

Eskender, Ethiopia

Everyday, Eskender works at his mobile toilet in the streets of Addis Ababa. This is the capital city of Ethiopia, a country in East Africa.

Between 70 and 80 people use Eskender's toilet a day. He gives them soap to wash their hands and tells them how going to the toilet in open spaces can lead to diseases like diarrhoea.

Here, he explains how he came to have such an interesting job. >>

Eskender also has a small shop attached to the toilet. He sells everything from pens to hair gel! →



↑ “When I came to Addis Ababa I had no work and was living on the street. I used to sleep here.”

Q&A

Hi Eskender. How did you get the mobile toilet?

“Before, I was homeless. Then, the (WaterAid) project helped me to start with the mobile toilet. I earn money and am saving.”

Are people happy to pay?

“Many people use this toilet every day. Sometimes if people have no money I will let them in for free, so that we can keep the area clean.”

“I also have a special box for children to stand on so that they can use it. They pay if they can afford to – but if they can't afford it they don't have to.”

How is your life now?

“My life has been improved very much from before.”

“When there is a special occasion in the city we can move the toilet to where it is needed. Sometimes

they ask us to move the toilet to show people the idea of them in different areas too.”

What are your hopes for the future?

“I would like to see these toilets in other areas of the city too, as they keep the areas clean.”



↑ Eskender cleans the toilet every morning and night.



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Only 22% of Ethiopian people have a safe water supply and only 13% have access to a toilet.