Modification of twin pit toilets in flood affected areas of Sahibganj

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Challenges on the ground

• Contamination of groundwater & Ganga water
• Water logging and mosquito breeding
• Faulty toilets
• Open dumping of raw faecal sludge
Quantify the scale of the problem

Availability of toilets (2011-13)

- with toilet
- without safe toilet

90%

10%
Solution- Government programmes/scheme

✓ Swachh Bharat Mission funding provision of incentive to the rural households for Individual Household Latrine Units is 12000.

✓ Jal Sahiya members are given 75 rupees per toilet for construction of HH toilets- fixed by the state.

✓ At the district level, the programme is monitored under the chairmanship of District Water Sanitation Committee Head by: District Magistrate.

✓ At the Block level, the programme is monitored under the chairmanship of Block Development Officer.

✓ At the village level, the schemes are implemented through the village Water Sanitation Committee(VWSC). VWSC is head by Mukhiya(PRI) and Jalsahiya is the treasurer of this committee. The role of Jal Sahiya at the village level is very important, the work of spreading awareness among the common people towards safe disposal of human excreta.
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- Restoration, modification and renovation from Single to twin pits
- Rigorous IEC

BIG CHANGE IS POSSIBLE
Specific actions

- New structures through SBM(G) Fund
- Total no of twin pit toilet construction - 748 (SBMG-340 & UNDP-404)
Specific actions

- Awareness/Campaigns
- Community Meeting
- Ratri-Choupal
- Swachya – Kalashyatra
- Group Meeting
Specific actions

- Kadhdha-khodo Abhiyan
- Nigrani Team
- Roko-Toko team
Specific actions - Role of communities

- Gram Panchayat/ASHA/School teachers/Anganwadi etc. on the 2nd of every month, a cleanliness meeting is organized under the chairmanship of the head of the Panchayat (Mukhiya) and cleanliness day is celebrated on the 19th of every month at the school and Anganwadi houses, so that the cleanliness awareness is maintained among the community.
Impact

• Water sources protected
• Clean villages
• Clean Ganga banks
• Womenfolk and children have access to toilets at all times during the day.
• During floods also the villagers have access to toilet facilities.
• These households donot require fecal sludge management solutions
Plan for sustainability

- Monthly honorarium has been fixed by the government by appointing Jal Sahiya under the VWSC so that awareness will be spread through them to maintain the sustainability related to cleanliness till the last person of the village.

- A weekly review meeting is to be held on monitoring and evolution, maintaining the sustainability of cleanliness, in a weekly meeting held under the chairmanship of the head of the Gram Panchayat.

- It is more than 3-4 years now. The toilets are still usable and functioning.

- Plan to upscale it in other flood prone villages
Thanks