Marketing of Faecal Sludge Valorisation Products
How they contribute to a successful sanitation chain

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- 7 Countries
- 12 pressing needs
- 60 projects
- Final Call for proposals: 10 April 2017
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PRESSING NEEDS IN AFRICAN CITIES

1. Sustainable access to drinking water services
2. Sustainable access to sanitation services and clean cities
3. Equitable and efficient water use in urban and peri-urban agriculture
4. More and reliable water harvesting and storage
5. Sustainable use of groundwater resources
6. Improved quality of water resources and distributed water
7. Good quality data gathering, management and sharing
8. Institutional strengthening
9. Sustainable and equitable water allocation
10. Viable financial arrangements and partnerships
11. Improved urban planning
12. Preventing and coping with floods, droughts and coastal erosion
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Key to the programme

- Local ownership
- Learning
- The Wow factor
- Sustainability
  - Who is awaiting your innovation?
  - Clear view of potential clients (private, public, international)
Valorization of sludge
Important factor successful implementation sanitation chain

Service Chain
- Households
- Collection
- Disposal
- Factory Process
- Product
- Value Chain
- Customer
Biological Urban Sanitation = VIA Water project Maputo

Essentials

- Minimising the need for pit emptying and excreta handling
- Create socio-economic acceptance
- Commercial production and marketing
- Document and monitor all steps

- Latrines pits which don't fill up
In-home sanitation
VIA Water project Naivasha

• Essentials:
  – Convert human waste to charcoal briquettes sold to local small businesses

• Wow:
  – Briquettes burn 2x as long and 1/3rd emissions of local charcoal
  – Every ton of briquettes saves 88 trees
  – Sold over 30 tons at comparable price to charcoal
Organic fertilizers
VIA Water project Nairobi

• Essentials:
  – Convert waste to Evergrow Organic Fertilizer to sell to farmers

• Wow:
  – 30% increase in yields
  – 400 farms
  – 30% repeat sales
Marketing Mix
The 4 ‘P’s

- **Product**: the sanitation systems and services being supplied/valorisation product
- **Price**: the amount a customer pays for the product
- **Promotion**: advertising, public relations, personal selling and sales promotion
- **Place**: the way of getting the product to the consumer
## Marketing mix 3 VIA Water projects

### Suggestions for an interesting presentation

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Conclusions

• Valorization of sludge makes sanitation ‘wow’:
  • leads to an interesting sanitation system
  • interesting products

• Wide variety in products

• Valorization can never cover the costs of the service & value chain