



Agnes Kwamboka is a soulful and prayerful woman, one whose personal story is of triumph and personal growth. For her, running a Fresh Life Toilet transcends business experience- it has given her and her family a “Fresh Life”.

What has been your experience so far in running a Fresh Life Toilet?

Before I started running a Fresh Life Toilet, I used to make and sell an illicit brew locally known as “chang’aa” for 16 years. I made a lot of money in that business, but most of it went to paying bribes to law enforcement, so in the end I had very little. My children therefore had to steal for the family to get by. But since I started running a Fresh Life Toilet, I am happy- my life has changed. I keep all my profits, I’m able to provide for my family, and I’m paying off my debts. I have inner peace. I am not constantly worrying that the police are coming to search my house.

What has been the best part of being an FLO?

Fresh Life has challenged me to learn how to read and write, unlike my previous business. When I used to sell chang’aa, there was no need to be literate because all I had to do was brew the beer and sell it. With my Fresh Life Toilet, I have to keep records so I can monitor the progress of my business. I realized I needed to learn how to read and write, so I started taking two-hour classes daily and I’m making good progress.

[ABOUT THE OPERATOR]

Name: Agnes Kwamboka

Location: Kwa Ruben

Open for business: Feb ‘12

Average daily customers: 60

[ABOUT SANERGY]

Sanergy’s mission is to build and scale viable sanitation infrastructure in the slums of Nairobi. We franchise Fresh Life Toilets to local entrepreneurs, who run them as viable businesses. We collect the waste daily and convert it to organic fertilizer and renewable energy. In five years, Sanergy will serve 500,000 people through a network of 6,000 toilets.

