

## Toilets

### **How was it determined the bio toilets were the most appropriate technology for the beneficiaries?**

*There are 338 unauthorized slums in Bhubaneswar and people live with difficult situation there. Many households do not have toilets and a few of them who has sanitary toilets have no drainage, water and maintenance facilities. Individual pour and flush toilet is needed but this is not a feasible option due to unavailability of required space. In this situation women and girls mostly suffer a lot and their dignity is also affected. So, toilets for women would be helpful to make women safe and protect their dignity. Most importantly, water facility for the toilets also necessary. Since bio-toilet is an innovative technology for disposal of solid human waste in an eco-friendly, economical and hygienic manner, this type of toilet is preferred over other types of toilets considering local context particularly in urban slums.*

### **Toilets will be located in open spaces. Is there appropriate amount space for each designated area?**

*Yes, in each selected community there are appropriate amount of space available for construction of bio-toilet.*

### **If possible, please provide a map where the toilets will be located.**

*Bhubaneswar city map is attached herewith for reference.*

### **How are the project sponsors working with the SHGs and Mahila Samity to implement this project?**

*SHGs and Mahila Samity will not directly implement the project as the construction of bio-toilet will be done by construction company which will be hired by Rotary Club. However, at the time of implementation of work, the leaders of concerned SHG and Mahila Samity will make supervision and follow up to ensure quality of works being done. They will retain a copy of the design and estimates of bio-toilet which will help them to follow up the works.*

### **To ensure the long-term sustainability of your project, an operation and maintenance plan must be in place. It appears specific groups of people have not been identified nor has an operation and maintenance training has been provided. Please complete the attached training grid to outline the operation and maintenance plan.**

*The community selected under this project has women organizations (Mahila Samity) and self-help groups (SHG). These community based organizations are*

*promoted by LWSIT. All these Mahila Samity and SHG are very active and taking initiatives for implementing programs for overall development of their respective communities and they will take the responsibility for operationalization and maintenance of this bio-toilets too. Right from the planning process till evaluation, these organizations and groups will be actively involved as they have been continuous engaged to work with LWSIT. These organizations and groups will take over the ownership of all programs to be supported by Rotary and LWSIT.*

**How will the SHGs and Mahila Samity be able to maintain and operate the bio toilets?**

*Trainings would be provided to the selected community members for use of equipment or materials to be provided to them by the project. Required equipment/ tools, accessories, other materials, etc. need to be provided for the use by trained personnel. After the use of such materials, they will retain and recycle them to other members of the community for necessary use. If required, a Task Force will be formed in the name of 'Jala Parimala Dala' from among the groups/ organizations for the maintenance and retention of materials provided by the project*

**User fee**

**As a part of your project, the user fee should have been determined by now. You need to know the collected user fees will be able to cover the operational costs and the users will be able to afford to pay the fee. Please provide the amount of the user fee and how often it will be collected.**

*The user fee per head/ per month is Rs 15/-. This will be collected by the SHGs/Mahila Samity once in a month. However, this has to be decided by concerned SHGs/ Mahila Samity in their community meetings. This is very minimal cost which will be affordable by the users and with this amount the operational cost can be covered.*

## **Training**

**The hygiene education training seems to focus on school children. According to the application, the targeted beneficiary group is women. The hygiene education training need to focus on the intended beneficiary group who will be using the bio toilets. Also, I noted open defecation is common practice. The proposed training on hygiene education does not address open defecation and how to change this behavior. Behavior change is essential to ensure open defecation stops and the beneficiaries will use the toilets. Please complete the attached training grid and provide training gear towards the beneficiary group and how to address open defecation.**

*The completed training grid is attached to this response sheet*

## **Itemized quotations.**

**Please provide itemized quotations or pro-forma invoices to substantiate the proposed budget.**

*The Itemized Quotation is enclosed herewith.*

## **Reporting**

**RC Chatswood Sunrise is still overdue on the report for GG1531120 (due on 31 May 2017). Please work with your partner to submit this report at your earliest convenience.**

*The report has been submitted and has been approved.*

## **Funding**

**30% of the funding must come from outside of the host country. Currently, the funding is below the 30%. I have attached the funding for review. Please let me know how I can update the funding.**

*The necessary changes in the Funding have been done in the Global Grant Application and has been re submitted.*