

# CASE STUDY

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Kondamanchupalli Panchayat  
Vontimitta Mandal  
YSR Cuddapah District

It is cake walk



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Kondamachupalli in Vontimitta Mandal of YSR Cuddapah District, a Nirmal Gram Puraskar awarded Gram Panchayat (GP) in 2008 has attained Open Defecation Free (ODF) status after construction and usage of 25 toilets for newly migrated households and families belonging to divided joint families. The unique feature of the village is that 97 percent of the households belong to BC (weavers' community) and there is strong unity in the GP. One may understand the unity among the community by knowing unanimous elections in the GP for the last four terms. Furthermore, the literacy rate in the GP is high. Every household has literate persons. Apparently, these two strengths key to achieve not only Sanitation but also in other social and economic development activities of the village.

The GP was declared as ODF on 6 October 2016 and the Sarpanch, Sri. Putta. Yanadaiah, who serves as unanimous sarpanch, elected in 2013, received the award from the district collector in a function organized in Sub-Collector's Office at Rajampet in Cuddapah district.

The Sarpanch claimed proudly "We resettled here in 1988 from our native village, which was frequently flooded due to Somasila backwaters. Development activities started in the village with lay of CC roads in the year 1991. We, the people of village do things collectively. Be it weavers trust, or any other activity related to welfare and development of our GP. We keep our Village clean. We distributed two bins each household for garbage management. Households dispose of their garbage regularly at a fixed place in the outskirts of the village. Our all-14 streets are kept clean and we enjoy the aesthetic ambience. No one in our village defecates in the open. I need not be a Sarpanch to serve my village. In fact, my villagers wished me to be unanimous sarpanch."



### ***Sarpanch built toilets for Women Headed families***

The total households of the GP are 230 including the 25 newly added households. The GP utilized the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) scheme by constructing toilets for the 25 families. Individual beneficiaries constructed 15 toilets. The Sarpanch supported them in procuring material; mason and construction. The remaining 10 are women headed households whose husbands' works at abroad (Kuwait). These households approached Sarpanch seeking him to construct toilets for them. The Sarpanch, as third party constructed the 10 toilets bearing an excess expenditure of Rs. 4000/- on each toilet.

Mandal officials held meetings and awareness activities on sanitation under SBM and extended support in timely disbursement of incentives to the households. No issues faced during construction of toilets and in usage.

### ***Success factors..***

The following are some of the major success factors in the GP:

1. 95 per cent households are from the same community with a strong unity among them
2. Literacy
3. Sarpanch initiation, Coordination and his cordial relationship with all the households
4. Support of Mandal Officials

### ***Future activities..***

Compound and rooms for accommodation during rituals in the burial ground; Compound wall around watertank & sum and CC road of ½ km length for the extended area after 1991 are the activities the proposed to take-up.

### ***Sustenance of ODF..***

During the discussions and observation made, it is found that the GP is with unity. People habituated to using toilets since long time. They care for cleanliness of their environment.



Clean sanitation on GP roads

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