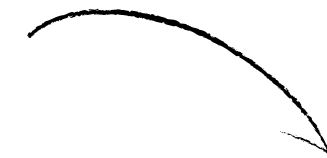
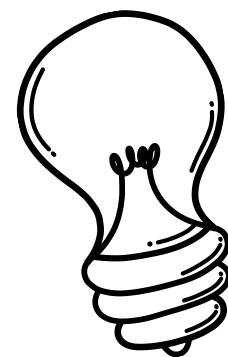
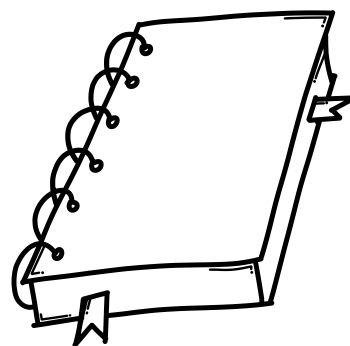
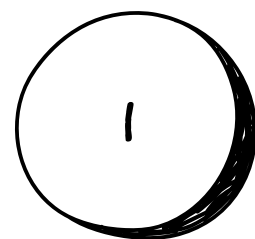
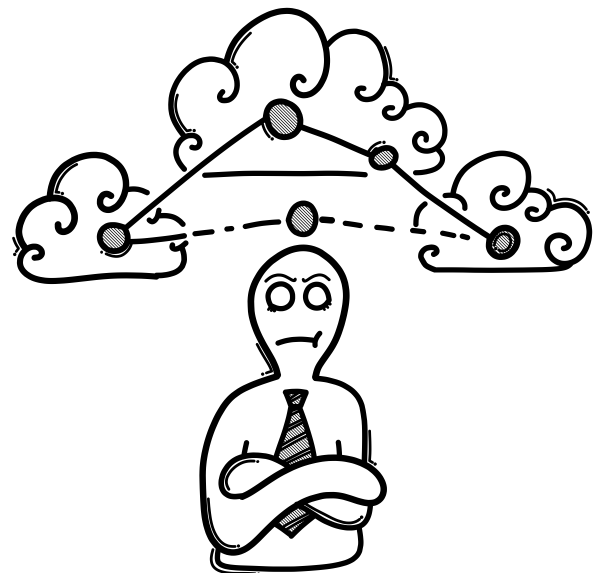


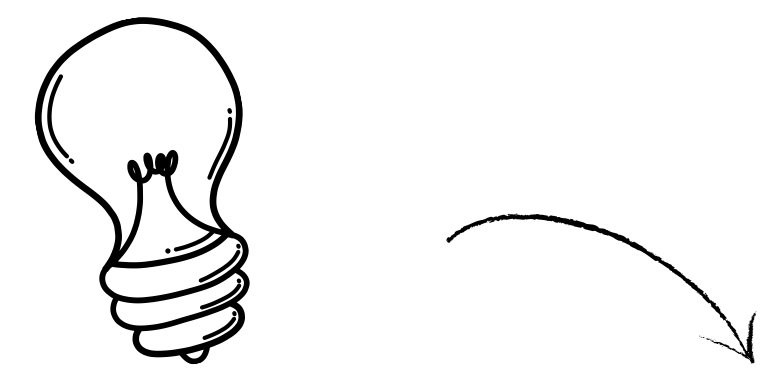
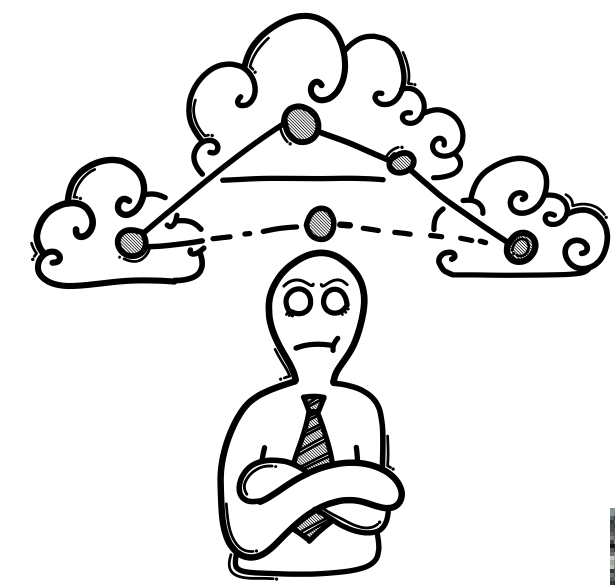
Pota-Pota

It's history?



The term was introduced in 2008 when the informal settlements residents received portable toilets from the municipality as a temporary structure. The Informal settlement residents called the new toilets Pota-Pota. The term is not attached to any gender but used in a derogatory manner.

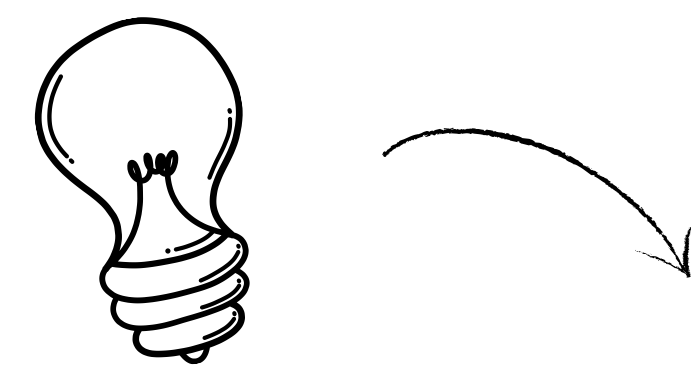
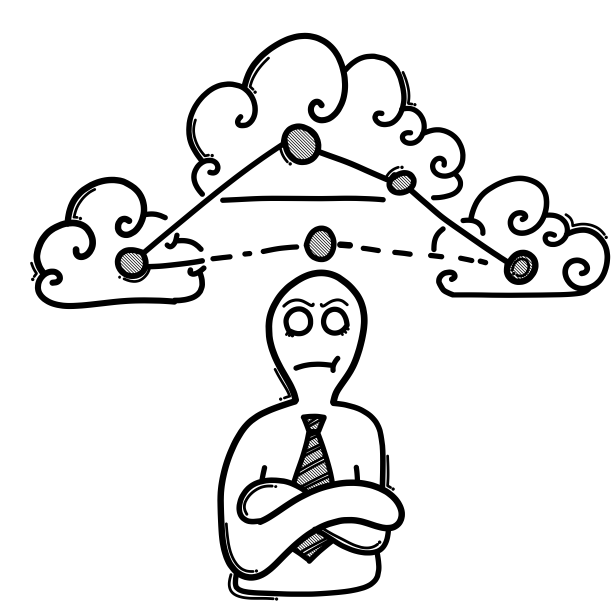




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The residents despise these toilets for various reasons and one of them is health risks. The nature of informal settlements doesn't allow the toilets to be kept outside so residents keep them inside. When they keep them inside, it creates an unpleasant smell.





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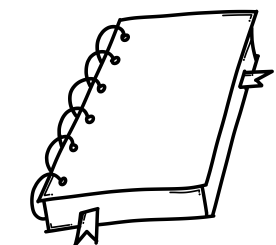
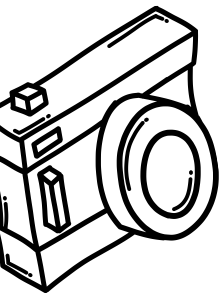
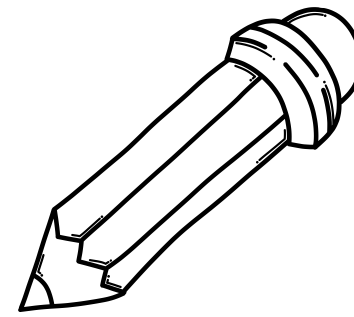


The Pota-Pota is supposed to be collected 4 times a week, but in some instances, it is collected in lesser times than that. When it has been collected and another toilet has been delivered it still comes with this unpleasant smell, and the chemical that is used is very dangerous towards woman as a result they get infections.



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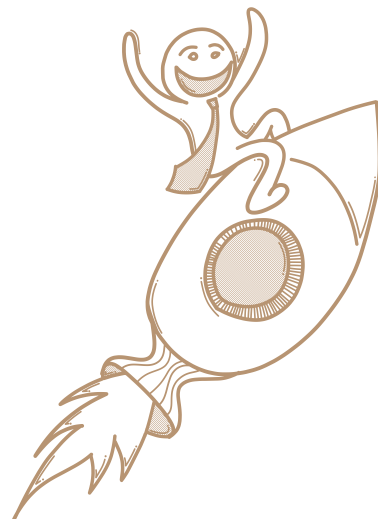
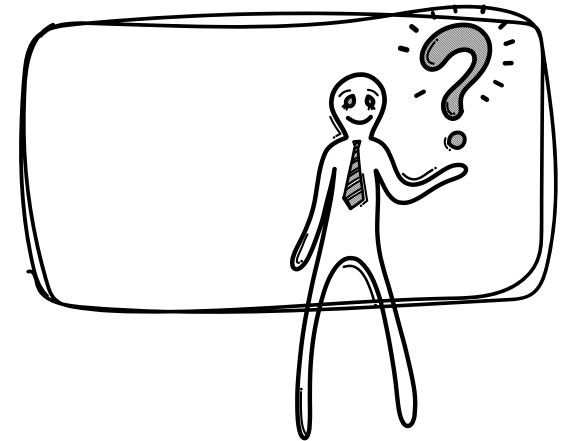
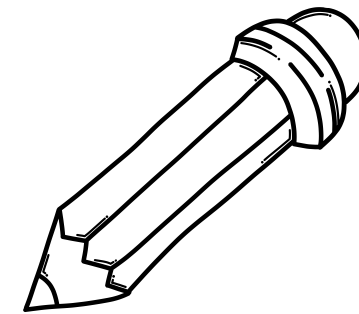
Pota-Pota is quite small and it is easy for it to break when residents are using. This often creates leaks, and it leaks inside the house because there is no space to put it outside. Men refuse to use it because it strips them off their dignity, as they see it as something that is supposed to be used by small children or disable persons. Since it is harder for them to access toilets in the informal settlements.





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The municipality claims to provide these types of toilets to informal settlements for emergency purposes or to those that are located in private land. As they are unable to provide permanent structure.



Recently residents in Kraaifontein received more than 1200 new Pota-Pota's (Portable toilets). Residents believe that the municipality does not shy away from delivering the temporary to permanent basic services but they fail to roll out a maintenance and repairs strategy plan.

Thank you