

SUSAMATI

SUSAMATI is a social mobilization and development company with a primary focus on sanitation and hygiene promotion. Founded in 2018 following the completion of the Biological Urban Sanitation Project (BUSP), their first notable product is the "Pia Fantástica," a cost-effective and durable concrete toilet, renowned as the most affordable sanitary solution in the Mozambican market, using only one cup of water to flush. Alongside product development, SUSAMATI conducts training activities in market-based sanitation and assists local artisans and entrepreneurs in creating sanitation-related business models.

SUSAMATI operates based on three key pillars: Research, Construction, and Dissemination. Their research activities focus on understanding local sanitation conditions, including socio-economic aspects and household vulnerability, with the aim of improving sanitation conditions. The data from their evaluations are shared with other Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) stakeholders and government agencies to inform programs and interventions. In the construction pillar, they prioritize user engagement, community empowerment, sustainability, and innovation when building infrastructure to enhance sanitation in communities. To date, SUSAMATI's sanitation constructions have benefitted over 10,000 users. Their dissemination efforts involve education and environmental campaigns to improve sanitation-related habits and practices in local communities.

Currently, SUSAMATI's main interventions are centered on promoting market-based sanitation in sub-urban and rural communities. While the company has ongoing projects nationwide, its activity in Cabo Delgado includes the "Sanear Pemba" project in partnership with CEPCI, CFPAS, and funded by the Irish Embassy. This project involves research, entrepreneurship training, and the construction of demonstration toilets to showcase the importance of sanitation and its accessibility to local resources.