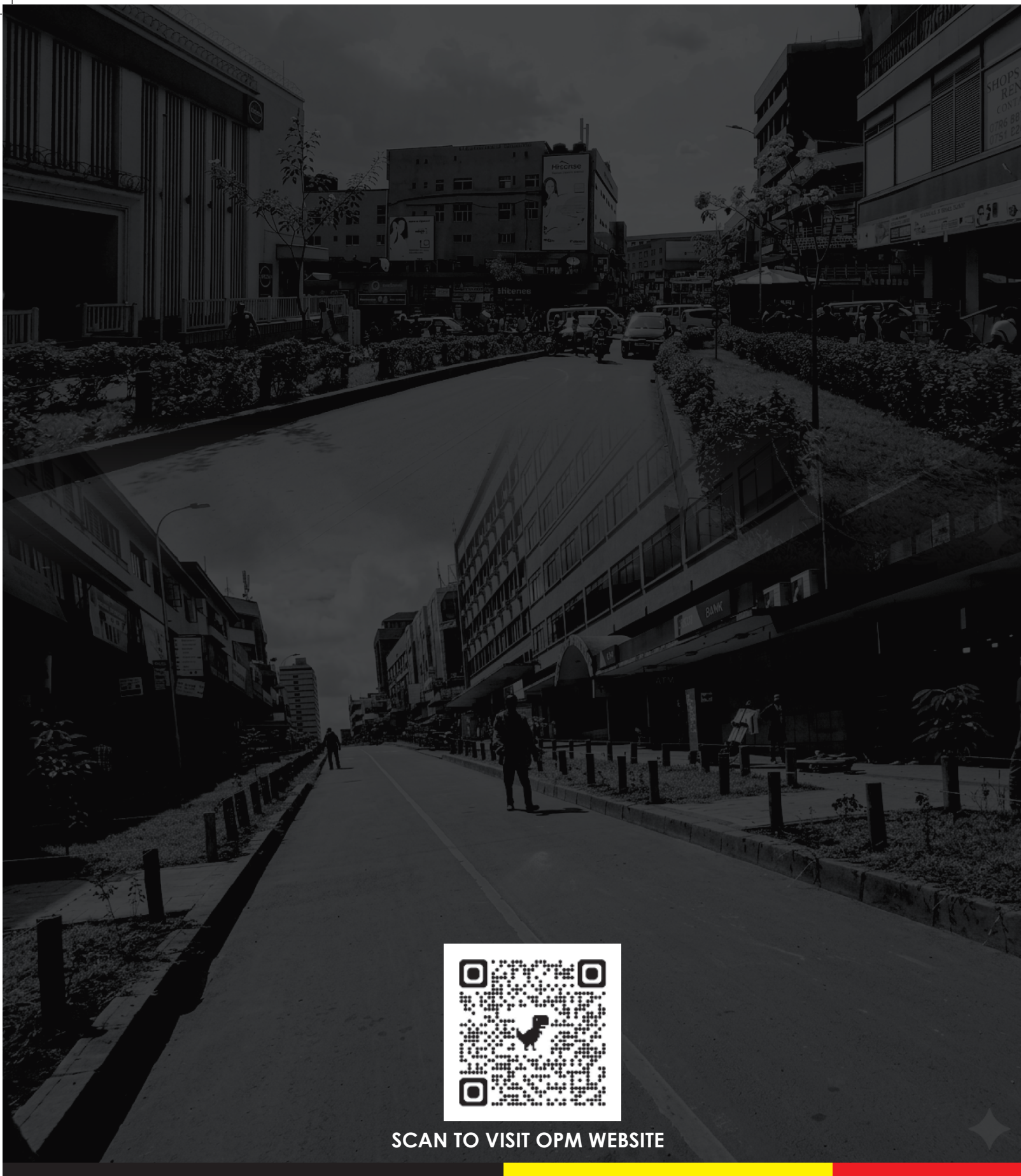
Functions

The Committee shall:

- i. Mobilise households and communities to participate in National Cleaning Days;
- ii. Identify and coordinate village cleaning priorities;
- iii. Conduct community sensitisation and behaviour change activities;
- iv. Monitor participation and results; and
- v. Submit implementation reports to the Parish Committee.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least **once every month prior to the National Cleaning Day** to plan and mobilise the community.



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