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Convener   : NDIVHOHO / Ms Nthabiseng Mokhabuli
Title   : A better understanding of sanitation

The convener welcomed the group and did a brief introduction. The convener was interested in the project after visiting the Impilo Yabantu project in Newlands, East London.

The process on Sanitation:

Confirmed that in East London /Eastern Cape they do not have boreholes so contamination does not happen.
They dig big tranches, not just one, sludge get silled in the whole
Trees get planted between the tranches
Sludge is dangerous for water but good for plants and trees

Ways of disposing sanitation:
- The communities still need to be educated on using the environmental friendly way
- Mainly the programs rely a lot on funding from donors and departments
- The communities need to be capacitated and trained, there will not be a contractor doing work for communities
- The challenge is getting people on the ground to see sanitation as a resource
- The mindset of communities need to be changed
- It is easier to look after households toilets than looking after public toilets i.e. schools public areas
- In areas where there is pit toilet there must be drums to make sure people wash there
- It is important to look at the need and make sure of works for the people
- It takes 5 years to fill up the pit toilets.
- The pits have to be ……since most of the areas are sand

A research was suggested for the project to look at the way forward
Suggestions taking the sludge to bio gas digesters
In Kenya, Nairobi they are already recycling the sludge turning it to bio gas

The convener confirmed that she has a new project in North West where they are introducing environment or friendly toilets

The question was is there a way they are disposing environment friendly
Sanitation is the worst from of pollution
 The group is aware of sanitation pollution
Examples of various programs that are in place were made
Other ways of using environmentally ways are still being researched
The plant is grown in hot areas from the sludge compassed