"Scaling up Sanitation Microfinance: What will it take?"

SANITATION MICROFINANCE TO MAKE INDIAN CITIES OPEN DEFECATION FREE

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Sanitation Scenario- India



18.6% URBAN HHS WITH NO LATRINE FACILITY (68 million people or 14.7 million households)

6% OF HHS DEPEND ON PUBLIC TOILETS 12.6% OF HHS RESORT TO Open Defection Situation is worse in smaller towns with OD rates of 22%

Space and Affordability constraints



- There are two main reasons for not having "own toilets" in our cities"
 - **1.** Lack of space to build an own toilet
 - 2. Lack of affordability to meet the toilet costs



Demand for Household Level Toilets

"Swachh Bharat Mission", 2014

Aims to become Open Defecation Free by 2019







Which can be tapped through surveys and awareness generation programmes

CEPT is supporting small cities of Maharashtra (Wai and Sinnar) in implementing demand led local scheme with partial subsidies to HHs



Demand seen through applications received. Process in alignment with Swachh Bharat Mission





How to meet the further financial gap??

Implementation Mechanism

Households without toilets in Wai and Sinnar



Sinnar

Located in the Nashik district, with a population of ~65,000 that has more than doubled in size since 2001 mainly due to expansion of city boundaries and an industrial and manufacturing boom in nearby Nashik.

Wai

Located in the Satara district, 90 km away from Pune, with a population of ~36,000. Wai has grown slowly at 1% per year since 2001.



2000 Households do not have toilets



5100 Households do not have toilets

On Ground Assessment of Demand and Supply of Loans

Supply Side Responses



"Asmitha extends income generating loans only and our organization observes high loan repayment rate. **Even if people take loans for consumption activities like toilet construction** they will repay the loan on time. "- Branch Manager, Asmitha "We provide ~200 loans per month, out of these 5-6 loans every month are for construction of toilets. **People take loans and pay back loans on time.**" - Branch Manager, Ujjivan





"At present we do not provide sanitation loans. Sanitation is a very important issue and should be addressed with appropriate methods. Loans for construction of toilets should be promoted. Organization heads should promote sanitation loans."

- Branch Manager, Sridevnadi Khore Grameen Bigarsheti Patasansta



Credit

"Our **experience in lending to BPL SHGs is poor and we observe many defaulters**, where as our experience in lending to APL SHGs is quite good and loan repayment rates are high."

"My daughters have grown up and we needed a toilet at home. Therefore I took a loan from credit co-operative society for

-Branch Manager, Union Bank of India

Demand Side Responses

Households



- " I never thought of taking a loan for constructing a toilet. But yes, that is a good option"
- " I feel the need of constructing a toilet but I don't think any institution will lend me a loan. I do not have a capacity to repay the loan on time."

"I have taken an internal loan of Rs. 5000/- through SHG for construction of toilet in the year 2009 as we had to walk 20-25 mins. to reach to the community toilet"

Lenders' Workshop for Banks, HFIs, MFIs and City Officials to discuss possibilities of toilet loans and the way forward

Assessment of possibilities of "toilet loans" in small cities of Maharashtra



Credit providers vary in their areas of strength, but SHGs, MFIs and HFCs emerge as the most promising options



There are many opportunities for households to mobilize credit finance for building their own toilets. With capacity building support, SHGs can play an important role for the poor. The poor can also be reached through MFIs. MFIs will need a credit line of lower cost funds and grants to meet mobilization costs. Banks and HFCs can provide access to other (low and middle income households) that can offer mortgages. A key aspect will be to facilitate households to make their own possible choices from potential lenders.

"Toilet Plans" for Self Help Groups

HH level Credit for Toilets



Toilet Cost	Rs. 35,000
WMC Subsidy 🗕	Rs. 10,000
Dwn contribution 🗕	Rs. 5,000

Credit Requirement: Rs. 20,000

Pilot SHGs are on board to take toilet





There is a **demand for 'Toilet Loan'** among SHG women.