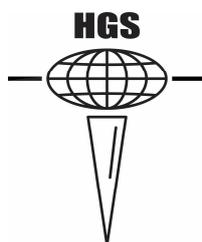
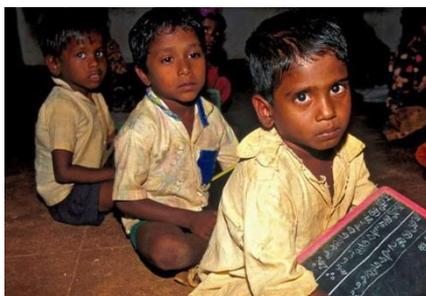


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HGS (INDIA) LIMITED

Corporate Social Responsibility

Individual House Toilets – 2015-16

Executive Summary-Phase III

Preamble

Open Defecation is a big problem faced by our society. Despite the efforts from our Government and various NGOs, defecation in the open has been surprisingly resistant to solutions and is still posing a big threat. It can lead to various fatal diseases, stunted physical development and impaired cognitive function. A report by WHO-UNICEF says that 58 percent of Indians do not have access to proper sanitation & still defecate in the open. HGSi has decided to contribute to tackling this problem by building Community Toilets in rural areas in the NCR & surrounding areas.

For this purpose HGSi contacted Sulabh Sanitation & Social Reform Movement for their sheer experience and expertise developed over the years in tackling this particular issue. It is our belief that given proper awareness, infrastructure and facilities, open defecation would soon be a problem of the past and we could contribute to providing a better and hygienic living environment for the people of India.

HGSi has adopted the villages of Jatpura and Mukimpore in district Bulandshahar of Uttar Pradesh. HGSi has resolved to completely eradicate the problem of open defecation in these two villages. For this HGSi has decided to spread awareness about problems of open defecation and by organising “Awareness Camps” in these villages and construct community and individual toilets in the villages. HGSi is determined to make these villages completely ODF (Open Defecation Free) by 2020.

In PHASE-I, which was our Pilot Project, community toilets were constructed at 2 locations which were identified by HGSi and Sulabh after surveying the villages of Jatpura & Mukimpore in district Bulandshahar along with the Gram Pradhan and people of the village. These toilets were constructed primarily for women & children.

In PHASE-II, the local Jatpura- Mukimpore Inter-College was chosen for construction of a toilet complex. This location was decided upon the requests from the school principal and local villagers for constructing a toilet complex for both girls & boys. Earlier, the girls numbering over 500 were made to share a common toilet which was woefully inadequate for the number of users.

Executive Summary- Phase III

Individual House Toilets for villagers of Jatpura, Bulandshahar (UP)

For Phase III of the toilet construction project, HGSI has successfully completed construction of 85 toilets at individual homes of Jatpura villagers. For this, the whole village was surveyed and one area predominantly occupied by the under privileged was selected.

This particular locality has no proper sewage system and most of the waste and sewage water runs and accumulates in the surrounding areas. This created problems for the people to even access the open fields.

The situation was especially problematic for women, who had to travel a considerable distance for their daily routines, which was an even bigger problem for young girls. This was considered unsafe especially after sunset.

The construction of toilets inside their homes will help the villagers to lead a hygienic and respectful life. A toilet within the safe reach of their home would help them live a tension free life in regards to this basic necessity.





The toilets constructed, if used properly, can last atleast 20 years. The technology used in the construction of these toilets can convert human secreta into manure which would be easy to handle and suitable for use in farming. These toilets use very little water to flush the waste.

Before the start of this drive, HGSI arranged for an awareness camp regarding the use and importance of the toilet. In this camp, the villagers were also educated about the design of the toilet, area required and how to use such toilets. The camp had a positive impact and a lot of villagers opted for construction of toilets at their homes.





TWO PIT INDIVIDUAL TOILET LAYOUT

After successful completion of the first three Phases of toilet construction, it has been felt that education & awareness of proper use of these toilets is necessary for the scheme to have a long & successful impact on the lives of the villagers.

By conducting awareness drives the twin focus of enlisting households to opt for toilets in their homes & their proper maintenance & use will ensure early adoption of ODF status for the target villages.

HGS has already arranged two awareness camps regarding the use of these toilets and their maintenance without which this scheme will be short-lived. The intention is to impart such awareness camps on a regular basis to various groups to ensure that correct toilet use becomes the norm & the populace can better use the facility provided to them.

HGSI would also be arranging an awareness camp on “Women Hygiene” for girl students of the local school and women of the village. This camp will focus on women problems and menstrual hygiene. They will also be imparted knowledge on how to make and dispose sanitary pads hygienically.