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Water Sector Trust Fund

SafiSan Programme

Skit

for Drama Groups that participate in the SafiSan Programme

CASE SCENARIO

Scene: *On a Sunday morning Mzee Kobe, the Landlord wakes up early in the morning irritated and anguished. His wife Mama Njeri stands outside with her hands akimbo listening and nodding to every word the husband is saying.*

Mzee Kobe: Listen! Listen, all of you who stay in this plot! I want all of you to vacate my houses! You have become a nuisance to me.

You don't wash the toilet and it has a very bad smell. When it's full, you don't even bother to contribute to emptying although it's you people who make it full so fast by putting *gunias*, stones and God knows what! This toilet is a disgrace for all of us. And it is unhealthy!

(All the tenants remain quiet but there emerges a neighbour Mzee Kamau and his wife Mama Fatuma.)

Mzee Kamau: What is wrong with you Mzee Kobe? Waking us up in the morning with your noise! Why are you so annoyed on a beautiful Sunday morning?

Mzee Kobe: Listen to me Mzee Kamau, you people, my tenants, do not appreciate the fact that I rent out these houses to you at a very cheap rate. But you people, you refuse to keep the toilet clean and your sweet children excrete everywhere in the compound, like little goats. Look, the toilet has gaping holes and weevils and termites eat up the wood just because you cannot maintain it!

Mzee Kamau: Then build for us another toilet, a much better toilet! For us and for our children.

Mzee Kobe: Actually do you know we don't even have a space to dig another pit latrine because the entire space is taken up. We have many houses and any remaining free space has already been used as a pit in the past. The situation is really bad when it rains; the toilet fills up and overflows to my door! We shall have to demolish one room to create room for a toilet.

Mama Njeri: (*Whispers to Mzee Kobe*) But how do we do this and the money we have is not even enough to pay school fees for little Njeri?

INTERVENTION

Mama Fatu: Eeeh, you people are you behind news? You have not heard about the new SafiSan toilet that has been installed at the Chief's camp?

All in unison: No. We know nothing. What are you talking about Mama Fatuma?

Mama Fatu: Well it's a new innovation being promoted by the Water Services Trust Fund and implemented by our own *Embu water and Sewerage Company*.

That SafiSan toilet is really amazing! It is affordable, it has a post construction incentive, and there is no need for digging a pit. It's also strong and long lasting. That toilet, it is insect proof, there is no smell and it is so user friendly. Even the children will feel safe using it. Cleaning is so easy and it has a very good hand washing facility!

I have even heard that the compost can be used as manure for your backyard vegetable garden.

Mama Njeri: This toilet - if it's really true what you tell us - is the right thing to go for! Our children will not be affected by diseases like diarrhoea anymore. And we will reduce the risk of outbreaks of cholera and typhoid. And when it rains there will be no overflowing toilets anymore! Mzee Kobe will have a quiet place where he can read his newspaper! In the SafiSan toilet!

Mzee Kamau: Oh, before I forget, I heard about SafiSan on the radio and they said that you can register or get more information about the SafiSan programme at the water company (*e.g. Embu Water & Sewerage Company*).

All in Unison: Let's all go to Embu Water & Sewerage Company for more information.

Mama Njeri Infact Baba Kamau, we can approach our Chama to give us a soft loan or Faulu Kenya (microfinance) to give us an advance so that we can acquire the toilet straight away.

Mzee Kobe: Yes, get me my walking stick am going for the Safi.... What did you call it? Safi what?

Mama Fatu: **SafiSan Toilet!**

End of the play