

# WC RESIDENTS HAVE SOLUTIONS FOR BETTER SANITATION. THEY ASK GOVERNMENT TO LISTEN

In this final Asivikelane WC report for 2021, informal settlement residents have yet again urged local government to listen and respond to their urgent pleas for safer and more hygienic sanitation. Communities are saying that they have practical, short-term solutions that are simple for government to implement; yet able to drastically improve dignified sanitation for all.

*Provide enough toilets so that three or fewer households share a toilet*

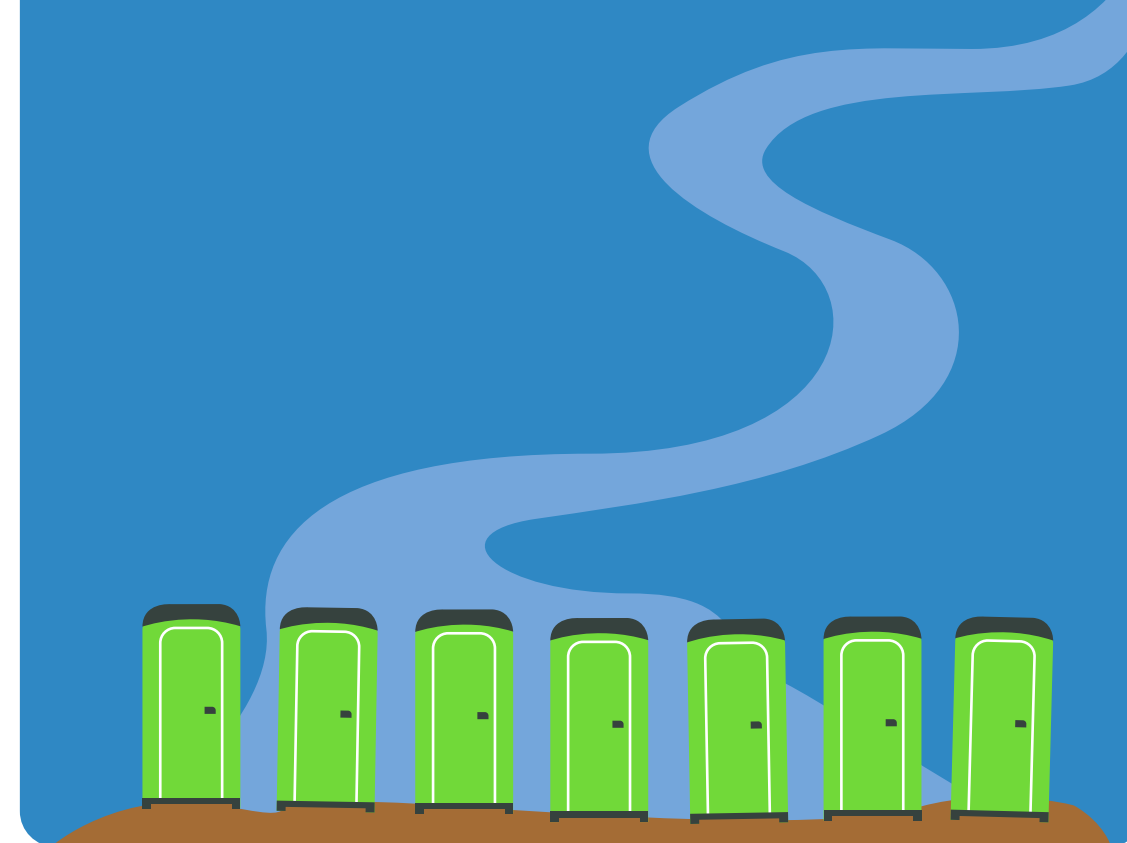
**77%** of residents indicated that they would prefer to share a communal toilet with no more than 3 households when sharing sanitation is unavoidable. However, most residents would prefer to have 1 toilet per household.

How many households should share a toilet?	
3 or fewer	77%
4-6	22%
more than 6	1%



*Place toilets closer to where people live and not all in one place at the edge of the settlement*

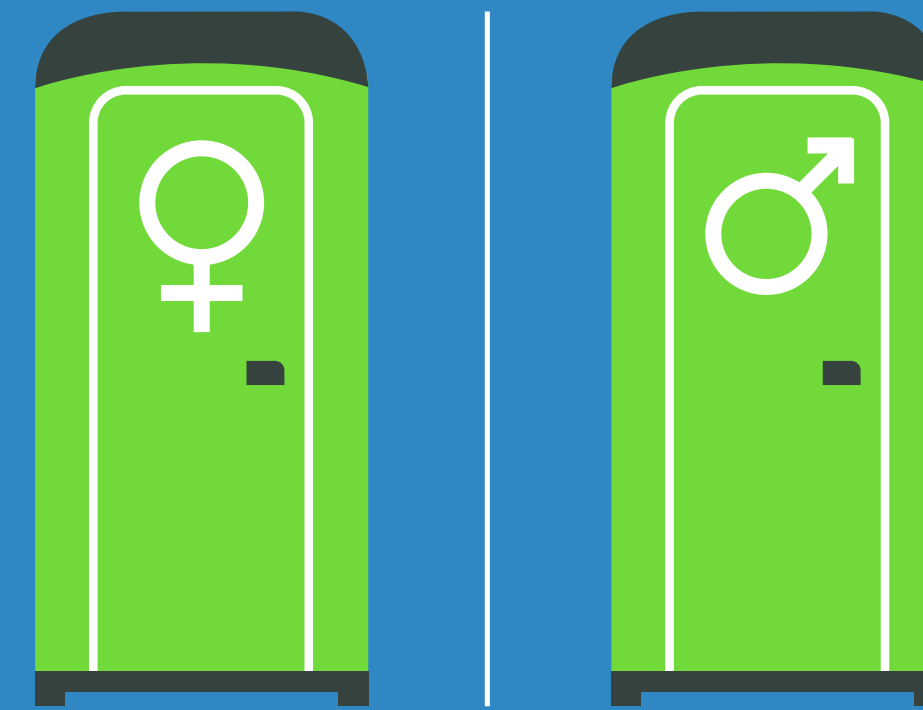
**92%** of residents would prefer it if the toilet was no more than 10 meters away from their home (structure).



*Group toilets by gender*

**78%** of residents think that communal toilets should be grouped by gender i.e. separate toilets for women and men.

Group toilets by gender?	
Yes	78%
No	16%



*Drain chemical toilets more frequently*

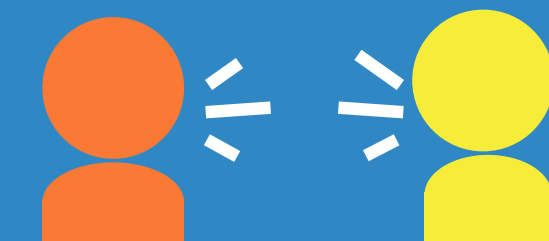
**75%** of residents felt that chemical toilets should be drained no less than 3 times per week

**80%** of residents stated that communal toilets should be cleaned 3 or more times a week.



*Consult with us about how and where communal toilets should be provided*

**70%** of residents said that government had never consulted them about the provision of sanitation.



The respondents comprised of a total of 238 respondents across 7 municipalities, and 38 informal settlements.<sup>1</sup> A slight majority of the respondents were sampled from George (27.3%) municipality and approximately 3 out of 4 respondents were women (74.8%). <sup>1</sup>One informal settlement was labelled as 'Other'. Detailed results and comments from residents themselves are available at [www.asivikelane.org/western-cape-releases](http://www.asivikelane.org/western-cape-releases).

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