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Innovating water and sanitation

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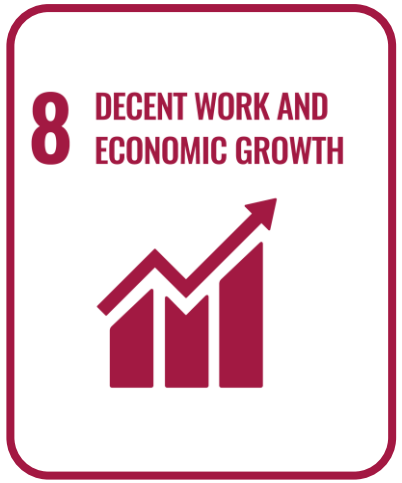
HOUSEHOLD SANITATION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

The city of Kumasi is developing a sustainable financing scheme through offering a low-interest loan to residents and training young people with the skills necessary to build locally designed private toilets to households currently without toilets

6.2 By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and **end open defecation**, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations

Local Action:

By 2025 we aim to decrease the number of people resorting to open defecation through **installing more private toilets in the community**



8.5 By 2030, achieve **full and productive employment and decent work** for all women and men, **including for young people** and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value

By 2025, we will train and achieve full and productive employment for **more young women and men** in Moshie Zongo

PROFILE: MOSHIE ZONGO

56,885 inhabitants

13,740 households

9,443 households without toilets

10,905 population aged (15 – 24)

THE PROBLEM

- Limited number of household toilets in Moshie Zongo
- More pronounced in built up areas inhabited mostly by the poor and disadvantaged
- Moshie Zongo is a densely-populated neighborhood in Kumasi City
- An urban community with few social and infrastructural amenities
- Only a few households have toilets, the rest depend on public toilets

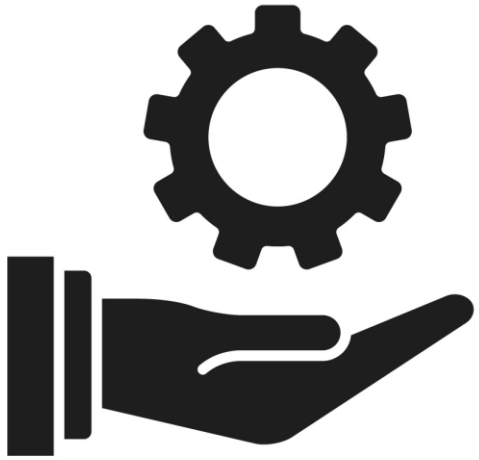
Of the 56,885 inhabitants in Moshie Zongo 83% do not have access to private household toilets.

- The population mostly comprises women and girls
- Access to public toilets can be quite challenging, especially during the night
- Open defecation becomes the norm

A Public Toilet at Moshie Zongo

A schoolgirl undressing to use the public toilet

THE SOLUTIONS



Action ONE:

Creating a database on households without toilets to ensure efficient monitoring of outputs and outcomes

Action TWO:

Establishing a sustainable financing solution to provide low-interest loans to households through loan schemes to ensure financial inclusion

Action THREE:

Training the youth to be productively engaged in the building of locally design the toilets to achieve SDG 8

Action FOUR:

Construction of toilets for households to end open defecation thereby achieving SDG 6

PROPOSED TOILETS

Toilet cubicle

Biodigester system

Partners below will provide specific skills and expertise, which together will contribute to effective project implementation:

PARTNER	FUNCTION
Environmental health officers	Education and enforcement
Water & Sanitation for Urban Poor	Advocacy and Awareness creation
Faith-Based Organizations	Awareness creation and community sensitization
Traditional Authorities	Awareness creation and community sensitization
Kumasi Urban Sanitation Artisans and Workers Association (KUSAWA)	Training of the youth to build locally designed toilets

Meeting with the Environmental Health Officers

Meeting with the Religious leaders

CHALLENGES AHEAD

1

Inadequate data on households without toilets

Mitigation Strategy:
Conducting baseline studies and creation of database management system

2

Apprehension on the part of the households to apply for the loans to build toilets

Mitigation Strategy:
Intensive and extensive awareness creation on the loan scheme

3

Competition from the government subsided programme to provide household toilets

Mitigation Strategy:
Promoting community ownership of the project through training and employing youth in the community to build the locally designed toilets

NEXT STEPS

For toilets and artisans training:

Community animations for awareness creation and sensitization

Conducting baseline studies to create the database mapping households without toilets

Structuring the artisans training programme

For the loan scheme:

Agreeing on the criteria and parameters for the loan scheme (e.g., eligibility criteria, payment periods etc.)

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THANK YOU!

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