

**Third Party Evaluator's Opinion on  
Todos Os Santos Bay Environmental Sanitation Project**

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**Relevance of the project**

As soon as this project was known to me, I realized that this could be an interesting solution to improve sanitation in a very poor area of the city. I wasn't aware of the fact that this project was planned along with "Government 4-Year Plan", because I was totally engaged with my Character Education Project for youth. Otherwise we all know that education and sanitation need to walk along, so I fully agree that this is the most important step to allow better life conditions to many people living in those areas.

I can see, in a near future, a big reduction about child mortality rate in Salvador Metropolitan area because of health conditions improvement after the project. And I can see more than that. The past conditions used to show that 76% of people had no sewerage systems, most of them were living over polluted water. In other words, they used to live in very poor health conditions. I have had the opportunity to receive some of these children in my institution. Some of them show a very high understanding level, although they have no opportunity to go ahead because of constant illness.

The project, certainly, is bringing the solution to save these children from the ostracism, and to allow educational institutes to educate the children properly and give them better chance in their lives. These are the reasons why I can see the purpose is appropriate and the site is correct.

**Effectiveness**

I've been in contact with my colleagues from Brazilian Navy (I am a retired Navy Officer) and they confirmed some substantial reduction in environmental pollution. I used to navigate inside Todos os Santos Bay in the 1980s as a small warship captain and we could observe the pollution problem was emerging. In those days we all were worried about this pollution increase. Now, we can see that this reduction has been the solution for Todos os Santos Bay swimming and nautical sports.

In addition, we can see that the tourism industry is increasing along all the area. I clearly remember that in some sailing competitions from Salvador to Aratu, inside Todos os Santos Bay, I had seen many foreign people afraid of swimming near the beach, because of the sewage outlets they saw, normally used to discharge sewage straight to the beach. We can see that this situation doesn't exist anymore, and the visitors seem to be very satisfied with this. Before the project I was afraid of letting my foreign friends bring some very beautiful places along the area. Today we can do this anytime. It is cleaner today and nicer to walk along the area.

Another important point we can observe: population is more conscious about environmental protection.

I can conclude that projects like this one are essentials to the appropriate development of low income people areas. The projects let children visualize new perspectives of life.