



## NACSO PICTURE STORIES

### A HAIRCUT IN SANGWALI

Rural electricity supplied by conservancies



If you want a nifty Z in your hair, Ocacious Sanmombo is the man to do it. He has been trimming men's hair since 2002 under a tree in Sangwali village.

He started with a pair of scissors and taught himself to cut gent's hair. With the money he earned, he invested in an electric razor powered by a solar panel, but that didn't produce enough power. Business was slow. His average was five haircuts a day.

Now, thanks to Wuparo Conservancy, Sangwali has electric power.

Like several other Zambezi conservancies, Wuparo decided to invest in transformers.

For some people that means electric lighting, a fridge and a TV.



For Sanmombo it meant an opportunity to increase his business. The up and coming hair stylist buys power from a house across the track from his barbering tree. He has at least ten customers a day, and because he can do a better job with reliable power, he can charge more.

Electricity is transforming lives in Wuparo and other conservancies. Businesses are springing up selling frozen fish, hot meals, and cold drinks. Next, Sanmombo wants to go into ice making.