

SBM process Initiation:

As a part of SBM the District and Mandal level officials are targeted Kandulavari Palle GP also. Initial GP level meetings conducted and generated awareness on importance of sanitation. Immediately the GP team started baseline survey and found that 54 households not having toilets including three habitations in the GP. The GP team got the approvals from Mandal level team and started initiation process. In initial stage self motivation and self construction process happens, but most of the households are not interested to build the toilets due to lack of initial amount as well as old age people are giving preference for open defecation due to old habitual process. Almost 3-6 months the GP team continued motivation, in spite of that results are poor.

Finally the State and district teams are consider the ground level issues and suggested that use SHGs or VOs fund in initial stage and once after getting incentive fund please return to VO groups. For this mutual understanding the GP team agreed and distributed certain amount to beneficiaries. Apart from this Sarpanch also personally contributed his money and time for material procurement and other motivational activities to follow up the work.

Finally construction process completed and the district and Mandal level teams are motivated beneficiaries to use the toilet and declared as ODF. As per mutual understanding the beneficiaries are returning back the amount to VO groups. It was observed that toilets are constructed in good quality across the GP. But toilet usage is lagging much behind especially in Naravaripalle colony. In random observation out of 10 houses almost 6 houses are using toilets otherwise as living store rooms etc. The reasons behind the open defecation were observed that...



Toilet using as store rooms in Naravari Palle colony Photo Credit: E. Manikanta Reddy, Program Officer, PRIA

Reasons for open defecation

- The households are not having Pakka houses, due to that they are using as living or store rooms
- Toilet construction and sanitation they are feeling as government necessary and their program
- Households not feeling responsibility while in construction as well as usage
- Lack of awareness and motivation for marginalized communities

Other constrains:

- Solid waste management plant initiation was started long back and due to lack of funds process getting late
- Cultural habits and open place near to marginalized communities leading for open defecation
- Need to provide basic facilities better than toilet
- Need to generate ownership and awareness towards better sanitation practices



Solid Waste Management plant under construction Photo Credit: E. Manikanta Reddy, Program Officer, PRIA

Planning is the key component to achieve the ODF goal. Kandulavari Palle arranged his own resources for toilets initiation and GP team supports is worked as a key factor. But when it comes on usage, the GP should need more concentration on toilet usage through generating awareness for marginalized communities. Once this should happens then only the GP can achieve the dream of complete sanitation.