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Construction of Demonstration Latrines

Communities Replicate the Demonstration Latrines Constructed in IAWS Project

Improving Access to Water and Sanitation (IAWS) is being implemented in Districts Pishin and Killa Saifullah to provide access to clean drinking water for 85000 thousand beneficiaries including 45000 Afghan Refugees.

The project also includes the construction of 1000 demonstration latrines and distribution of hygiene kits after the provision of sessions on safe

health and hygiene.

Increasing awareness on proper disposal of solid waste is also an important aspect of the project and along with awareness sessions on solid waste disposal, 70 land fill schemes have also been completed in the project.

The formation of 79 CBOs including both male and female CBOs has indicated the sustainability of 63 water supply

schemes, 70 landfill and the replication of 1000 demonstration latrines.

This success story gives the readers an insight into the lives of beneficiaries for understanding how the project has impacted them as far as safe hygienic practices are concerned. There has been an encouraging replication of the demonstration latrines and safe hygiene practices are propagating.



Sabir Khan, a resident of village Sagraan, Union Council Rodh Mullahzai, District Pishin, has constructed a household latrine after the IDO team gave him and his fellow villagers an orientation on safe health and hygiene and constructed demonstration latrines in the village.

“The training provided us information on how closely a latrine is linked with hygiene and cleanliness,” he told Abdul Latif, Social Organizer IDO, during the interview. Sabir Khan also mentioned how the children in the family have picked up on proper hand washing since the distribution of hygiene kits in the health and hygiene sessions.

The latrine is a good facility when one looks retrospectively at the practices in the village, and there is enough drinking water available since the completion of the windmill scheme.



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IDO constructed 30 latrines in Sagraan village on demonstration basis. Seeing the utility, the community has so far added another 22 latrines to the tally.

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Abdul Ghayas and other teachers inspecting at morning assembly



Abdul Ghayas, a teacher in the Government Boys Middle School of village Bala Gharshinan, Union Council Rodh Mullahzai, has been an active member of the community involved in the IAWS project.

“Our life before the construction of latrines was a discomfort we were unaware of,” he told Abdul Latif, Social Organizer IDO, *“open defecation was the only practice and even our guests faced severe problems. We were unaware of even the basic safety rules in terms of health and hygiene.”*



When IDO started the construction on latrines in the village, Abdul Ghayas was very supportive in the selection of most deserving beneficiaries for the construction of demonstration latrine.

“We did not select people like myself who could afford the construction of latrines from their own resources, but I am sure that more than the financial strength to construct latrines, it was the awareness related to health and hygiene which motivated us to start using latrines.”

Abdul Ghayas emphasized that awareness is more important than the physical help with the construction of schemes.

“Like I told you we were unaware of even the basics of safe health and hygiene,” he repeated.

When asked how the awareness has impacted him and other around him Abdul Ghayas said that being a teacher he had started to closely adhere to the basic requirements and follow ups of a safe and healthy personal and domestic hygiene, *“We, as teachers, have started to check the students for cleanliness of hands, teeth and nails. It is absolutely important for all children to make an effort to maintain good health.”*

It is encouraging for the project team to notice considerable changes in the mindsets of beneficiaries. Both male and female members were involved in the mobilization activities and construction of latrines, well-supported by health and hygiene sessions and hygiene kits, are proving to impact not only the physical well-being of beneficiaries but also their attitudes to health and hygiene and its importance.

“All the items provided to us in the hygiene kits such as nail clipper, combs, soaps, tooth paste and tooth brushes etc have now become a part of our routine purchases and frequently used in all the houses in the village.” Abdul Ghayas and his fellow teachers are helping a great deal in imparting the knowledge about health and hygiene in the younger generation.

IDO constructed 35 latrines in Gharshinan village and the current number of latrines including the demonstration latrines is 52.