

Innovative Sanitation Solution for Informal Settlements in Quibdó, Colombia

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Opportunity Statement

- More than 30K displaced to Quibdó due to guerilla violence and settled in informal settlements (89% of country's displaced population)
- 75 % of population in Quibdó lack sanitation infrastructure creates dependence on the polluted Atrato River for drinking water, bathroom, bathing, and cleaning.
- 20 recorded children deaths in a period of three months

Proposed System Process

1. Collect human feces and urine from elevated water closets

2. Use human feces in bio-digester to produce gas

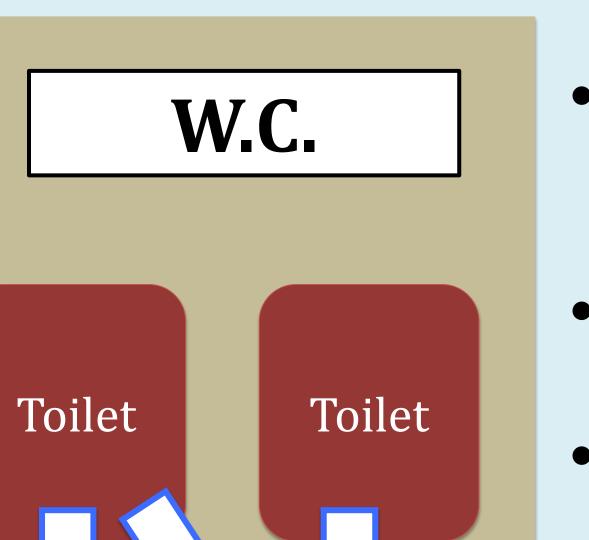
3. Use in a community kitchen to cook meals for children

4. Make agricultural fertilizer with collected urine



"Women washing clothes while waiting for W.C. in Quibdó" by Asier Reino

Elevated Water Closet



Urine

Tank

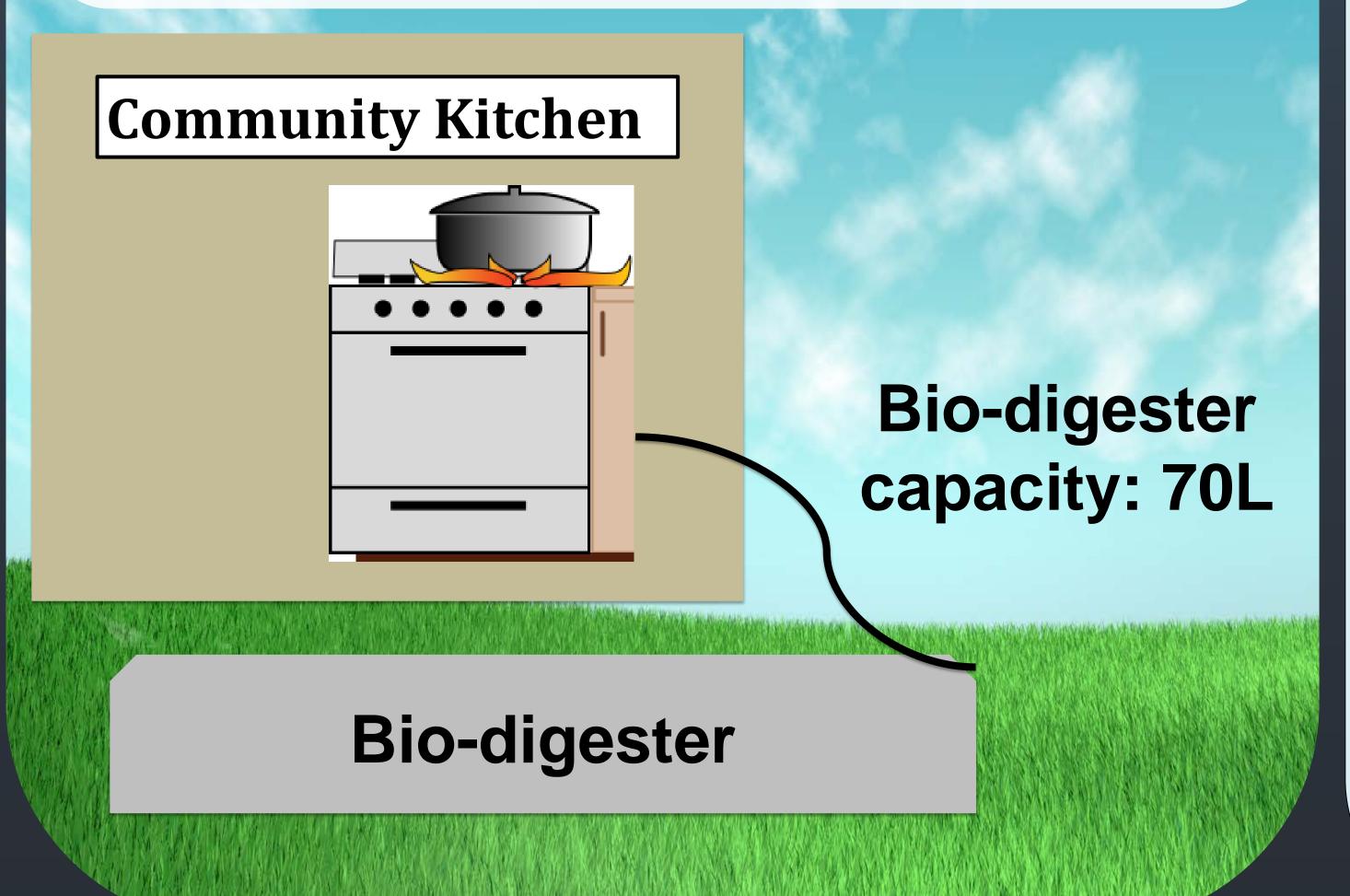
Feces

Tank

- 10 Water Closets to satisfy 300 individuals
- Average person defecates
 200 g per day and urinates
 1.4 L per day
- Feces tank capacity: 12kg
- Urine tank capacity: 60 L

Waste Usage

Waste is converted into 0.5 L of methane gas and used for 2.5 hrs. of cooking in a community kitchen per day



Impact

- Safe and accessible toilet facilities for community members
- Reduce human waste contamination to Atrato River to prevent sicknesses related to contaminated water consumption
- Aid with malnutrition in community children
- Generate jobs for community members, specially women, to administrate and maintain water closet facilities and community kitchen
- Encourage an entrepreneurial movement to provide fertilizer from urine and remaining feces