

# PUBLIC TOILET MANAGERS

## Bamako - MALI

Bamako: population 1,100,000 - 1,000 CFAF = US\$ 1.60



### SANITATION IN BAMAKO

- Ninety percent of households have traditional latrines.
- Eight percent use septic tanks
- Two percent are connected to the sewerage system.



The sewerage network is very limited in Bamako

### PUBLIC TOILETS CREATE GOOD INCOMES AND GOOD JOBS

In Bamako, independent operators sell water and provide urinal, toilet, and shower facilities at high-traffic locations such as train and bus stations and marketplaces.

- They charge CFAF 10 for urinal use, CFAF 25 for toilet use, and CFAF 50 for a shower.
- They take in CFAF 10,000 to 20,000 a day, earning them CFAF 300,000 to 600,000 a month.
- They provide steady employment for many young people and women.



Water kiosk and toilet facilities in a neighborhood market



COFESFA public toilets, constructed in 1992 with the support of the Regional Center for Low-cost Water and Sanitation (CREPA)

### A PUBLIC FACILITY RUN BY A WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE

At the Sogoniko train station, the Women's Cooperative for Education, Family Health and Sanitation (COFESFA), started in 1989 by 16 young women, runs a facility with 8 latrines, five showers, and a standpipe.

- Their average annual sales volume: CFAF 5,159,545.
- They return a fixed monthly fee to the Bamako municipal government and deposit 30 percent of their monthly revenue in a bank account to finance the construction of additional facilities.
- They also manage a standpipe in the Faladié neighborhood.

### A PUBLIC FACILITY RUN BY YOUNG PEOPLE

At the Bamako main train station, the economic interest group (GIE) called SEMA SANIYA, started in 1991 by three young people, runs a facility with six showers, two latrines, and three urinals:

- they signed a lease with the Mali railway company,
- their annual sales volume amounts to CFAF 3,550,120,
- their other business ventures include the sale of trash cans and the collection and sorting of household waste for resale and recycling.



SEMA SANIYA public toilets are used 200 times every day of the workweek



VPI latrines and showers in small neighborhood markets, as envisaged by the Strategic Sanitation Plan for Bamako

### NEXT STEPS

- Diversify services offered, open facilities at new locations.
- Negotiate with local authorities to obtain permission to construct street-side shower and latrine facilities.