



Peter Mwangi, known as “Buda” by his customers, has been a resident of Kwa Ruben since 1979. He lives here with his family, and runs several businesses in the area. Buda is passionate about empowering the community youth, and improving the environment’s cleanliness.

Why were you interested in becoming an FLO?

I was impressed by the nature of these Fresh Life Toilets. They are very clean and easy to maintain. These toilets do not have a lot of expenses; because of the technology that they use, there is no need to build a drainage system for them because you simply take out the waste once the containers are filled up.

What is the best part about being an FLO?

Fresh Life has benefited me on a very personal level. I am a diabetic, and with diabetics, we have to use the bathroom frequently. Before, I had to walk far to the nearest toilet, or I would even be forced to do open defecation, which is harmful to the environment. But now I have a toilet close to my family and me.

What challenges have you experienced in your time as an FLO?

I cannot really complain about the service that Fresh Life is giving us because it is high quality service. The main challenge with this business is acquiring land approval from the City Council. I am currently in a tug of war with the area chief; I am trying to get approval for a piece of land on which to build more toilets.

ABOUT THE OPERATOR

Name: Peter Mwangi

Location: Feed the Children

Open for business: Jan ‘12

Average daily customers: 110

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.



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