

Tapping the Market – Scaling Up Rural Sanitation in Uganda

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Sanitation Status



- Uganda one of the poorest countries in terms of per capita income (196/215 countries) with a gross national per capita income of \$490 (World bank, 2010)
- 65% of population lives below the \$2 per day (PPP) poverty line, 38% below the \$1.25 per day (PPP) poverty line (World Bank, 2012).
- Only 34% have improved Sanitation (JMP, 2012)

Supporting Rural Sanitation in Uganda



- WSP is supporting the Government of Uganda (GoU) to scale up Rural Sanitation and tap into the latent market of the bottom 40% of the pyramid by;
- Strengthening the Enabling Environment.
- Strengthening the Supply chain (Market development & business model development)
- Strengthening Demand Creation (Behavior Change Communication and CLTS)

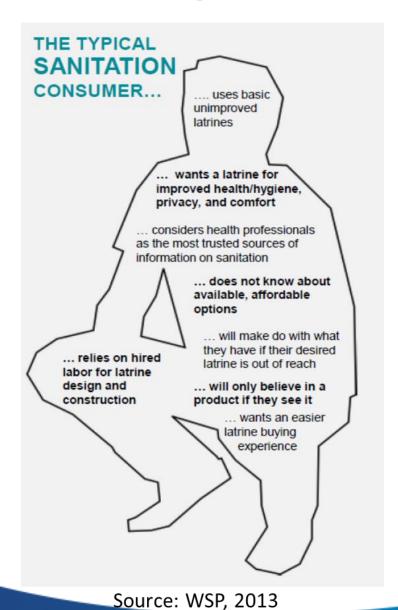
Enabling Environment (EE) Study



- EE dimensions are essential for scaling up, sustainability and replication of Total sanitation and sanitation marketing approaches in rural areas:
- Policy, Strategy, and Direction
- Institutional Arrangements
- Program Methodology
- Implementation Capacity
- Availability of Products and Services
- Financing and Incentives
- Cost-Effective Implementation
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Consumer profile





Gender Considerations

- MEN make the final decision on latrine construction, purchase materials, organize construction and DO NOT prioritize buying a latrine over other consumer goods.
- WOMEN participate in decision making and appreciate private benefits of latrine ownership

Challenges in the marketing



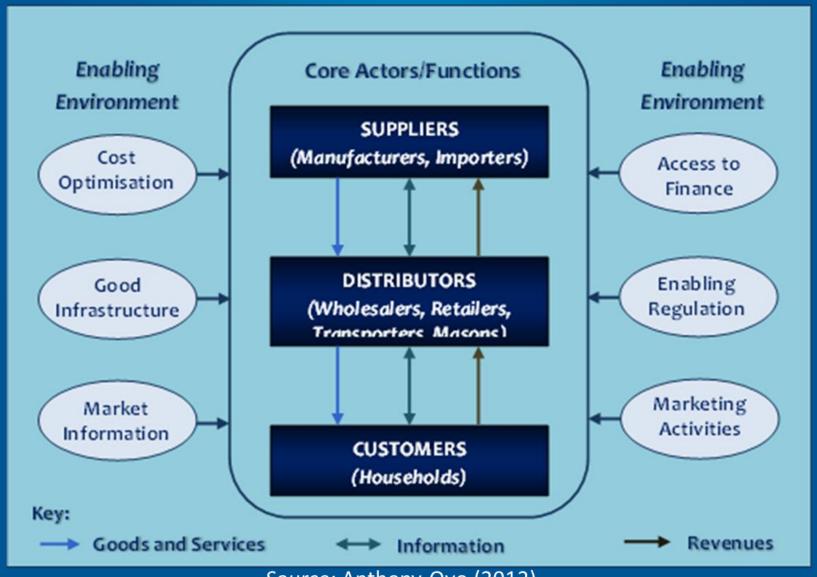
- Product no standardization, poor quality, options not known.
- Price improved latrines are expensive (nothing in between VIP and traditional latrine)
- Place Materials far, transport costly, ready products not available
- Promotion no large scale promotion on the ground. Very little information available

Suppliers Constraints



- Passive sales approach
- Far removed from end consumer
- Focus on immediate customers
- Sanitation constitutes a small part of their business
- Limited market information
- Thinly spread capital mostly at local retailer level
- High cost of transportation
- Do not see Sanitation as a business (little or no profit)

Supply Chain



Source; Anthony Oyo (2012)

Market Development (Trend)



- Market Development & Business Models We are currently using a model that promotes market development, within which we shall also develop business models for the entrepreneurs to serve the bottom of the pyramid.
- Sanitation Market Regulation The 4 pilot districts have embraced their role as regulator, and need to pass a resolution by district councils before this is operationalized.
- Key Actors: CAO, Entrepreneurs, Finance institutions, Customers

Market Penetration Strategies (Recommendations)



Lower Upfront Costs

- Offer more value for money lower cost but durable, sealable & easy-to-clean (*Product* + *Price*)
- Ease burden of Purchase financing options that lower the consumer's initial upfront investment
- Consider in-house financing eg. 3 year installment payment scheme with maintenance by Grameen Shakti solar systems

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Increase Consumer awareness and interest

- Build on changing social norms using CLTS and BCC – eg. Kayonjo campaign (*Promotion*)
- Seeing is believing Word –of-mouth marketing through trusted peer intermediaries (BCC + encouragement of Household investment with demonstration Samples and installation support (*Place*)

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