# Worldwide sustainable sanitation experience – lessons learnt from ISSUE program

Integrated Support for Sustainable
Urban Environment
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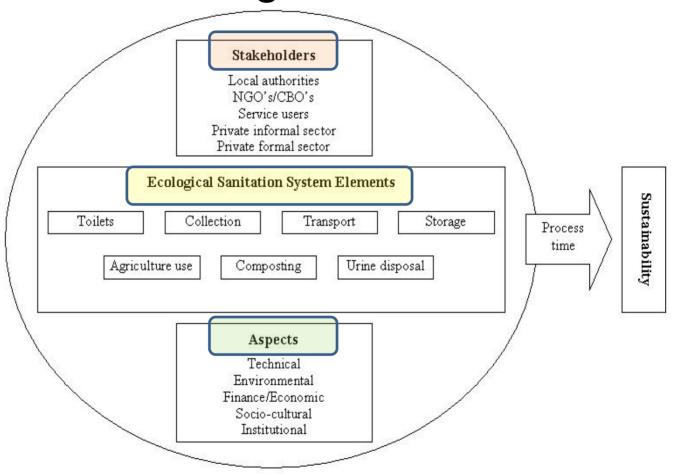
## WASTE

- Mission statement: To empower and support stakeholders to create cleaner, better-functioning, and healthier cities which contribute to alleviating poverty and the effects of poverty in cities in the South.
- Working with global (southern) partners
- UWEP and MAPET experience
- ISWM participatory approach





# Integrated Sustainable Waste Management







#### **ISSUE-2**

Builds upon these experiences and lessons, with the aim of scaling-up these activities Contribute to realizing the

# MDGs (Millennium Development Goals).

MDG 7: Ensure environmental Sustainability



Focused on experientially learning about the practicalities of sustainable waste management options.





ISSUE 1: 2003-2006
DGIS, co-funding CORDAID
(inter) national co-financing



Consortia approach



#### Overall Objective:

Enabling conditions are improved for keystakeholders in the South to make and implement sustainable choices for the management of waste streams in urbanised areas.

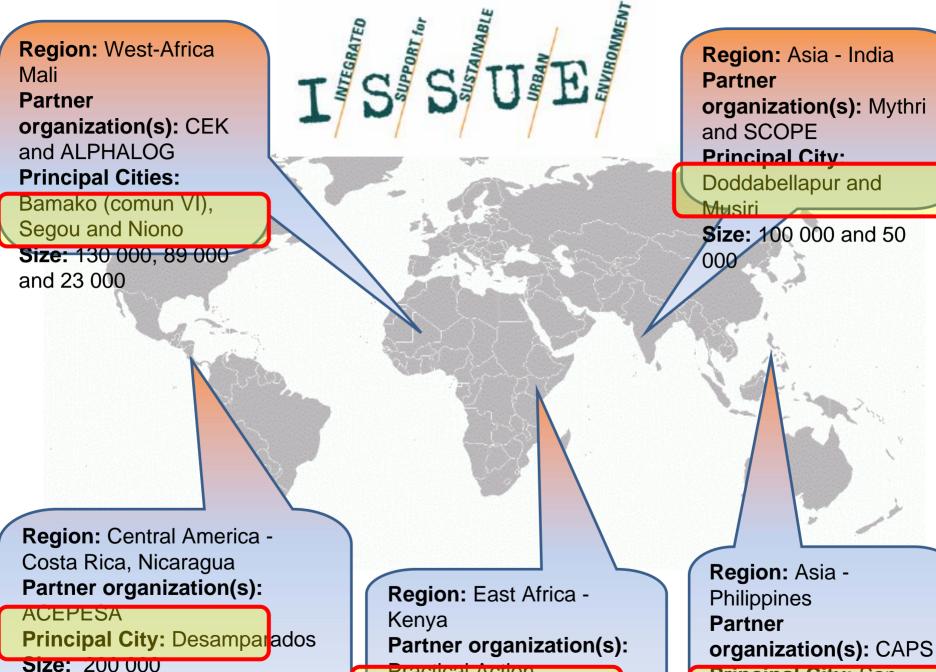
#### **Operational objective:**

Key stakeholders in (four) Southern cities adopt sustainable sanitation as a guiding (and complementary) principle for meeting the sanitation and environmental needs.

#### Overall ISSUE Result.

In at least 4 regional programmes Strategic Environmental Sanitation Plans (SESP), in which sustainable sanitation is a guiding (and complementary) principle, are developed.





Other cities: San Juan del Sur

(Ali) and Dunta Marales (CD)

Principal City: Nakuru

Principal City: San Fernando de la Union

#### Objective One Inception:

To facilitate the establishment of strong regional and city programme consortia supported by stakeholder platforms, collaborations, MoUs, and similar institutional relationships.

# Objective Two Ground Work:

To demonstrate the viability of models for sanitation solutions derived from ecological sanitation principles through seed and demonstration projects, and to disseminate their resulting information

#### **Objective Three**

# Enabling Environment:

To mobilise and empower cooperating stakeholders at the local, regional and (inter)national level to form and support an institutional, policy, financial, and informative environment that endorses an ISWM approach for sanitation management.

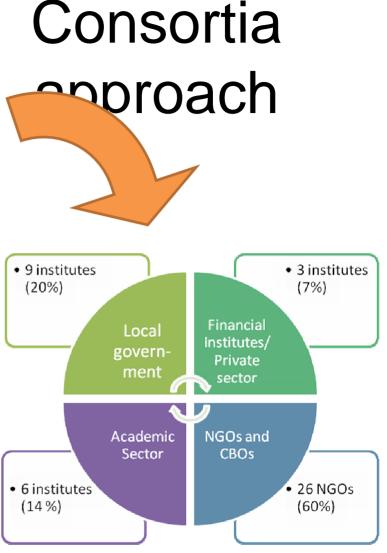
#### Objective Four Strategic Planning:

To use the ISWM framework for stakeholder-driven strategic environmental and sanitation planning (SESP) processes focusing on ecological sanitation, organic waste management, and nutrient cycling with the goal of improving the health, safety, and livelihood potential of cities and neighbourhoods.





- Responsibilities and functioning of Consortia
- MoU
- Consortium Multi Annual Plan
- 7 consortia, 38
   organizațions





Objective One Inception:

Objective Two
Ground Work:

1166 Sanitation

facilities (toilets)

8 community facilities

6 school facilities

17 000 beneficiaries

Objective Three
Enabling
Environment:

Toolkits and manuals

Promotion material

Trainings and workshops

Audio visuals

Websites

Objective Four
Strategic Planning:

7 consortia established and still operating in 5 different countries

23 Solid waste facilities

4 Banks involved 250 000 euro's loaned

15 Enterprises involved

5 Sanitation or Solid Strategic Plans developed, amended or in process of development

36 Studies and Researches

National legislation amended in two countries

Baselines Studies carried out

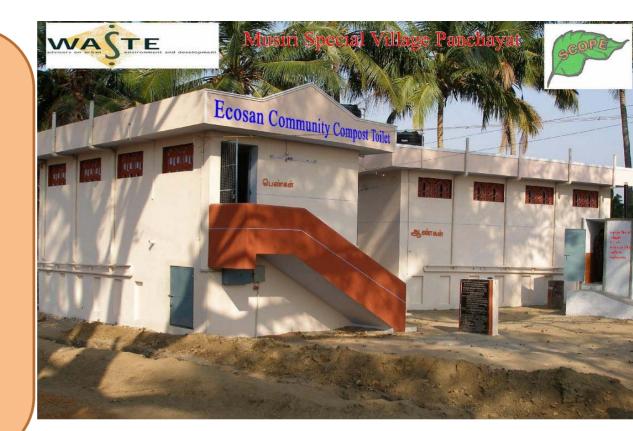
Multi annual Plans executed

# India





- Communitysanitation Facility
- •100 pers/day
- Maintenance by self help group that sells soap and paper
- Urine used by local farmer applied to bananas
- 2 other similar
   facilities constructed









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Proud owners of new Ecosan tollet

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#### The Perfect toilet

In a small rural village in the District of Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu, the farmers are proud owners of new revolutionary toilet: The Eco-San Toilet, an eco-friendly toilet that even produces compost.



# alliances UNICEF -

- Musiri: 50 000 persons
- Agriculture orientated
- 202 individual toilets constructed
- Development and construction of Musuri Compost Yard









- Private sector involvement
- Fibre glass pans
- Western style and Indian





Training and capacity building (SEI)

International and regional field trips

Ecosan exhibitions

















# Vehicles required

#### 7.4 Cost calculation acceptable options

### Logistics of collection

the example a participation level of 8000

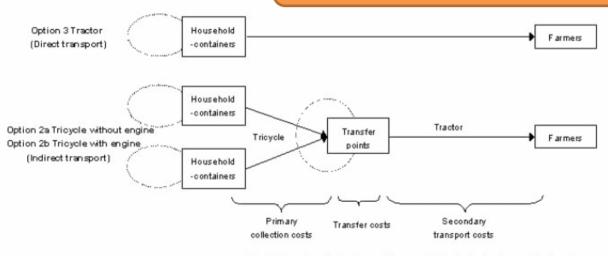


Fig 7.1 Overview of collection and transport chain for the tractor and tricycle options

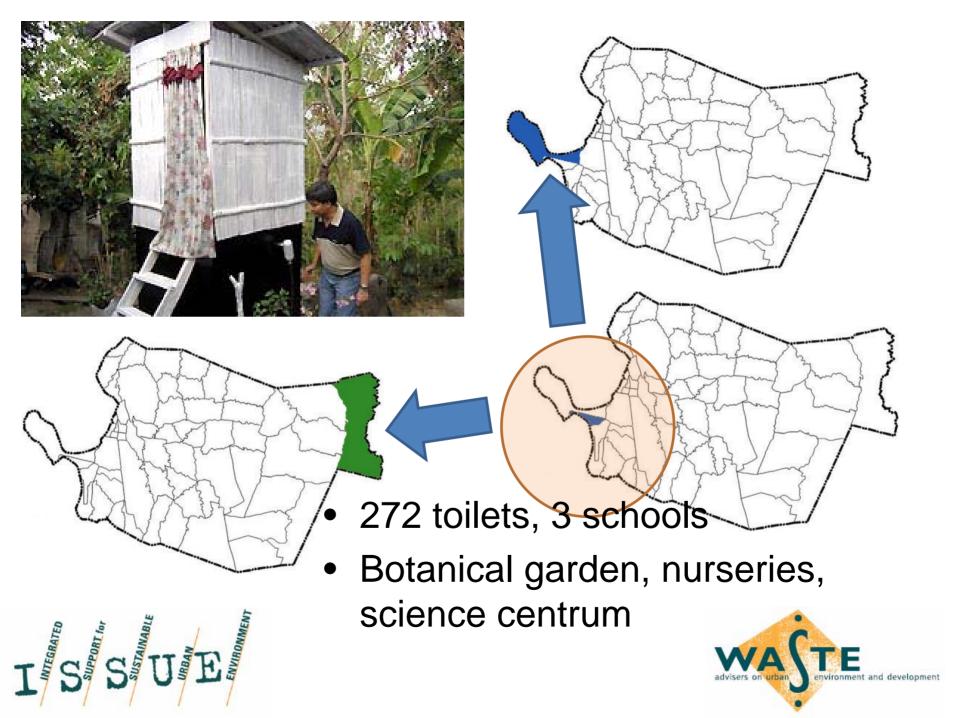
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3	;	18 - 25	50	17	4,8	50,3
7		43	100	7	7.2	33,1
14	4	86	150	4	8.6	28,0
21	1	129	200	3	9.1	26,3
28	8	173	250	2	9.8	24,5
38	5	216	300	2	9.8	24,5
42	2	259	350	2	9.8	24,5
Collection quantity per household		= Household size x Generation p.p.p.d x Collection frequency				
# Houses per trip		The size of the safety margin is not determined exactly, but based on a rough assessme of the researcher.  = Capacity of vehicle / Collection quantity per household				
# Trips possible per day		See Table 7.7 for calculation				
# Vehicles required (incl. workday and efficiency factor)		See Table 7.7 for calculation				





# Philippines





- Local development of urine separating toilets (Wisdom Ceramics)
- Waste Ventures with FSSI (local financing institute)
- 40 000 euros loan
- FSSI Micro financing schemes for ecosan users
- Exportation to other

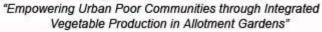








#### Periurban Vegetable Project







- Strategic alliances
- Research institutes
- University
- Farmers
- Urine application





# Costa Rica







s seguro que no podemos vivir sin agua... pero Étendremos





#### Sel Agua:

Nuestro tesoro de vida, salud y limpieza

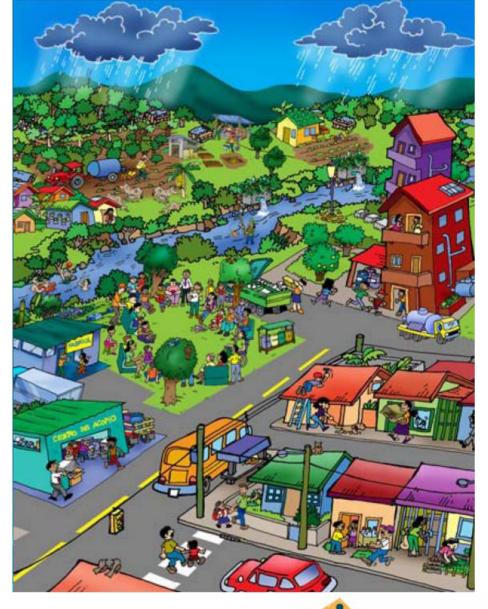


#### El agua de nuestro planeta

La cantidad total de agua que tiene la Tierra es la misma desde su origen. Esta agua se ha estado moviendo por el planeta, en diferentes condiciones y estados, producto de lo que se conoce como el ciclo hidrológico o ciclo del agua.











Movimientos mínimos de tierra para evitar la erosión

 Zonas para actividades comunales

Prioridad para peatones
y zonas verdes (biofiltros)

Zonas especiales para estacionamientos

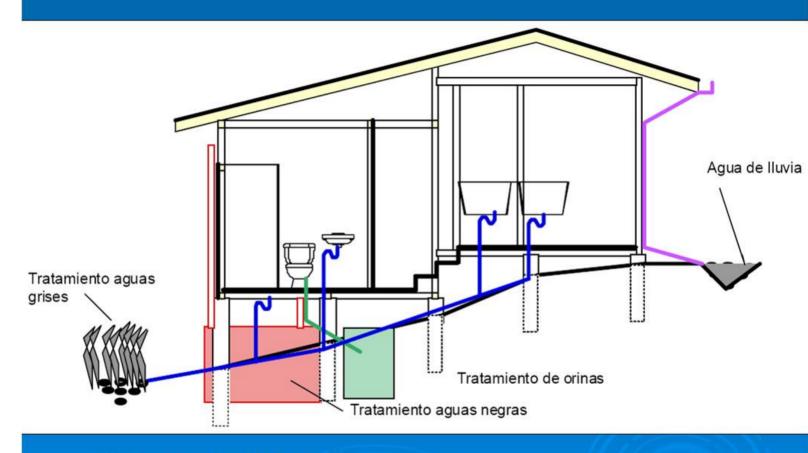
Adoquines para infiltración del agua lluvia

Espacios para acopio de reciclables y tratamiento de materia orgánica





#### Características de la vivienda ECOSAN



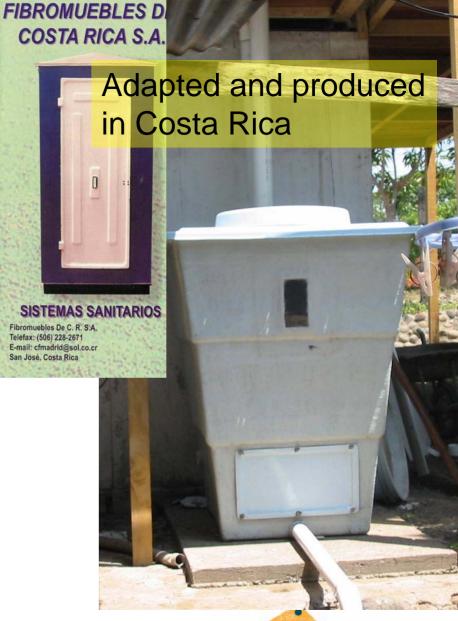
Técnicas menor uso o no uso del agua para saneamiento (llaves y regaderas ABC)

Sanitarios separadores, sin agua o con poca agua



















Una alternativa natural para limpiar las aguas grises de nuestra casa



#### ¿Qué es una Biojardinera?

Las biojardineras o humedales construidos son unidades para el tratamiento de aguas residuales, principalmente las que provienen de una vivienda, aunque también se usan en proyectos de dimensiones mayores como comunidades, residenciales, industrias u hoteles.

Una biojardinera es un recipiente o excavación impermaable. No se le debe escapar el agua. Puede construirse con diferentes materiales como concreto, ferrocemento, bloques o ladrillos, plástico reforzado con fibra de vidrio o simplemente logrando impermeabilizar el suelo con telas de plástico o con el mismo suelo, si es arcilloso.

#### ¿Qué son las aguas grises?

Son las aguas provenientes de los lavamanos, de las regaderas o duchas en los baños, del lavadero en la cocina y del lavado de ropa. Las aguas grises son las aguas residuales que desechamos diariamente en mayor cantidad.







## Mali

 CEK and Alphalog, installed a number of ecosan toilets in their target areas, based on the Philippine design of a urinediversion toilet.









Urine applied to corn







# Kenya - Tanzania

- In Kenya, Practical Action worked in Nakuru, installing 3 public ecosan toilet blocks.
- Nyayo Gardens Facility with 10 000 users per month. 400 households have access.
- Collected urine mixed at municipal composting facility.
- These are operated under public-private partnerships and are gradually becoming economically viable.





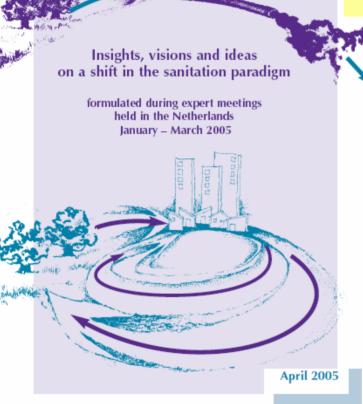
# Netherlands

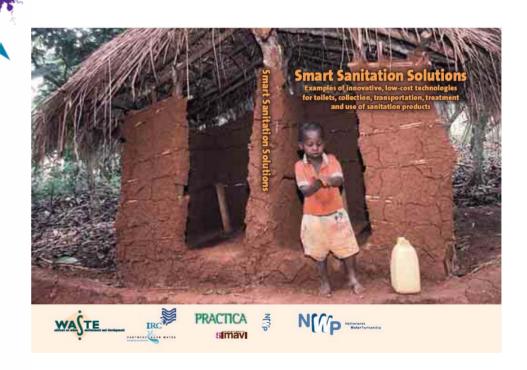




#### At the End of the Pipe?

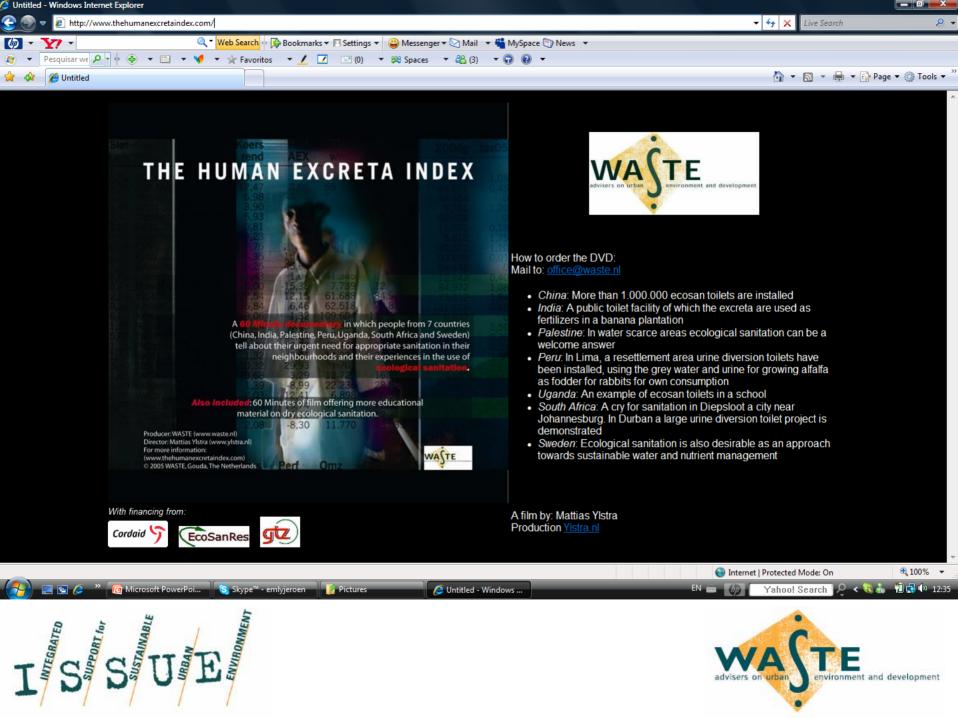
- Advocacy
- Disseminations of knowledge tools
- Audio-visual materials
- Alliances with GTZ-SEI etc











# Lessons learnt (1)

- Different countries accepted Eco-San for different reasons and varying priority setting
- Waste Venture takes time and trust to implement
- Collaboration with other programs and organizations is essential
- Partner organizations need to be involved in program decision making





### Lessons learnt (2)

- Innovative programs need flexibility & time
- Local government support essential
- Increasingly present on International Agenda
- Recognition by international organizations
- The importance of an 'enabling environment'
- Need to integrate with solid waste and drainage management





### Lessons learnt (3)

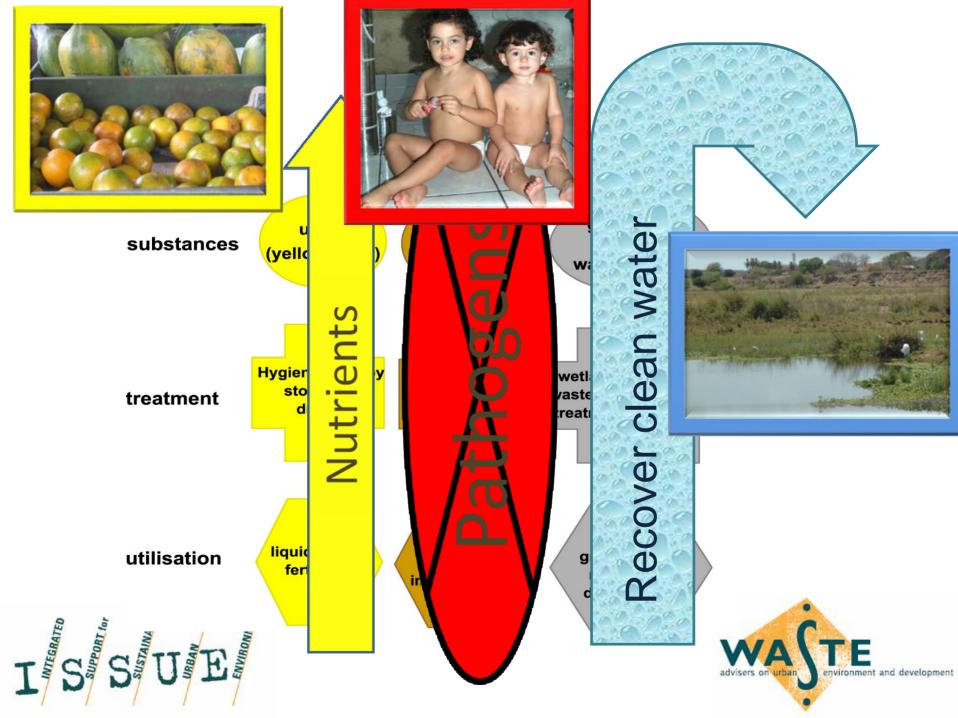
- How to 'scale-up' or expand the approaches,
- Success leads to success: good examples automatically create a demand for replication
- Real and sustainable up-scaling is only possible when the private sector plays an active role.
- Nutrient loops can most effectively be closed when a city has links with its rural hinterland.
- Projects are not sustainable if they rely solely on donor funding, local financial stakes are also required

### Reflections (1)

- How to overcome prejudice of "poor-(wo)man's toilet and what role should the urban rich play?
- How to convince the urban planners and decision makers?
- Definitions of eco-logical sanitation
- At what scale? Relation to MDG goals
- How to find a balance between "right to Sanitation" (public good) and "re-use of nutrients (private good)". ----food security (public-private good?) and water consumption reduction







## Reflections (2)

- Who pays for sanitation and how is it financed?
- Legislation and guidelines their effect on re-use of nutrients
- Maintenance and operation: who's responsible? Accountable? Especially when safe sanitation is at stake





### Challenges

- How to overcome paradigm's as old fashioned, supply-driven, infrastructure approaches, which have strong limitations and have proved to be both irrelevant and inappropriate to the needs of urban areas in the South.
- Sustainable sanitation and waste management can be achieved through using a mixture of technologies, economic tools, and governance instruments, giving rise to new economic opportunities and the modernisation of the urban environment

Basic types of ecosan-projects				
Project-type	A	В	С	<b>В</b>
	Seal	ing up		
Characteristics	rural upgrading	urban upgrading	new urban development areas	particular objects (tourism, schools)
1. User of sanitation facilities	household	household / neigbourhood	household <i>l</i> neigbourhood	tourists, employees, pupils
2. User of the end products	household	household (partly) farmer, external user (partly)	household (partly) farmer, external user (partly)	user-institution (partly) farmer, external user (partly)
Level of initiative / decision	micro	micro	macro	micro
4. Considered resources (minimum / optimum)	faeces + urine only  plus greywater, rainwater harvesting, organic waste	faeces + urine + greywater only plus rainwater harvesting, stormwater management, organic waste	faeces + urine + greywater + stormwater- manage- ment plus rainwater harvesting, organic waste	faeces + urine + greywater + stormwater- manage- ment plus rainwater harvesting, organic waste
5. Service provision for operation, transport, treatment and marketing	household	household  public/ private service provider	household  public/ private  service provider	user institution  public/ private  service provider







Consortia approach



#### **ISSUE 2: 2007-2010**

Funding: DGIS

Northern Partners: SNS Bank, IRC, Wetlands International, Netherlands Water Partnership, Simavi, SEI

### **Overall Objective:**

To support key stakeholders in modernizing their systems for the management of excreta and solid waste, leading to improved living standards and stable livelihoods among disadvantaged people and communities in 15 districts in the South.

#### **Overall ISSUE Result:**

To achieve demonstrable and practical change. Each district should have improved and expanded its sanitation and solid waste infrastructure and activities, to the benefit of an average of 5.000 households per district.



- Seventeen districts (in 14 countries)
- Benefit 75,000 households.
- The main beneficiaries: users of the systems and the entrepreneurs who provide the required services.

**Region:** Central

America -Nicaragua **Partner** 

organization(s):

ACEPESA, Habitar

Region: South

America -

Peru, Surinam

**Partner** 

organization(s): IPES,

Region: West-Africa -Benin, Mali **Partner** organization(s): Bethesda, CEK and **ALPHALOG** 

Region: South Asia - Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka

Partner organization(s): BASA,

Fodra, Mythri, SCOPE and

Environment Forum

Region: East Asia -Philippines, Vietnam

**Partner** 

organization(s):

CAPS, Centema

Region: East Africa – Kenya, Tanzania

Partner organization(s):

Practical Action, EEPCO

Region: South Africa -

Malawi, Zambia





Genuinely decentralised management, done by a programme board at programme level and with management in the field at district level.

Utilisation of sanitation and solid waste management as the springboard to supporting sustainable livelihoods.

A co-financing agreement with SNS-bank that supplements DGIS resources with debt and potentially equity financing for hard investment.

A substantive focus on sustainable modernisation of the urban environmental sector, based on a mix of approaches, rather than on one large technical system.

A focus on the economic and environmental potentials available from better understanding and managing the resource and nutrient cycling within and between districts.

A commitment to exploring the synergies from integration of solid waste and excreta waste streams management.





- 1. Improved SMART urban environmental management.
- To support local consortia in working with key stakeholders to plan, implement and mainstream models of smart urban environmental management
- 2. Sustainable Capacity
  Building
- To stimulate local stakeholders to build their own capacities and make resources available to them for that purpose.

- 3. Enabling governance
- To institutionalise structural access to financing for modernised urban environmental activities that is available to

both women and men active in the private, public and civil

participatory, transparent and accountable decision-making.

To create an enabling institutional environment for

- 4. Sustainable financing
- To strengthen coherent policy and programme implementation of urban environmental systems through engagement in local, national and international policy and programme formulation with the aim of triggering sustainable

- 5. Coherence
- To put programme management firmly in the hands of capable partner organisations and their district consortia so that they, and their stakeholders, take full responsibility and ownership for the formulation, planning implementation, evaluation and continuation of the process.

up-scaling.

# Final thoughts

# Development Crossing

« One million Scots live in poverty | Main | Juiced-up | Sugar-Fueled Battery »

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#### Eco-san toilets reuse "resources"

home...the toilet. The District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) of Kancheepuram has completed a pilot project for eco-friendly toilets in the village, which currently has 20 families using the eco-sanitation (eco-san) toilets in their homes. The designer of the toilets, Paul Calvert (a water and sanitation expert), says, "Eco-san toilets may cost more than conventional ones. However, they do not pollute water resources and yield rich manure."

The village of Kunnathur in India is taking eco-friendly living to a new area of the

The manner in it which it works seems quite straightforward. The eco-toilet is built above the ground with a twin-chamber beneath the toilet pan to collect faecal matter, over which ash is strewn to help dehydrate and deodorise it. Urine and wastewater are then diverted and let out onto to a home garden, while the faecal matter in the chamber is reduced to powdery manure that can be removed from the chamber once a year.



I, for one, would rather just take a huge dumb in the garden when no one is looking... composted feces should be very safe. However sending urine and waterwater directly into your garden has me a little worried.

How do they address the issues of smell, disease, overconcentration salt and nitrogen etc?

potential health hazard problems with everyone shitting in their own backyards? It was kind of the reason we went to a centralized sewage system, isn't this exactly what they do for all of us? Personally if I found a neighbor doing anything like this I'd have him reported, I don't think any of my neighbors have the knowledge on how to safely dispose

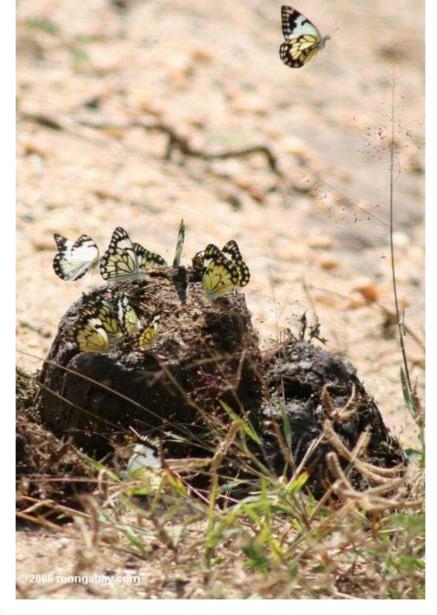
of their own waste















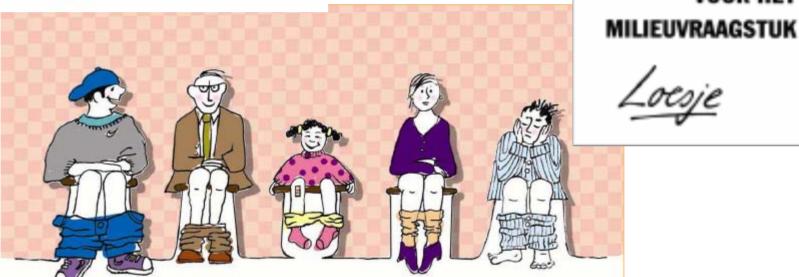












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