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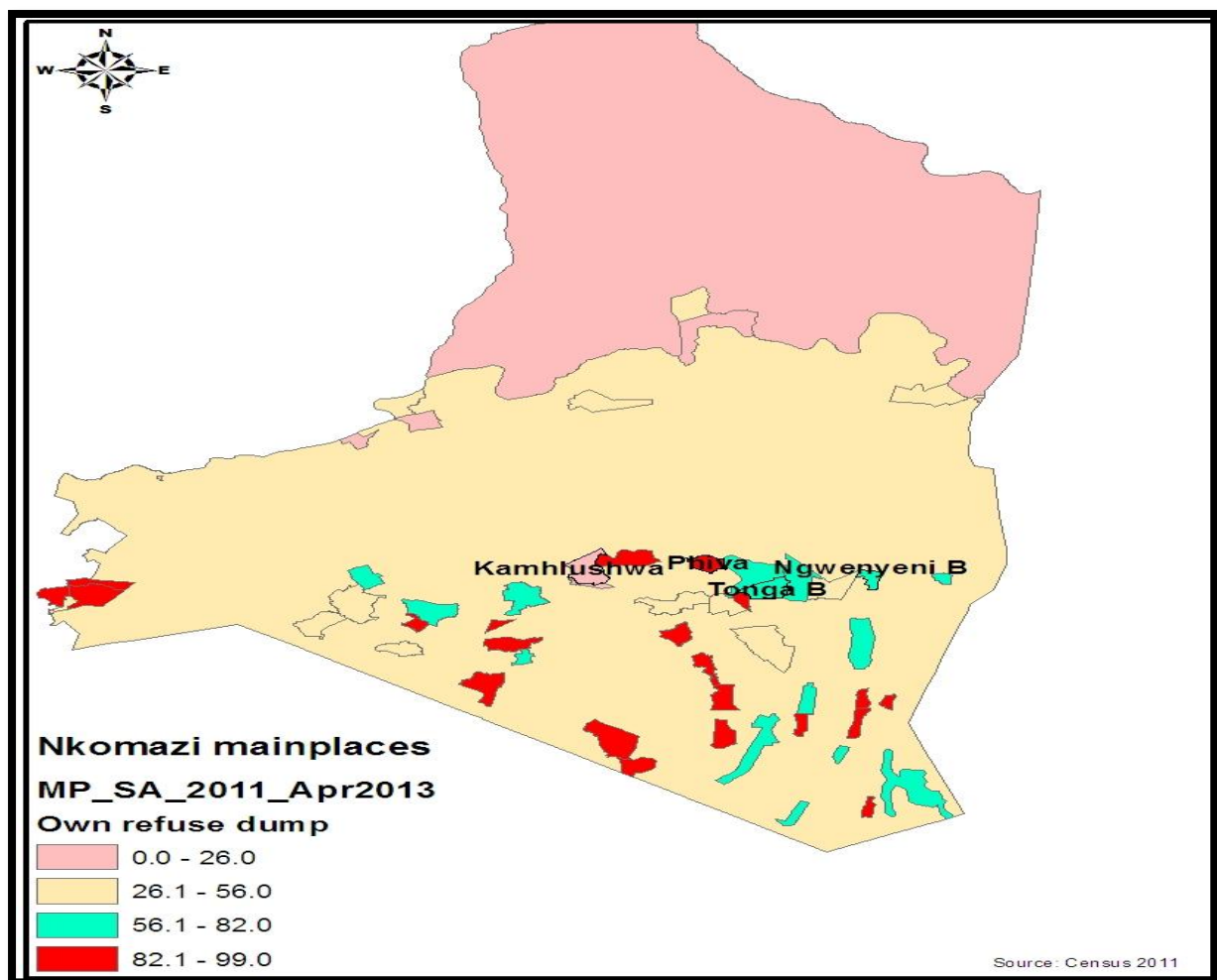
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SABC News (02 September 2014) showed that residence of Nkomazi municipality in Mpumalanga have blocked the main road to Tonga B village with stones, burning tyres and trees. The residents are demanding basic services such as water and electricity. The residence say authorities have failed to provide these services for the past five years.

Background

Tonga B is a tribal or traditional area under Nkomazi municipality in Mpumalanga, with population of 17 334 and 4 296 households. 129 (26%) households have no access to electricity for lighting and no access to piped water. Majority of household uses their own refuse dump 2 973 (70%) and 42 (1%) are removed by the local authority as indicated by the map below.

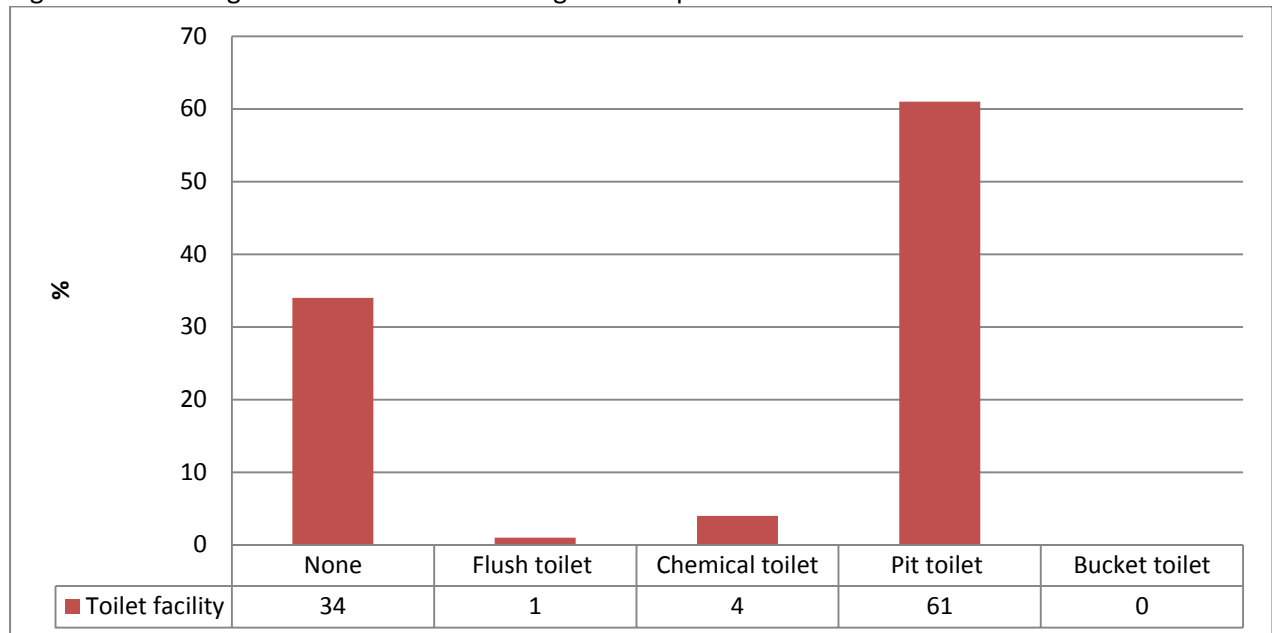
Figure 1: Distribution of Nkomazi main places that use their own refuse dump



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Figure 2: Percentages of toilet facilities in Tonga B main place



180 (61%) of households use pit toilet while 30 (1%) of household use flush toilet. 1 416 (33%) have access to piped water inside dwelling while 1 254 (29%) have no access to piped water and 441 (10%) get water from river.

Conclusion

The Tonga B residence still struggle to get basic services from the municipal authority. Census 2011 data indicated that the majority of households have no access to piped water, refuse disposal from local authority and no flush toilet.