RISE PROJECT

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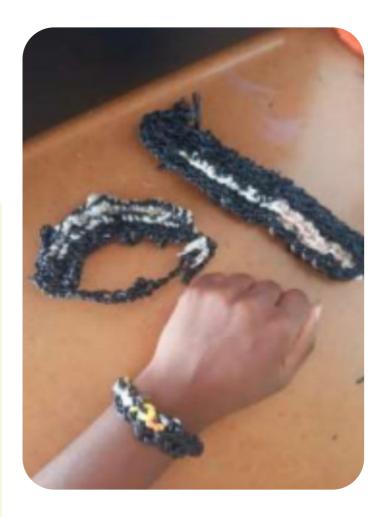
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With that in mind, I decided to make a difference in my immediate community by devising what I feel is an actionable solution that can contribute to environmental conservation in a small way. In order to make a difference, I took the initiative of picking plastics around my community so as to find a way to make them more useful.

I started picking plastics and making articles such as bags and bracelets out of those plastics. I, later on, sold these articles in markets and my immediate environment in order to generate money. The income I generated was used to help out the underprivileged in my community such as orphans and children on the streets.

Imagine walking around in streets with no litter in sight. What kind of feeling would that give you? Would there be a reduction in climate change? The thought of a clean and green environment has always piqued my interest. This is because I come from a community that is highly affected by uncontrolled non-biodegradable waste-plastics.

I was also challenged by the thought that if we do not take action now to preserve our environment, our future will be highly affected and humans will be at risk and development will not be sustainable.



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