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## **FEBRUARY 2018 UPDATES - SEWA INTERNATIONAL'S TOILET AND HYGIENE PROJECT FOR A GIRL CHILD**

### **i) Highlights of February**

- Need analysis – Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- Need analysis – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Need analysis – Chunar, Uttar Pradesh
- Need analysis – Chandawak post, Baluva Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh

### **ii) Needs Analysis - Agra, Uttar Pradesh**

We visited Sewalasarai slum in Agra in the second week of February (see Figure 1). The slum has population of 2,000; among them more than 900 are kids who do not attend school but visit the southern market for daily jobs which fetch them 50rs to 200rs per day.

The slum has no toilets for such a huge population. Someone has donated them a mobile toilet featuring six toilet units, with 3000 liters for each water tank and sewage tank. As no one takes the initiative to fill up the water tank or empty the sewage tank, the mobile toilet is in terrible condition. It is impossible for human use it in its present state.

For the next five months, our Sewa employee Monica-ji will be visiting this slum, conducting several hygiene awareness programs and getting the children admitted to the local government schools. It is going to be huge task for our Sewa team to bring changes and awareness in this slum, but it is mandatory to teach them about importance of sanitation before providing any toilets to use.



**Figure 1: Sewa team at Sewalasarai slum**

### **iii) Need Analysis, Lucknow – Uttar Pradesh**

When we conducted our first phase of need analysis last year, we found more than 50% of the schools we visited had toilets but they are not in a functional state.

We will be providing toilets where there is no sanitation facility, as we have been doing, but this year we will be also repairing the existing toilets and make them functional by replacing broken pipes, cleaning up blocked sewage lines, and more.

We visited all the schools wherein we installed 23 toilets and were happy to receive a warm welcome from students and teachers. The toilets are maintained by students who clean and lock the toilets after every use.( See Figure 2)



**Figure 2: Sewa team visiting installed toilets in Lucknow Govt schools**

#### **iv) Need Analysis, Chunar – Uttar Pradesh**

We will be building six toilets around the Chunar Fort.

The Chunar Fort is located in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh, in India. The southeastern part of the fort is on the rocky bank of the Ganges River. The fort's history spans from 56 BC, and then between Afghan decedent Sher Shah Suri's (1532) rule, the Mughal Empire rule (Humayun, Akbar and many others including Nawab of Awadh) up to 1772, and finally the British Raj up to 1947 till India gained independence.

Even though it is under government supervision, it lacks hygienic maintenance and has poor sanitation facilities. With the help of local people, we will be cleaning it up and providing toilets to promote the importance of hygiene in public places.

We will be building 29 toilets in Chunar village, which will benefit 500+ families. (See Figure 3)





**Figure 3: Chunar village**

**v) Need Analysis – Chandawak Post, Baluva village, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh**

We visited a small village in the district of Jaunpur. There are some 500 people in this village who do daily labor to support their family. (See Figure 4)



**Figure 4: Sewa team interacting with the villagers**

Among these, there are a few handloom weaver families who are in direct need of employment and income. Gaatakatha has employed three women to do embroidery and other stitch-work on Gaatakatha products. Originally, they were earning 30 to 60rs for completing one single saree; now they will be paid 300rs per saree.

Gaatakatha will be hiring more women as the project grows in coming few months.

This village has not featured a single toilet since its existence. Sewa will be providing 15 toilets this summer.

There is no electricity supply in this village and the villagers have not received any kind of government facilities so far. Sewa will be providing some solar street lights which can provide the light covering the village.



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