

**Sanitary and Hygiene Related Challenges Associated With RDP
Houses: The Case of RDP Golf Course 2011-2013 Study,
Eastern Cape Province**

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ABSTRACT This paper sought to explore the sanitary and hygiene related challenges associated with RDP houses in South Africa through a 2011-2013 case study of RDP houses at Golf Course, Eastern Cape Province. The study used both qualitative and quantitative approaches and therefore took adopted the case study and mini-survey designs. The findings from this study revealed that there were challenges associated with sanitary and hygiene in these RDP houses due to factors such as inadequate spacing and the size of the houses, lack of access to clean water in almost all the houses, poor quality of toilet materials, bad positioning and malfunctioning of the toilets, and poor cracking walls that allowed the wind and cold air to easily permeate. These challenges compelled the researchers to recommend for serious renovation of the houses, work to reposition the toilets, and work on speedy provision of clean water to all the houses among other things.