

What Are Our Challenges Why Do We Need a New Model?

# Challenges



- Water stress and water demand / availability
- Climatic variability
- Rapid urbanisation Urbanisation trends high
- Mushrooming informal settlement no formalised housing arrangements
- Confined to two engineering approaches
  - Latrines or Full Reticulated Waterborne
  - Both have well-known shortcomings

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# **Changing Urban Landscape**



### **Urbanising Africa**



Source: Neil MacLeod – former head of eThekwini Water & Sanitation

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Why Do We Need to Provide Sanitation?



Sanitation in the Middle Ages, from an old wood cut



# **Sanitation Provision Benefits**



- Protect Human Health Save Lives
- BMJ readers rated sanitation 1<sup>st</sup> place ahead of antiobiotics
- Protect the Environment
- Poor sanitation has an affect on economy
- Children, Learners especially girls & special needs are adversely affected by poor sanitation

# Why Can't We Solve This? Global Problem – Not only South Africa

# Sanitation – Cinderella of Services



# **Sanitation Statistics - Africa**



- Sanitation was the most off-track MDG
- Progress 24% to 30% access to improved facility from 1990-2015
- 70% of Sub-Saharan Africa lack access
- 19/27 highest OD countries in Africa
- Widespread OD countries have highest under-5 mortality, malnutrition and poverty
- Greater capital is needed for SSA due slow progress (WSP - Hutton & Varuhese, 2016)

FIGURE 2: WIDE VARIATION BETWEEN WORLD REGIONS IN CAPITAL COSTS AS A PROPORTION OF GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT



Note: WASH = water, sanitation, and hygiene; SDG = Sustainable Development Goal; SSA = Sub-Saharan Africa; LAC = Latin America and the Caribbean; CCA = Caucasus and Central Asia. See table 2.2 for details on upper and lower values on variables varied in sensitivity analysis. Gross regional product is based on the aggregated GDP of countries in each region. An economic growth rate of 5 percent is assumed across all regions.

Source: WSP (2016)

#### **Sanitation Makes Cents**

"An overall estimated gain of 1.5% of global GDP and a US\$ 4.3 return for every dollar invested in water and sanitation services" (WHO, 2012 and 2017)

Limited Technical Options We either flush or collect

# Inequalities in our country





### Binary Engineering Approach: Flush = "Gold Standard"









# "Gold Standard"

- Flush-and-forget
- Can clean the bowl
- Smell the water seal
- User does not handle waste



# Why Can't We Sewer the Country?



# Full Sewers May Never Come

- CAPEX is high sewer network is 5 to 50% higher than on-site alternatives
- Apartheid spatial geography no sewers
- Requirement for water & energy
- Cost of service
- Capacity to deal with wastewater facilities





# Cape Town Drought 2017



Oil in the pool and toilet instructions that include 'if it's yellow, let it mellow': here's what to expect at Cape Town's finest hotels as Day Zero approaches

Helen Coffey | @LenniCoffey Friday 2 February 2018 19:51 | 0 comments |

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Luxury hotels in Cape Town have had to bring in water-saving measures in response to prolonged drought in the city.

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However, when The Independent got in touch with 10 four- and five-star

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Here are its answers to some frequently asked questions.

for Day Zero.

Q: After Day Zero will I still be able to flush my toilet with rain water/greywater?

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# **The Other Solution**

# **Bottom-of-the-Rung**



- Improve on stability of pit latrine structure.
- Has concrete slab and vent pipe
- Nearly 10% of South African population serviced by VIP toilets



smells.







### **Post Implementation Challenges**

- ✤ Large infrastructure programmes to build VIP latrines in South Africa
- Around 30% of South Africans rely on VIP and derivatives
- Tipping point being reached pits were filling but many municipalities did not O&M budget, policies & procedures for management
- SALGA (2009) survey showed 60% facilities conducting reactive maintenance while 40% had inadequate maintenance capacity.
- Limited technical know to empty & disposal pit contents











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### Disposal can be a problem!

### Access can be a problem!

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# The Sludge Disposal Challenge

- Pits require regular emptying
- Contains pathogens
- Concentrated in nutrients
- Detritus
- Low biodegradability
- Landfill disposal (Class C)

### Research in partnership with eThewkini and PRG UKZN dispelled myths that latrines do not fill



### **The Service Delivery Issue**



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#### **Commission set to** investigate school sanitation problem

By ZISANDA NKONKOBE HE Human Rights Com-mission (HRC) is to inves-tigate schools in the East-

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"This really anects us negative ly because even the six pit toilets we have are not in a good con-dition and some of them should not even be in use." Mali said.



#### We were sick of poor sanitation: SJC

By Sapa | Jul 25, 2014 |

Social Justice Coalition (SJC) members refused to leave the Cape Town c last year because they wanted to make a statement about poor sanitatic magistrate's court heard on Thursday.

"Members had felt frustrated because we had been engaging with the city for two years," SJC general secretary Phumeza Mlungwana testified.

"The decision was that we needed very strong action to get the mayor's attention."

Mlungwana and 20 other members were arrested in September last year after singing and dancing at the stairs of the Cape Town civic centre without giving the city notice. Some of them had chained themselves to the stair railings. forming a human chain.

They had wanted to speak to mayor Patricia de Lille about the frustration at the city's perceived inaction over proper sanitation in informal settlements like Khavelitsha.

They were charged with convening a gathering or alternatively, convening or attending a prohibited gathering

The group pleaded not guilty on the basis that their actions were not criminal.

Their lawyer Michael Bishop had applied for them to be discharged on Thursday, but this was refused

Mlungwana said the SJC had fought tirelessly since 2008 to promote rights envisaged in the Constitution, accountability and active citizenship.

They decided to focus on sanitation after receiving numerous complaints about a lack of maintenance and consultation.

The SJC had been excited when De Lille committed to a janitorial service for informal settlement toilets at a sanitation summit in 2011

Mlungwana said the implementation failed because of a lack of policy. The city eventually started stalling and "playing hide and seek"

The SJC's executive council decided last year that they would go to the civic centre and not leave until they had handed over a letter of demands

"We chose 15 people because we didn't want to apply for the picket and wanted to stay within the law," Mlungwana said

She will resume her testimony on October 7



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#### Sanitation needs to improve to stop flinging of human waste

huge cost) come floating to the surface, breaking in the process. The city does not have the money and the

An obvious - but not easy - solution is a waste disposal system that does not use water or need a network

of underground pipes and a sewerage works. In other words, what is needed is a solution that is not the

March 17 2015 at 08:00am By Keith Bryer

FLINGING human waste around may be a bizarre way of making a service delivery protest, even if the complaint centres on portable toilets in Cape Town informal settlements, but it does highlight a huge problem facing every city in the developing world - ours not excepted. We are, after all, a developmental state.

What our city authorities face is this: how to provide, low cost affordable housing with hygienic human waste disposal fast enough to accommodate the thousands fleeing rural areas for the city

Cape Town has a particular problem. Most of the areas where recent arrivals choose to place their shelters are low-lying, not quite below sea level but low enough for the water table to be very near the surface.

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central government has other priorities.

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#### Water table What a high water table means, especially during a Cape



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Communal toilets are seen at an informal settlemen in Cape Town. The writer says authorities are faced with the challenge of providing hygienic human waste disposal fast enough to accommodate thousands migrating to the city. Photo: Courtney



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## **The Safety Challenge**



EYEWITNESS NEWS

#### CHILD (3) DIES AFTER FALLING INTO PIT TOILET IN LIMPOPO

It's understood the incident occurred on Wednesday while the child was visiting a relative's home in Moletjie Ditenteng.

#### TIMELINE





Section 27: Ramaphosa's stimulus package far from good enough 2 months ago







### What about Cleaners & Emptiers?





# We Need to Innovate

### Addressing the Challenges Through Innovation



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### **Sustainable Sanitation**





#### **New Management Approaches**

- New O&M models
- Training Sanitation Supply Chain
- Sanitation as Business Approach

#### **Technology Upgrades**

- Latrine upgrades
- Beneficiation of waste

**Bridging & Technological Approaches** Decentralised WWTWs Low Flush Toilets Beneficiation of waste streams

#### Game changing technology

Off-grid, no / low water, beneficiation of waste, commercial business model

# **New Toilet Options**
## **Current Binary Technology Paradigm**

#### **Conventional WWTW**

Conventional linear design approach Full flush is "gold standard" Resource intensive (Capital, Sewers, Water, Energy, etc.) Challenging to meet urbanisation & pop growth Expensive & beyond reach of developing countries Established technologies (discharge regulations, guidelines, policies, etc.)

#### **On-Site Sanitation**

Most prevalent tech in SSA Viewed as "temporary" solution Less resources Can be scaled at urbanisation rates 5-50% cheaper (than activated sludge)

Faecal Sludge Management – lack of policies & standards, disposal routes unknown, O&M overlooked.

Solution???

#### **WRC RDI Programme**



#### **Pour Flush Technology**

Completed installation – note no cistern, no water connection = no 24/7 leakage 1-2 Litres / Flush NO USER OVER PIT DESIGN

Splitter box to enable usage of two leach pits

Leach pit – easy access for emptying



Flush testing to international MAP protovol

## **Low Flush Application**







#### **Re-Invented Toilet Applications**





#### **Eliminating sludges at source – MAJOR ALLEVIATION**



#### **Sanitation Value Chain**





# Bill Gates tells CNN how he plans to reinvent the toilet

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Bill Gates. Photo: AP

## Field Testing in SA



# **Enabling Drivers for Uptake**



- DWS Sanitation Policy 2017
- DTI IPAP Water Chapter 2017
- ISO / SABS for Non-Sewered Sanitation
- Policy and Regulatory Guidelines

It is also a Water Management Strategy – Preparing for Future



## **New Sanitation Models**



# New Supply Chains



# Managing What We Have Better

#### **National SFD Initiative**

- Emanti to develop SFDs for "volunteer municipalities" in SA
- Emanti working with, and drawing on the lessons of:
  - eThekwini Water and Sanitation (EWS)
  - SuSANA (SFD tool)
  - CSE (partner of WRC)
- 8 SFDs developed to-date





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#### **1. Securing "Volunteer Municipalities"**

- Launched via profiling and introductory Master Class workshops (Eastern Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal)
- Two-day programme
  - Sector stakeholders (e.g. DWS, COGTA,
     SALGA, WRC, consultants,
     municipalities)
  - Technical aspects of SFD, handson/role-playing exercises
- → Commit a willingness to participate (burdened municipal environment)







#### 2. SFD Development – "Harnessing a Co-Create Approach"

- Harvest existing data (e.g. WSDP, IDP, STATSA, DWS, NT, etc.)
  - Check (i) if data collected online is correct/appropriate, (ii) data gaps/availability
  - Preliminary municipal engagements, including logistical arrangements
  - Introductory Municipal presentation setting the SFD scene
  - Municipal status review/discussion, including presentation of "current view"
  - Site selection and on-site assessment with municipal team
  - Crafting the SFD graphic (1st order) and discussion
  - SFD training and skills transfer to municipal team
  - Actionables for joint completion of SFD
  - Iterative interactions with municipality to close data/information gaps
  - Development of draft report

Data

Harvesting

Site Visit &

Assessment

Reporting

- Submit draft report for review, amendments/additions by municipal team
- Finalise report on feedback received



#### 3. Engaging with "Municipal Realities"

- Allow flexibility within area selection
  - Data availability
  - Areas with challenges
- Site visits crucial
  - Confirm terminology alignment/system understanding
- Data collection gaps commonplace
  - If you don't get data there and then, its difficult afterwards
  - Access to all stakeholders a challenge









# So does SFD meet South African municipal requirements?



Largely YES, HOWEVER..

municipalities tabled the need for an SA Municipal SFD Report that supports and guides remedial action



#### 4. SO WHAT?

- Initiate and guide remedial actions within the municipality and its decision making structures
- Hence, included for municipal benefit:
  - Flow diagram
  - Wastewater sludge status and compliance
  - Current SFD and possible future scenario (e.g. without VIP emptying programme initiated)
  - HR, WCDM aspects
  - Remedial Action Plan







#### **Municipal SFD Report: Adaptations**



#### Project a Future scenario – e.g. no VIP emptying strategy/plan



 Wastewater sludge status/compliance – include "off-site sanitation treated effluent compliance" calculation



#### **Remedial Action Plan**

- Need to plan and motivate
- Keep simple
  - Why?
  - What?
  - Who?
  - When?
  - How much?

Shit/Excreta Flow Diagram Action Plan						
Name of System/ Municipality						
Date:						
1. Containment	Status	Comments and Current Interventions	Agreed Action	Responsible Person (Who)	Completion Date (When)	Proposed Budget
2. Emptying	Status	Comments and Current Interventions	Agreed Action	Responsible Person (Who)	Completion (When)	Proposed Budget
3. Transport	Status	Comments and Current Interventions	Agreed Action	Responsible Person (Who)	Completion (When)	Proposed Budget
4. Treatment	Status	Comments and Current Interventions	Agreed Action	Responsible Person (Who)	Completion (When)	Proposed Budget
5. Reuso	Status	Comments and Current Interventions	Agreed Action	Responsible Person (Who)	Completion (When)	Proposed Budget

• Link to, for example, REVAMP Tool and FSM Toolbox



#### Way Forward

- Continue to refine SA approach
  - Test and amend with SA sanitation stakeholders
  - Collaborate with international SFD stakeholders
  - Alignment to international SFD (as far as possible)
  - SFD tool amendments?
- How do we get SFDs to more municipalities?
  - Understanding international funding mechanisms
- Develop a regional/national SFD
- Support SFDs updates to track renewed status
  - Otherwise, how do we know if we are making a difference?
  - Internal tracking ?
  - External monitoring ?





### Management of Existing (and Future) Infrastructure

#### **Social Franchising**

Development of a Framework for Franchising in the Water Services Sector in South Africa Kevin Wall, 2005 "Going with the Franchising Flow" An Exploration of partnerships for the operation and maintenance of water services infrastructure Kevin Wall & Oliver Ive, 2010 Social Franchising Partnerships for Operation and Maintenance of Water Services: Lessons and Experiences from an Eastern Cape Pilot Kevin Wall & Oliver Ive, 2013



## **Social Franchising Demos in E. Cape**





SOCIAL FRANCHISING PARTNERSHIPS FOR 0&M OF SANITATION & WATER SERVICES

Lessons and Experiences from an Eastern Cape Pilot



#### ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PILOT

Significant achievements of the pilot project between 2009 and 2012 include:

- Water and sanitation facilities at 400 schools were serviced.
- Learners (especially the girl learners) at the 400 schools, who now have access to clean and hygienic toilets, have benefited tremendously.
- Six emergent franchisee micro-entrepreneurs were established and supported.

 A training programme was developed, consisting of: at the start of the pilot, a formal training course for all the prospective franchisees selected; on-site mentoring; regular get-togethers, report backs and sharing of experience; and ad hoc training.

Operational methodologies for school and household Franchisees at work - digging holes situations have been developed.
 Franchisees at work - digging holes for new toilets.

 More than 20 sustainable jobs and more than 50 part-time informal employment opportunities have been created.

A public-private partnership, supporting job creation and the establishment and nurturing
of emergent micro-entrepreneurs, has been created.

 The concept of social franchising partnerships for the operation and/or maintenance of sanitation and water services infrastructure has been shown to work successfully in two different situations (that is, routine servicing of schools sanitation facilities and for Amatole District Municipality (ADM), household sanitation facilities, the toilet type in both cases being VIPs).

Furthermore, the programme continues to establish and support locally-based small enterprises for the provision of appropriate and locally-based service solutions. It is creating jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities, and up-skilling rural people through facilitating

<sup>4</sup> The extent of the DoE's satisfaction with the performance of the franchisor and franchisee small enterprises can be gauged by its publicly stated commitment to progressively roll this approach out to all of its schools (approximately 6000 in number) in all of the education distincts of the province. The extent of the ADM's satisfaction can be gauged by its subsequent appointment of the franchises to undertake further work on household toilets, and its stated willingness to make further appointments.





- 400 schools
- Six microenterprises
- Training provided
- 70 jobs (50 part-time)



## **East London Demonstration**



East London Key Statistics:

- 302 schools
- 302 Sanitation Clubs & Hygiene Campaigns
- 90,000 students
- Five microenterprises (4 female)
- Training provided
- 70 jobs (50 part-time)
- Pilot conversion of sludge to biochar (charcoal subsititute)





#### WRC's Guideline for School Sanitation and School Sanitation Management Book









#### **CLEANING THE SCHOOL TOILETS AFTER SCHOOL**

#### PREPARING FOR CLEANING





## **Turning Theory into Practice School Management Model**

- Emphasis on the importance of sanitation as part of school life
- Provides the knowledge and expertise to be able to assess, plan, develop tools, implement, monitor and evaluate independently
- Provides financial planning for sanitation services
- WRC piloted at 8 schools with KZN DBE
- FMCG Company saw potential extended pilot to 150 schools & provides cleaning supplies



Though some HSOs were unwilling to make room for the toilets in their cleaning duties, some schools did effectively adjusted to the new programme with success.



What key drivers lead to an enabling environment where effective management of school toilets can take place?

#### **BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS**

#### Windows



#### Doors



#### Corridors





### Hand Washing Basins













## BEFORE




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