

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR NOR'WESTER ROTARY AND THE AREA 8 CLUBS

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ZOGBEDJI and KLOBATEM VILLAGES

We interviewed members of the families who already have Dignity Toilets and other villagers who do not. The first group to see what the response has been from families who now have a toilet and if there are any problems or concerns. The second group (non-owners) was to verify the need and desire of the community.

During the interviews we became aware that the river that runs through Klobatem has become so polluted from run off and tainted groundwater that it can no longer be used for drinking or cooking. Lack of toilets was cited as the main reason for the pollution. When we asked about safety from animals and insects more than one person told us about a large anaconda snake that had been reported in one area.

While we have been working at a pace that we can afford the need here is much greater than our efforts can match. Despite repeated admonishments to all families that their toilet is designed for a family of six to eight people only. . . one family succumbed to pressure from the neighbors and opened theirs up to the nearby families. Dignity Toilet #100 is no longer in use. Each side is filled to the very top. And neither side is dry enough to empty.

The father asked what could be done to make it able to be used and we informed him that the unit would have to be opened and the manure removed with a shovel. We encouraged him to get a lock. We also let him know that it was not working because of what they had done and we would not help "fix" it.

During talks with non-owners in Klobatem the question came up as to why certain families had not signed up to get a toilet. We were told that their plots were not big enough to allow the space for a toilet. The houses were also in almost a circle around a large common area. It was suggested that perhaps multiple toilets could be built in the common area, one for each family. The family would be in charge of it and its maintenance. And each would be locked to remain private.

The families are meeting to discuss it. The village chief's son, Yao, was with us and agreed it sounded like a viable idea if the families wanted it.

In 2018 there were 23 finished toilets. It was not difficult to see them all. There is no way that we could view all 120+ in the five days we had for this study. We called on families and most were able to accommodate our scheduled times. We managed to review 22 toilets and found five in need of repair due to construction error or material failure. Estimates are being drawn up.

Interview #1

Family Name: AGIBEGNIGAN

Gender: Female

Age, if known: 65 years (Mother hanging laundry. Answered by her daughter)



Concerns: Toilet, Dry Living Space, Money to meet daily needs

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Reduction of disease, Safety from Animals & Insects, Safety from Bad People

Barriers: Money

Interview #2

DT# not recorded on form



DT Benefits: Access during the rainy season, Reduction of disease, Safe navigation to sanitation.

DT Issues: None



Interview #3

Family Name: AZIAKA, Ayawo (Village King's son)

Gender: Male

Age: 38



Concerns: Education, Toilet, Food

Barriers: Lack of Money

DT Values: Safety from animals & insects, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season

Barriers: Money

Interview #4

Family Name: AZIAKA, Koffi Sossouale' (Village King's cousin)

Gender: Male

Age: 62 years old



Concerns: Education, Money, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Safety from animals & insects, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season

Barriers: Money

Interview #5

Family Name: AZIAKA, Komi

Gender: Male

Age: 30 years old



Concerns: Money to meet daily needs, Dry Living Space, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Dignity, Reduction of disease, Privacy

Barriers: Money

Interview #6

Family Name: Koumassi, Akou (allopathic physician)

Gender: Male

Age: 66 years old



Concerns: Toilet, Education, Dry Living Space

Barriers: Lack of space

DT Values: Dignity, Safety from animals & insects, Prevention of groundwater pollution

Barriers: Money

Interview #7

Family Name: AGUET, Phillipe

Gender: Male

Age: 43 years old



Concerns: Money, Toilet, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Safety from animals & insects, Reduction of disease.

Barriers: Money

Interview #8

Family Name: AGBODJAN, Komi

Gender: Male

Age: 32 years old



Concerns: Money, Toilet, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Safety from animals & insects, Access during the rainy season.

Barriers: Money

Interview #9

Family Name: TOSSOU, Agba Yome

Gender: Female

Age: 54



Concerns: Money, Toilet, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Safety from animals & insects, Access during the rainy season

Barriers: Money

Interview #10

Family Name: ABALO

Gender: Male

Age: 52 years old



Concerns: Money, Toilet, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Safety from animals & insects, Access during the rainy season

Barriers: Money

Interview #11

DT # 124



Benefits: Dignity, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season.

Issues: None

Interview #12

DT# 123



Benefits: Dignity, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season.

Issues: None



Interview #13

Family Name: SEGLA, Kodjo

Gender: Male

Age: 69



Concerns: Education, Toilet, Money to meet daily needs

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season.

Barriers: Money

Interview #14

Family Name: AMEBOUDANO, Yao

Gender: Male

Age: 49



Concerns: Toilet, Education, Money

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season.

Barriers: Money

Interview #15

DT# 81



Benefits: Dignity, Safety from animals & insects, Prevention of groundwater pollution

Issues: Odors, Flooding

Interview #16

Family Name: SOSSOU, Agbe

Gender: Male

Age: 37 years old



Concerns: Toilet, Education, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Safety from animals & insects, Access during the rainy season, Dignity

Barriers: Money



Interview #17
DT# 100



Benefits: Reduction of disease, Safety from animals & insects, Access during the rainy Season
Issues: Flooding

Interview #18
DT# 114



Benefits: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Safety from animals & insects, Access during the rainy season.
Issues: None



Interview #19

DT# 99



Benefits: Safety from animals & insects, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season

Issues: None

Interview #20

DT# 57



Benefits: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season.

Issues: None

Interview #21

Family Name: ALI, Donne (Village King of Zogbedji)

DT# 19



Benefits: Dignity, Safety from bad people, Prevention of groundwater pollution

Issues: Flooding

Interview #22

Family Name: BOUKARI, Faouziya

Gender: Female

Age: 31



Concerns: Dry Living Space, Food, Education

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Reduction of Disease, Privacy, Safety from animals & insects

Barriers: Money, Transportation

Interview #23

Family Name: AGBOOLA

Gender: Male

Age: 65



Concerns: Sanitary toilets, Education, Money

Barriers: Money, poverty

DT Values: Dignity, Reduction of disease, Safety from animals & insects

Barriers: Money, Family education

Interview #24

DT# 105



Benefits: Safety from bad people, Safety from animals & insects, Reduction of disease

Issues: None

Interview #25
DT# 120



Benefits: Safety from bad people, Reduction of disease, Access during the rainy season
Issues: Flooding

Interview #26
DT# 118



Benefits: Prevention of groundwater pollution, Access during the rainy season, Reduction of disease
Issues: None

Interview #27
DT# 121



Benefits: Reduction of disease, Safety from animals & insects, Access during the rainy season
Issues: None

Interview #28
DT# 111



Benefits: Reduction of disease, Safety from bad people, Prevention of groundwater pollution

Interview #29
DT# 108



Benefits: Safe navigation to sanitation, Access during the rainy season, Safety from animals & insects
Issues: None

Interview #30
DT# 102



Benefits: Reduction of disease, Prevention of groundwater pollution, Safety from bad people
Issues: None

Interview #31
DT# 69



Benefits: Safety from bad people, Reduction of disease, Prevention of groundwater pollution,
Issues: None



Interview #32

Family Name: Kponkow

Gender: Female

Age: 39 years old



Concerns: Sanitary toilet, Education, Food

Barriers: Money

DT Values: Dignity, Reduction of disease, Prevention of groundwater pollution

Barriers: Money

Interview #33

DT# 35



Benefits: Reduction of disease, Privacy, Prevention of groundwater pollution

Issues: Flooding

Interview #34
DT# 58



Benefits: Access during the rainy season, Safe navigation to sanitation, Safety from animals & insects
Issues: None

Interview #35
Family Name: AZOLIMA
Gender: Female
Age: 35



Concerns: Education, Sanitary Toilet, Food
Barriers: Money
DT Values: Safety from animals & insects, Safe navigation to sanitation, Access during the rainy season
Barriers: Money

