

# CASE STUDY

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Nandipalle Panchayat  
Mahanandi Mandal  
Kurnool District

## “Toilets are Missing”



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The residents of Nandipalle heard that Swachh Bharat Mission is (SBM) providing toilets to everyone in the villages, declaring as Open Defecation Free (ODF). Achieving ODF was no easy task for the villagers. The village sarpanch Ms. Geetha not highly educated women. As a woman sarpanch she decided to build the toilets in the village followed by ODF. The initial response to the Swachh Bharat rule against open defecation was negative, but the sarpanch didn't lose her hope. She knows one of the local NGO Bharathiya Women & Rural Development Society (BWRDS), was working in various women based activities. She approached that NGO and they have also come forward to help the construction filed to build the toilets.



### Highlights:

- BWRDS took lead for toilet construction and ODF
- Bulk construction initiated
- Public cooperation and local body support was appraisable
- Jungle clearness of surrounding GP to end the open defecation
- While achieving ODF Sarpanch started initiations of cement roads, drainages, providing safe and sufficient water and other village development activities

### Village Profile:

- Number of Households: **243**
- Total population: **1021**
- Total toilets constructed under SBM: **127**
- Households constructed by their own: **11**
- BERDS constructed toilets: **116**

## **SBM process Initiation:**

The Gram Panchayat (GP) sarpanch and Mandal level officials were targeted to make the GP become ODF. For this the GP team conducted meetings to villagers with the help of Mandal level officials. Initially the response was not that effective due to financial problems. To mitigate this problem, the GP team approached local NGO- BWRDS team. BWRDS- Chairmen Dr. S. Radha also responded positively and they come forward to build the toilets.

## **BWRDS Role:**

- Initial house to house base line survey and beneficiaries motivation
- Base line data cross checking and finalization with the help of Mandal level officials
- Searching for local level materials availability for construction
- Bulk construction process initiation
- Training and motivation to local masons to for better quality of construction
- Taking support from GP level team for monitoring of construction activities
- Taking support from Mandal level team to release the incentives in different phases in a time manner
- Cross checking of toilet construction quality
- Motivation of households for toilets usage
- Provided current wire and bulb and necessary things to encourage the toilet usage
- Started toilet construction process in few more GP's in Kurnool District

## **Challenges to BWRDS:**

- Base line data and Govt-MIS data is not matching the beneficiaries list
- Motivation of households for toilets construction is itself a very challenge
- Unavailability of construction materials and cost effectiveness
- Delay of support from GP team for geo-tagging and other documentation work
- Delay of fund disbursement from govt side onwards
- Post construction motivation is a big challenge for toilets usage
- Officials targets effecting on toilets construction quality

## **RALU field learning's & Identifications:**

Some major and minor mistakes are happening in SBM toilets construction stages. Without digging and construction of the pit the officials have passed the first stage of incentive. Now the toilet structure is completed and the beneficiary got the final incentive amount and the GP declared as ODF. But the fact is that toilet is not having any pit facilities. Now the toilet is using as a store room within one month duration.



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Toilet without pit facility & using as store room



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Most of the GP's being declared as ODF. The ground levels to higher level officials are unable to address all these issues as well as without proper monitoring mechanism they are concentrating on targets. During the construction process itself this much of miss leadings are then think about usage status. The third party field monitoring should need to address all these field level issues then only they should release the final incentive amount. After ensuring 100% construction the ODF process also needs to be verified with third party. If the state should concentrate on target manner without proper mechanism and monitoring, then the missing toilets scenario will repeat in Swachh Bharat Mission and ODF goal is unable to achieve and the ODF status is in official records only.