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SEWA INTERNATIONAL'S TOILET AND HYGIENE PROJECT FOR A GIRL CHILD November - 2016



Highlights

- November 14th – Our Team was honored for extending our services to Ramnagar people, one of the poorest communities of Varanasi. Earlier in August we had provided them 30 Toilet units.
- November 23rd – World Toilet Day: We are happy to inform that on the World's Toilet we are able to initiate installation of 30 Toilet units in a Bidar school where more than 60% of 1600 students are girls.
- November 30th – After successful installation of 30 Toilet units, our Seva Kirana Team was honored for recognizing the needs of girl children who otherwise would have been defecating in open school fields.

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Varanasi Sanitation Project

Even though it has been just few weeks since we have provided Toilet facilities to the people of Ramnagar, we were ecstatic to learn that our Toilets were being used by each every person of the community and to our immense pleasure we couldn't find a single pig in the vicinity of the community (pigs in rural areas are sign of open defecation).



Saritha ji who is physically handicapped who was suffering the most as she couldn't walk longer distance as others to defecate was immensely thankful to our team for giving her sanitation facilities, she has even influenced her mother-in-law who with orthodox background strongly felt that Toilet in the vicinity of a house is unacceptable and has made her quit defecating in open field and has educated her in using the Toilet Unit. We need such strong women who will propagate our mission and help us build Swachh and Surakshit Bharath (Clean and Safe India).

We were proud to learn that when a private property owner had dumped garbage in the community, the people of Ramnagar whom we aided voiced their displeasure and gave utmost interest in keeping their surroundings clean. All the efforts in educating them seem to have paid off and we hope they keep up with the same care in future as well.

Bidar Sanitation Project

Basava Theertha Vidyapeeta is an institution, where more than 1600 students are studying where in majority of them are girls. Most of the students of BTVP are from surrounding villages, Lambani (Banjara) and tribal communities.

Little bit background info of the school and about our ground work:

- There are 1600 students in BTVP, in school 55% of them are girls and in college 80% of them are girls.

- There were only 6 Toilet Units for 1600 students.
- Seva Kirana Team had an interaction session in the month of April, with the college students where in the students requested us for Toilets and Wash Room facilities.
- We were very impressed by seeing the school working so hard to educate the local tribal children.
- We inspected the campus of the institution and realized that the institution was in desperate need of toilets.
- There were 6 existing Toilet Rooms without roof and the outlets of the Toilets were not connected to any septic tank and it was left open. We had to cover our nose, while passing through the grounds. The worst was the waste flowing into the school playground. Students had to eat their lunch next to this open filthy sewer.
- There was no safety for the girls to use the Restrooms, because of lack of doors and roofs.



We faced lot of issues and

hurdles to fulfill our commitment as our vendor Harthy chemicals took more than 150 days to install Toilets at Bidar where they were supposed to finish in 45 days. Laborers from Harthy didn't complete the installation so we hired local laborers.

We also repaired the existing toilet blocks and provided new TIN sheet roofs over them. We connected the outlet of the existing toilet block to a septic tank.

So, overcoming lot of challenges and hurdles, we were able to finish installation and handed over the units to the management.



Aisha, 16 year old who is

studying in BTVP aspires to become a doctor, she is from Urdu medium currently studying in BTVP, when we were interacting with girls to know their grievances about the lack of toilet facilities, she mentioned that several times girls skip drinking water in order avoid attending nature in open field. After the installation, she approached us with a huge smile on her face thanking us for fulfilling the promise we made to them. Going through all the trouble of installation was worth that smile.

A huge Thank you! To all our donors, supporters, family and friends who have been supporting us in all our endeavors. The target of building 100 toilets this year wouldn't have been possible without our generous donors who placed their trust in us to help these under-served communities.



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