*Physical Inspection of the Facilities at Dalijan Model Primary School with Head Teacher and Gwandu LGA WASH Coordinator.*

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**Head Teacher**: they divided the toilets.

**Interviewer**: How do you divide the toilets?

**Head Teacher**: they are divided into 3 one for the girl child, two for the boys and three for the teachers.

**Interviewer**: who will be coming from the pupils?

**Head Teacher**: Those from class six use that one and those from class five downward use the other one.

**Interviewer**: but this pipe is working nicely right?

**Head Teacher**: yes. *[Indistinct chatter]*

**Interviewer**: so this one is been used by teachers, right?

**Head Teacher**: yes.

**Interviewer**: they relocated to this one when that one got faulty right?

**Head Teacher**: yes. The pupils were then divided into two.

**Interviewer**: I still need more clarification, are the teachers and pupils use this one or what?

**Head Teacher**: the pupils.

**Interviewer**: as of today, who is making use of this one?

**Head Teacher**: students.

**Interviewer**: then what about the teachers?

**Head Teacher**: the teachers go there. We thereafter decided that teachers should relocate to this one, isn’t it headmaster? They were then relocated to the old toilet to avoid any problem. Because a teacher can spend the whole day here without visiting the toilet, ask them here they are the teachers.

**Interviewer**: so now both girls and boys students have been using this one right?

**Head Teacher**: girls are using their own separately and boys too, as you planned before.

**Interviewer**: do you have other students that excrete here outside?

**Group**: all these houses you are seeing are opened and boys from the town use to excrete inside when it was in the night that is the problem we are facing.

**WASH Coordinator**: and you headmaster, there are some things that can be solved by the PTA, for instance this issue brought to me it can be solve by PTA, a school can never record a problem like just because of one thousand Naira. And you never call me for once despite all the happenings, those from Dalijan and Kambaza have been calling me recently, when they called and informed me that their borehole has crashed I told him them let me call Nasiru I directed him to go there and check the problem, after his assessment he informed them where the problem was, although the borehole has been over worked by many people in that area, as soon as they were informed about the issue, they asked him about the money, and he informed them that it will cost 15,000 Naira, instantly one person there gave him the money to repair it. The same thing with Kambaza, they use to maintain their projects there. You also need to emulate them. I talked to you about it.

**Nasir**: I think we can discuss that after this interview.

**Head Teacher**: okay.

**Interviewer**: sorry I am about to round off. So headmaster, you said that you only spend a month here right?

**Head Teacher**: yes, at least.

**Interviewer**: okay, where were you posted from?

**Head Teacher**: I am already in the school as an assistant headmaster, when my master was promoted to an area EO…

**Interviewer:** that means you were here when this project was constructed?

**Head Teacher**: yes, I was here.

**Interviewer**: and you are aware of everything since then?

**Head Teacher**: yes. But I have never participated in your activities. It was the headmaster that usually goes for everything.

**Interviewer**: but why you did not participate?

**Head Teacher**: I was not invited actually, because they were selecting teachers by then.

**Interviewer**: so, as highlighted by coordinator…

**Headmaster**: yes, he talked to me about the SBMC which I never knew that if any problem like this arises SBMC can play a role in it, I don’t know. All I think was that SBMC was only responsible for academic activities.

**Interviewer**: so you don’t know that you can call the attention of SBMC or Wash coordinator whenever issues like these arise?

**Head Teacher**: I don’t know. But does Dan Gwandu called you ever before?

**WASH Coordinator**: I asked you about the Wash-com if they have been coming and you answered yes.

**Head Teacher**: they were coming indeed, but I only knew about it recently, even Ali here I don’t know that he as part of your activity.

**WASH Coordinator**: but you knew about the Engineer right?

**Head Teacher**: of course.

**Head Teacher**: he has been coming.

**Head Teacher**: yes, he has been coming but not to inform me about it since when I assumed as headmaster, he only relate with my predecessor, Dan Gwandu.

**Interviewer**: but the time when this toilet and hand-washing facility were working, how do they impact you?

**Head Teacher**: that was your first question, and I answered you that we really enjoyed the project because now our students have available water to drink unlike before that they have to go to the neighboring houses. whenever they took their meal for them to get water and they were facing unpleasant experiences there. And for the wells, it was very risk for a small child to go there and fetch water. So we really appreciate this project. We now have available water always which even other people from the town come to use it. You know that water is life.

**Interviewer**: but the borehole you already have, was it repaired?

**Head Teacher**: yes.

**Interviewer**: so you already have water in the school right?

**Head Teacher**: yes. The borehole was built afterwards.

**Interviewer:** you said that your students use to go to the neighborhood to look for water.

**Head Teacher**: that was before the borehole was built.

**Interviewer**: when was the borehole built?

**Head Teacher**: Not up to two years ago. It was after you install this hand-washing facility we then connect it with water from the borehole up to the toilets.

**Interviewer**: do you notice any problem recorded by the school due to this toilets and hand washing facility?

**Head Teacher**: we might have some minor issues such as lack of fencing because I can say that most setbacks we see were as a result of non-fencing condition of the school, people have been trespassing into our school, some facilities were also destroyed by sunlight, that is the problem we are facing, if the school is fenced we may not be having all these issues. People from outside come to vandalise facilities. When school closes, you cannot count how many people to this school to use the facilities.

**Interviewer**: How many pupils are there in the school?

**Head Teacher**: we have about 1,660 pupils.

**Interviewer**: all from primary one to six?

**Head Teacher**: yes.

**Interviewer**: so each class has other sub classes?

**Head Teacher:** yes. We have about 15 classes.

**Interviewer**: how many girls and how many boys?

**Head Teacher:** in each class, we have about 50 boys and 40 girls or something like that.

**Interviewer**: we may found about 100 pupils in each class right?

**Head Teacher**: exactly.

**Interviewer:** How many teachers do you have?

**Head Teacher**: I have about twenty two (22) teaching staff members. We operate rotational classes.

**Interviewer**: Can you say how many female and how many male teachers do you have?

**Head Teacher**: yes. I have 5 female teachers and 17 male teachers.

**Interviewer**: Are the teachers using the new toilets?

**Head Teacher**: Like I told you earlier, not all the teachers are using the toilets. Because someone like me I spent about six years here, but I never used any toilet in the school more than 5 times.

**Interviewer**: was that due to the issue of water?

**Head Teacher**: not at all. I can actually endure myself. We also have teachers with the same habit. But the women teachers among others are using the toilet.

**Interviewer**: and they use that new ones right?

**Head Teacher**: yes.

**Interviewer**: they have their own keys right?

**Head Teacher**: yes. Woman cannot ask you for a toilet key, which is why we dedicated one key for them.

**Interviewer**: Coordinator it seems like the headmaster is not aware of some certain issues that the SBMC raises; I don’t know whether you can say a little on how to bridge the gap?

**WASH Coordinator**: Well, it seems like there is a little misunderstanding between the current and the previous headmaster. The outgoing headmaster should have given the current headmaster the detail information about all this projects. And even at the handing over, certain issues have not been captured. I even explained to him that he should have information about the foregoing there was even a committee established in this school and some teachers such as labor master and others were part of it. You can also re-establish such committees now, we all made them before are just that your predecessor did not inform you about it. That communication gap between the two of you has been a problem.

Beside teachers, we also established some clubs among the students saddled with the responsibility of manning all these things and such clubs should be taking care of these toilets at least on weekly basis…

**Head Teacher**: such as environmental hygiene and water sanitation…

**WASH Coordinator**: so you are even aware of them…look headmaster, you are aware of all these things.

**WASH Coordinator**: I was aware of them before. You know this your program has received well publicity; you even created a drama for it. So I all knew about them. But as you said coordinator, I was not served any handing over note by my predecessor.

**WASH Coordinator**: you see headmaster, I already informed you even before their arrival that you, wash-com member and me have our own problems. But I told you that the problem with wash-com is worsened because they have never for once come to the headmaster and introduce themselves. But when I challenged them about that, they said that they came, I instantly replied to them that if they did that such problems may not arise. Now, the toilet was there and students prefer going to the bush…I explained to them that the essence was to know if the facilities are functioning, at it is obvious that they are not functioning here.

And as for our own side, we have not been supervising which contributed to this, I actually knew that if we will be supervising them, they may not be neglecting their jobs. However, as far as me is concern, I use usually call them on phone to ask them if everything was going well.

**Nasir**: I can agree with you, but the problem is not from the wash-com, we at wash-com we work with the community, but headmaster here been him in-charge supposed to use something even from the PTA to repair at least this pipe. SBMC were also there, he knew about environmental health club why can’t he summon them for grilling. Things are not supposed to stop just because the previous headmaster has gone…

**Interviewer**: he is now aware of environmental sanitation, water hygiene he should therefore take charge and do the needful.

**Interviewer:**

Thank you very much.