Improving affordability and accessibility of ecological dry toilet technology in rural Makueni-Kenya.

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Introduction

- Mifuko Trust is currently implementing an
 Ecological sanitation project (WASH&Grow! 2021 2023) on improved sanitation through ecological
 dry toilets technology
- Experiment aimed at improving affordability,
 accessibility and adoption of ecological dry toilets
 technology
- The experiment has directly reached all the 26 groups translating to over 7000 beneficiaries



Design challenge: "How might we develop an ecological dry toilet design that is affordable so that the community adopts and sustains the technology?"



- Successfully mapped and engaged all relevant stakeholders and partners
- Obtained various valuable solutions/options and identified the most appropriate options for prototyping
- A new design/plan of low cost plan has been developed for piloting (with a possibility of bathroom extension)
- 2 pilot prototypes are under establishment

Results







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- Expectation(s): the low-cost models being prototyped will be affordable to the community as compared to the current models
- Success: Successful implementation of new low-cost dry toilet models(on-going)
- A handbook on affordable dry toilet options in under preparation
- **Lessons:** Different options of materials make the designed low-cost model more cheap and affordable
- Impact: The ultimate goal is to ensure the community adopts dry toilet technology as a way of improving access to proper sanitation





Results



Cost €800 (Kes.92,000)



Cost € 480



Collaborations/partnerships

- The experimentation process involved other likeminded partners and collaborators:
 - a) Ukumbi architectural works
 - b) GDTF (Huussi) dry toilet advisory
 - c) County government
- These existing collaborations/are expected continue during the current and future programs



- Upon successful completion of the process, the project plans to adopt integrate the prototyped models in its next cycle (2023-2026)
- The existing collaboration with the county govt presents a viable opportunity to upscale the options in other programs such as CLTS (a sanitation marketing option)











