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Challenges in Toamasina (study executed with PROTOS)

- Manual removal (97%) > safer
- Motorized removal (3%) > cheaper



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- Badly managed pits (dried sludge)
- Lack of urban planning (limited space)
- Unsolved FS transport (reburying)

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PRACTICA's approach (to advance manual emptying and transport)

- Smart solutions: locally appropriate technologies with an innovative edge
- Applicability research and targeted innovation
- Multidisciplinary, sector-wide approach: adjustable and upgradable





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Development of sampling device 'Syringe'

- Dried fecal sludge is a crucial challenge
- Sludge consistency in pits changes strongly with depth
- 'Syringe': for measuring
 sludge consistency at given
 depth range or over full depth

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Local testing: Gulper & Hand auger Gulper:

- Basic design: easy to build/operate
- Shorter pipe & smaller diameter : Still difficult to transport /handle)
- Limited to low-viscosity sludge
- Requires two operators
- Outlet pressure insufficient for direct loading
- 30L/min in Toamasina, MG
- Time consuming to clean

Hand auger:

- Excellent for high viscosityFS
- Design adjustment underway





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Transport and the need of transfer stations

	Toilet	Pricing	Operator	Time	Efficiency	Radius (when full)
Cyclo	DT (200L)	EUR3/DT	1	1h/DT	2-3/d	~10 km
Push-cart	PL (<1 m3)	EUR7.5/500L	2	1.5h/PL	3/d	< 10 km
Pick-up	PF&ST (≥2 m3)	EUR 11/m3	2(+pump)	1h/ST	4 /d	> 10 km





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Final remarks and recommendations for emergency FSM

- Sludge consistency is key to applicability of manual emptying tool
- An independent comparative analysis on applicability could increase sector efficiency and reduce emptying by hand!

- Emergency and relief phases

- Ample storage at toilets

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- Motorized designs for pit/tank emptying and transport

- (Early) recovery & reconstruction phases

- Use only locally appropriate and lasting 'development' solutions
- Turn disaster into an opportunity to upgrade WASH infrastructure!



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