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Refuse is our short film screened through our mobile cinema initiative that incorporates facilitated community dialogue to help flood-prone, underserved communities in Abuja take accountability for poor waste management and its public health and climate risks.

Challenge

Underserved, flood-prone communities in Abuja face growing risks from poor waste management, flooding, and related public health hazards. These risks are compounded by misinformation, weak civic engagement, and few opportunities for communities to collectively identify solutions or hold institutions accountable. Left unaddressed, these dynamics deepen both public health and climate vulnerability, particularly for women, youth, and informal waste workers.

Solution

Refuse is a short film - the title reflecting both the waste that threatens communities and the collective decision to refuse practices that undermine health and climate resilience. Using our Mobile Cinema model, Shades of Us runs community screenings followed by facilitated dialogues and participatory action-mapping, helping residents identify priorities and locally driven solutions. The approach builds on two earlier initiatives - Cleaner Our Community and the Mobile Cinema screenings of FLOW during Menstrual Hygiene Day - which demonstrated that storytelling and dialogue drive participation and community ownership. Production of Refuse is in development, and we are preparing for it finalization, community screening, and action drive.



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Impact

- Estimated direct beneficiaries: 2,000 people (1,080 female, 920 male) through screenings, dialogue sessions, and youth engagement.
- Estimated indirect reach: 2,000,000 people (900,000 female, 1,100,000 male) via social media, YouTube, and partner networks - total estimated reach of over 2 million.
- The Mobile Cinema model was previously validated through FLOW screenings during Menstrual Hygiene Day, and an abstract documenting the model was accepted into the Book of Abstracts for the 2025 Gender & Inclusion Summit.

Partners

Shades of Us has previously partnered with the FCT Secondary Education Board, Stand With A Girl (SWAG) Initiative, and Tabitha Empowerment Centre on related community programs.



