



*The Vietnam Renovators Youth Group is comprised of 15 “youth” (18-35), who came together to start an entrepreneurial venture. They are under the leadership of their chairman, Ronald Hamisi (pictured above, left). Hamisi is a youth activist in the Embakasi area, and is vying for the position of councilor in the area in the coming political elections.*

### **How did the idea to open this Fresh Life Toilet come about?**

We were facing many challenges in day-to-day life and needed a way to earn some money. We started with garbage collection in the community, which is still running to date. We then saw some Fresh Life Toilets nearby and we came together to open two toilets.

### **What motivated you to become a Fresh Life Operator?**

Ever since I have been a youth activist in the community, I’ve wanted to be involved in any income generating projects going on. So whenever there is a project the youth can do to sustain themselves and reduce the crime rate here, I’m always involved. I like taking up challenges.

### **What has been the best part of being a Fresh Life Operator?**

Seeing change in this area has been encouraging. This area has become hygienic, unlike before. Before, you couldn’t even stand here because of the smell after people had done open defecation behind these bushes. After this toilet was initiated, the area became more hygienic. And now, for these people running food stalls around here, they do not have to go so far to find a toilet.

### ABOUT THE OPERATORS

Name: V.R. Youth Group  
Location: Kwa Njenga  
Open for business: June ‘12  
Average daily customers: 166

### 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.

