## Ecosan in Disaster Relief

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# **Reasons for Selecting Ecosan**

#### **Current:**

- High water tables
- Flood situations
- Where excavation is not possible

#### Potential:

- Foster a transition to sustainable development
- Reforestation and soil regeneration
- Meeting the top requirements for raised latrines

## **Ecosan Case Studies**

- 1. Urine Diversion Toilets: Bolivia, Haiti, Chad, Philippines and Bangladesh
- 2. Composting Toilets: Haiti and New Zealand
- 3. Terra Preta Sanitation: Philippines
- 4. Arborloo: Haiti
- 5. Biodegradable Bags: Haiti

# **UD Toilets**

- Bolivia
- Haiti
- Bangladesh
- Philippines
- Chad



OXFAM, Bolivia<sup>1</sup>



OXFAM, Haiti<sup>1</sup>



WAND Foundation, Philippines<sup>2</sup>





Terre des Hommes, Bangladesh<sup>3</sup>

# Haiti : UD toilets with Centralized Composting

- Port Au Prince
- Supported by New Horizons Foundation
- The fecal matter was collected in 30 liter biodegradable bags
- Feces covered after each use
  With earth or dry organic matter
- Richard Higgins Thermophilic composting process



Thermophilic Composting in Haiti <sup>5</sup>

## Home Composting Toilets in New Zealand



**Emergency Composting Toilets in New Zealand<sup>6</sup>** 

#### **Terra Preta Sanitation (TPS)**

- Xavier Ecoville, Lumbia, Philippines
- Serves 550 families
- Supported by the Xavier University Sustainable Sanitation Center





1. Collection (UDDTs) 2. Maturation of Lactic Acid Fermentation Process

3. Vermicomposting

Source: Horacio Factura<sup>7</sup>

## **Terra Preta Sanitation Facts**

- Cost of Infrastructure, Philippines
  - Toilet, serving one household = \$87
  - Storage facility, 20-30 households = \$75
  - Vermicomposting facility,100 households = \$500
  - Total: \$95/household
- Time of Construction
  - All structures need 2-3 months with 2 workers.
  - UDDTs build with two workers in one day
- Hygienization
- **Zero** Ascaris eggs after lactic acid fermenation process
  - Ascaris eggs <u>were</u> found after vermicomposting of dehydrated feces (6 months) from UDDT

#### Designing a Future Application of Ecosan

#### • Needs:

- 1. Portability and increased speed of response
- 2. Increased coverage, privacy and safety
  - Especially for women and children and night-time toilet use
- 3. Vector reduction
- Desires:
  - 1. Decreased cost
  - 2. Facilitation of reuse of the excreta

#### Portable TPS Design: Porta Preta

- Meets following needs:
  - 1. Rapidly deployable
    - > 36 units on a pallet
  - 2. Privacy- used inside the home
    - Minimizes odor
  - 3. Vector Reduction
- Cost effective
  - > \$1.30-\$1.80 /person/month
- Produces a rich soil enhancer



#### Thanks for your attention!

Questions?

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# Additional Slides Concerning the Porta Preta

## Porta Preta Sketches









## Costs per Porta Preta (Serves 5)

#### **Fixed Costs**

Porta Preta Unit	\$25
Logistics (delivery)	\$10
Labor (distribution and user training)	\$0.60
Processing Equipment Cost	\$2.00
Urine Soakaway patch	\$20

<u>Total: \$57</u>

#### **Monthly Costs**

Consumables	\$3.50
Collection and Processing	\$0.50

Total: \$4/month

#### \$1.30-\$1.80 per person per month

(when used for 12 months)



## **Compact Shipping Design**



# Cost of Delivery

Logistics Analysis

- 1. India-Bangladesh \$7
- 2. India-Kenya \$9
- 3. India-Haiti \$10



## Integrated Sanitation Concept

