Mutanda Summary of Excavated Materials

TR = Trench , L1 = Level 1, SC = Surface Collection , HS = Hammerstone , DPT = diagnostic potsherd , UPT = undiagnostic potsherd , HF = Hearth Floor , AS = Ash , BN = Bone , BNF = Bone fragment , CH = Charcoal , GB = Glass bead , FF = Furnace fragment , CS = Carbonised seed , CRF = Crucible fragment , HFF = Highly fired furnace fragment , BFF = Base of furnace fragments , SL = Slag , RO = Red ochre , HSL = Hammerslag , BD = Bead, GF = Glass fragment , IP = Iron piece

The context from which these different objects were found at Mutanda as highlighted in the table below shows that collecting started on the surface and then proceeded to level 1 up to level 3 of Trench 1. On the other hand, excavations in Trench 2 commenced in level 1 and proceeded to be stopped in level 4. The maximum depth for Trench 1 was 30cm whereas for Trench 2 was 40cm. In Test Pit 1, excavations also started in level 1 and ended in level 4.

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| Context | Depth | Soil Colour | Finds | Comments |
| TR1 SC | surface | humus | FF | Selected for analysis |
| TR1A L1 | 0-10cm | light grey soil | HS, DPT | Collected and bagged for analysis |
| TR1B L1 | 0-10cm | dark grey soil | UPT, DPT, HF | Collected and bagged for analysis |
| TR1C L1 | 0-10cm | dark grey soil | HS, AS, HF, UPT | Collected from the trench and bagged for analysis |
| TR1A L2 | 10-20cm | light grey soil | UPT, HF, BN | Collected from the 0.49mm sieve |
| TR1B L2 | 10-20cm | dark grey soil | AS, HF, UPT, | Collected after sieving |
| TR1C L2 | 10-20cm | dark grey soil | AS, UPT, BNF | Collected after sieving |
| TR1A L3 | 20-30cm | sterile layer with light grey soil on the bedrock | 2 HS | Collected from the trench |
| TR1B L3 | 20-30cm | sterile layer with dark grey soil on the bedrock | CH, HF | Collected after sieving |
| TR1C L3 | 20-30cm | sterile layer with light grey soil on the bedrock | GB, DPT | Collected after sieving |
| TR1B EX L1 | 0-10cm | light grey soil | FF, UPT, DPT, 2 HS | Collected from the trench and the sieve |
| TR1B EX L2 | 10-20cm | dark grey soil | UPT, HF, FF, BNF | Collected from the trench and the sieve |
| TR1B EX L3 | 20-30cm | dark grey soil on a sterile bedrock | HF, CH | Collected from the sieve |
| TR2A L1 | 0-10cm | dark grey humus soil | UPT, DPT, CS | Collected from the sieve |
| TR2B L1 | 0-10cm | dark grey humus soil | CRF, FF | Collected from the trench |
| TR2C L1 | 0-10cm | dark grey humus soil | CRF, FF | Collected from the trench |
| TR2A L2 | 10-20cm | white grey soil | HFF, IS, HF | Collected after sieving |
| TR2B L2 | 10-20cm | white grey soil | UPT, HFF, CR | Collected from the trench |
| TR2C L2 | 10-20cm | white grey soil | HFF, DPT, UPT | Collected after sieving |
| TR2A L3 | 20-30cm | light grey soil | HF, HS | Collected from the trench |
| TR2B L3 | 20-30cm | light grey soil | UPT, FF | Collected from the trench and the sieve |
| TR2C L3 | 20-30cm | light grey soil | BFF, UPT, HS BNF, CH | Collected from the trench and the sieve |
| TR2A L4 | 30-40cm | sterile layer with stones | UPT, SL, FF, RO, BNF | Collected from the trench and the sieve |
| TR2B L4 | 30-40cm | sterile layer with stones | HSL, BD, SL | Collected from the sieve |
| TR2C L4 | 30-40cm | sterile layer with stones | CH, SL, BN, RO, GF, UPT | Collected after sieving |
| TP1 L1 | 0-10cm | grey humus soil | CH, IP | Collected after sieving |
| TP1 L2 | 10-20cm | light grey soil | BNF, UPT, FF, CH | Collected after sieving |
| TP1 L3 | 20-30cm | dark grey soil with stones | 2 GB, BN,FF, UPT | Collected after sieving |
| TP1 L4 | 30-40cm | sterile layer with stones | SL | Collected after sieving |