



**Figure 2: Some of the Cesspool emptier trucks owned by the Association**

It was also noted that people are not aware about the filthy nature of work of the private emptier and what it involves, thus the association urged CIDI to factor this while setting emptying charges. To echo the point clearly the Chairperson recommended that CIDI develops an MOU between the cesspool emptier association and the implementing agency CIDI.

Regarding the Ugavac emptier, the members of the private emptier expressed concern that the ugavac emptier are generally very expensive to manage requiring gazetted places with constant water supply and would require supervision as well. He actually recommended that a better approach would have been that huge septic tanks be constructed in each of the parishes such that the Ugavacs would drain the faecal sludge into these and later the cesspool trucks would collect /empty the septic trucks at their convenience and not having to wait in the field for hours to have them filled up by Ugavacs. This they argue would quicken the process of pit emptying in communities and is less cumbersome since the cesspool drivers do not have to wait to have their trucks filled. The noted challenges with the association is that they feel that they are under rated because of the nature of their work and thus their input is usually ignored or undermined even when it would be beneficial

**Conclusion:**

The inception meetings were highly beneficial and informative for both parties and most of the issues raised during these meetings were very pertinent worth further discussion. Kawempe Division Town Clerk, thanked development partners like CIDI for coming on board to improve the livelihoods of the urban poor in Kawempe municipality. He thereby applauded CIDI for her good programs and asked them to work hand in hand with the Division to boost other programs like NAADS and assured CIDI maximum co-operation during and after the project. Urged CIDI to have an impact based intervention that really uplifts the standards of the urban poor residents through harmonization of all the project's activities.



**Stakeholder Inception meetings Casis foundation for Kawempe Urban Poor Sanitation Improvement Project in Kawempe division.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Community Integrated Development Initiatives (CIDI) received funding from African Development Bank (AWF) /African Water Facility (AWF) on behalf of the other three implementing partners National Water & Sewerage Cooperation (NWSC),Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA) and Network For Water and Sanitation Uganda (NETWAS U) to implement a three (03) years project: "The Kawempe Urban Poor Sanitation Improvement Project (KUPSP)".

The project was initiated to improve the general health and incomes of 200,000 Kawempe urban poor residents through improved access to adequate sanitation, promotion of sound hygiene and sanitation practices, awareness and linking the urban poor to sewerage treatment plants and markets for sanitation products. Realization of this goal will contribute to government of Uganda and NDP's goals and objectives as well as meeting the MDG goals related to sanitation in urban areas.

The project is promoting use of innovative ideas such as radio broadcasting, community meetings, comics and pupils /community sanitation clubs/O&M User clubs and committees to teach pupils and community in attractive manner to proper toilet use, hygiene and sanitation practices.

- The project envisages achieving the following outcomes:
- Improved access to sustainable sanitation facilities for 200,000 Kawempe urban poor residents.
  - Improved hygiene practices and awareness of 200,000 Kawempe urban poor residents.
  - Improved access to sustainable and affordable sound latrine emptying services for Kawempe

residents. During the project implementation inception/consultative meetings have been held with different stakeholders including members of the private cesspool emptier's association, division authorities, community management structures at parish, division level and several recommendations, deliberations and commitments were made, they included:

- The main objective for the meetings at various levels were to**
- Creating awareness and getting insights about the KUPSP project to be implemented in the municipality to the stakeholders.
  - Generate ideas from the members of the Private Emptier Association on the proposed faecal sludge management model for the KUPSP project.
  - Identify areas where the private emptier association could support the project particularly under the component of faecal sludge management.
  - Solicit for active community participation in the project at all levels.

**Points of discussion from participants in the inception meetings at various levels:**

Division pledged total support to CIDI and her other partners in the course of project implementation.

The Division Education officer pledged total support from the division during the selection of beneficiary schools. He however noted that many schools in Kawempe have of recent opted for water borne toilets and inquired whether the project could look into this. CIDI was advised to collaborate closely with the physical planning department in the course of mapping of sites for facility establishment.

It was emphasized during these meetings that mapping out of sites should be done in collaboration with the Kawempe Division physical planning department.