



**PROGRAMME SUMMARY  
REPORT**

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**Episode 18**

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**Discussion: Role of Stakeholders in Financing and Improving Public Conveniences**

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**PREMISE**

As discussed in previous episode toilet is an integral part of infrastructure human needs especially when they are away from home. Aside been a place to answer the call of nature, it could be a place for change of cloth if one gets his or her cloth messed up in a gathering, it could also be a place to answer private phone call in this vein, it should be built to be as comfortable as it can be with adequate water supply and other materials necessary for its maintenance.

**ISSUES**

In light of the importance of the subject matter, Kano state government has built about three hundred (300) public Convenience across the state from which a good number is given to individuals to maintain in other to earn a living and provide revenue for the government annually. Even though there are some available more is required especially in sensitive place like market, places of worship, fuel/gas stations, restaurants motor parks etc.

**MORE ISSUES...**

In order to defeat open defecation and get sufficient, clean and accessible toilets all and sundry must realise that it is a compulsory thing required by humans irrespective of gender, social status, age, ability or disability.

**...MORE ISSUES.**

# RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of the above, the following recommendations are made:

1. Government should give room for private individuals interested in building such structures.
2. Rules should be on ground that any or everyone proposing to build any structure should make room for restrooms.
3. Building of public Convenience should be commercialized.
4. Everyone should cultivate the habit of maintenance in order to sustain those already on ground.
5. Building of mobile toilets should also be encouraged. This should be available for rentals in any public gathering especially those held in places with no provision for such.
6. For sustainability also those with such structure but lack water for maintenance should be penalized.
7. Orientation of citizens should be changed in the sense that there is no such thing as shyness is using such places for nature has made it an inevitable necessity.
8. Age and gender should be considered anytime a toilet is built.
9. We should learn that cleanliness is next to Godliness.

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