

SERVICES PROVIDED BY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT IN THE ELLEMBELLE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit plays a major role in disease prevention, control and the sustenance of environmental integrity. Therefore, as a broad concept in public health, it is the pivot of Ellembele District Assembly to prevent disease, prolonging life and promote health through organized efforts of society. The Unit at the District Assembly exists to tackle environmental sanitation in all human settlements in its catchment area thereby contributing to the good health, productivity and welfare of the people.

Environmental sanitation involves a number of complementary activities such as; construction and maintenance of sanitary infrastructure, provision of sanitary services, public education, enforcement of sanitary regulations and legislations.

In the pursuit of environmental sanitation to ensure the total well-being of the people, the department is guided by this mission statement; **“to develop and maintain clean, safe and pleasant physical environment to promote productivity and improve standard of living in partnership with other stakeholders”**.

The Goals of the Environmental Health Service:

To improve the status of the environment in order to reduce environmental risk and promote healthy living.

The functions of the Environmental Health Unit

- I. Sanitation of the environment,
- II. Inspection of premises
- III. Control of communicable diseases
- IV. Disposal of waste (I.e., garbage, general sewage and gaseous waste including such as special waste like toxic and hazardous substances)
- V. Protect natural water and Potable water
- VI. Good and sanitary housing condition
- VII. Food sanitation
- VIII. Personal hygiene pests and rodents control

- IX. Control of environment from pollution and other bodies
- X. Air pollution control
- XI. Control of noise pollution

The principal component of the Unit is as follow:

- Collection and sanitary disposal of solid wastes
- Inspection and enforcement of sanitary regulations
- Control of Industries/ Public places from public health hazard
- Water, Food and Meat hygiene
- Hygiene education
- Control of rearing and stray animals
- Monitoring and observance of environmental standards
- Disposal of the dead
- Maintenance of waste water drainage
- Weeding and clearing of thoroughfares such as market, cemetery and many others

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