

Sanitation in developing countries: a bussiness opportunity?

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Outline

- Introduction of organisations
- An example: MobiSan
- Contribution of Dutch private sector to improved water & sanitation services





Lettinga Associates Foundation

Started in 1997 was spin-off of Environmental Technology Dept, Wageningen University

□ Stategic alliance with WUR

R&D, capacity building & training, consultancies

- Fields: anaerobic technology, new sanitation, WaSH
- Dersonnel: 10



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Position of LeAF







Examples of work

- Design of UASBs for urban wastewater: e.g. Ghana, Mexico and Arabic Emirates
- Design of reactors for industrial wastewater: e.g. Colombia, France, Netherlands

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- Integrated watershed management, Matagalpa, including water and sanitation for 5000 people (with
- Improvement of prison waster and sanitation facilities, Kenia...
- R&D into system for urine concentration
- Mobile Sanitation for informal settlement in developing countries



UASB Ghana

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Visie op sanitatie

- Drinkwatervoorziening zonder sanitatie is fout!
- 'Apropriate' sanitation
- Zo min mogelijk riolering (duur!)
- Geen verdunning van sterk geconcentreerde afvalstromen
- Hergebruik van nutriënten, biogas en water waar mogelijk
- Mogelijkheden om te komen tot 'cost recovery' noodzakelijk
- Organisatie rondom sanitatie cruciaal punt







Pilot project

Mobile Sanitation Facility for the Informal Settlements in Cape Town

MobiSan®





Background

- Innovation & demonstration project 80% financed by Partners for Water
- Partnership between:
- Consortium:
 - Water Services Department Cape Town: beneficiary and local provider
 - Landustrie Sneek: project leader and constructor
 - Vitens-Evides International: local network and experience
 - LeAF: knowledge, network and advise







Informal settlements in Cape Town

□ About 3 million 'formal' citizens

□ About 0.9 million people in informal settlements

- Water Services Department takes responsibility to provide water and sanitation to informal settlements
- □ Water through public stand pipes (90%), sanitation: mostly container or chemical toilets (35%)



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Problems of Water Services Department

- Budget too low to provide container toilets for all informal settlements
- Operational costs of emptying are high (emptying frequency 1-2 times per week)
- Toilets are shared by 5 families and often not wellmaintained
- Private land owners often do not allow permanent facilities
- Which options are appropriate?





Chemical toilet (water tight)















Approximately 35% of population informal settlements has a basic facility







Housing Density



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Land ownership







Water Supply Availability







Flooding Prone Areas









Demonstration project (2008-2009)

- Provide a Basic Sanitation Facility to serve approximately 500 people in informal settlements
 - Low operation and maintenance requirements
 - Competitive in price and costs
 - Open 24 hours
 - Run by a caretaker
 - Producing a potential fertilizer
 - Not dependent on sewer networks, water supply, groundwater table, type of soil or cleansing materials
 - Matching the characteristics of the informal settlements: temporary, dynamic, emergency services or unsuitable land







MobiSan unit under construction

- 13 toilets and 13 men urinals (future option: showers)
- Treatment and production of potential fertilizer:
 - Urine diversion and storage
 - Composting system
- Emptying service required once every 6 months
- Removal of urine once every 1 month
- Care taker/shop room available
- 10-20% cheaper than current container toilets



Sanitation: bussiness opportunity for the private sector?

Yes, however:

- It requires tailor made solutions and not just transfer of 'our' approaches
- Intensive cooperation with local partners and possibly joint ventures
- Careful thinking
- Support by investing organisations (in our case: PvW)





- Cooperation with local governments, increasing dedication to MDGs
- Connection with agricultural sector, African countries lack fertilizer
- Urine and feces can be an interesting and financially attractive fertilizer
- Product form and transport needs re-thinking and R&D (Concentrating? Struvite?)
- Marketing requires a lot of attention





□ Started in 1913

□ Mechanical contractor

□ Fields: communal WWTP

Dersonnel: 140





Productgroepen

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Zuiveringstechnische Installaties



Pompen en Pompinstallaties





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- Blue Energy
 - Desk-study naar haalbaarheid
 - Pilot installatie Frisia





DeSaR for holiday parc (Crimea):

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Private invester

Ecological building method

Luxury houses

Blackwater and greywater treatment





Black Sea region:

Touristic area

Highly polluted

- Potable water production
- Often swimming restrictions
- Untreated discharges of wastewater





***** Characteristics:

- Primary treatment or no treatment
- # If wastewater treatment plants; bad maintained
- # High water consumption by irrigation
- Very low water tarif





Ukrain

Challenges:

- # High investments for potable water production plants necessary
- # High spoilage of potable water
- # High investments for communal wwtp necessary
- Decrease in energy demand of industrial wwtp's
- # High ecomical growth





Ukrain

***** Options:

Private investers of luxury housing estates

Industry, based on decrease of energy demand

Decrease of water spoilage





Interesting markets for Dutch companies?

Options:

- Delivery of key components
- Assembly by local companies
- Operations and maintenance by local entrepreneurs
- Sustainable solutions, environmental + economical



