

# Community Managed Community Toilet, A success story from Gol Pahadiya

*"Another Such Victory and We Are Undone"*  
-Pyrrus



Following Jabalpur, now Gwalior embarks its name for having the second Community Managed Community Toilet in Gol Pahadiya, a urban slum from Ward 48 of Gwalior city.

The earlier existing but non functional community toilet constructed by Gwalior Municipal Corporation, has been reengineered by Sambhav Social Service Organization, implementing the Sambhav Water and Sanitation Program being supported by Water Aid India in 10 slum of Gwalior city. The accomplishment has been possible due to overwhelming support extended by Corporator Mr.Rakesh Mahor , Mayor Mr.Vivek Narayan Shejwalkar, Chiarperson Mr.Brijendra Singh Jadon and Gwalior Municipal Corporation.

The slum has had a large prevalence of families defecating in the open. Realizing and identifying this as a major health vulnerability issue, Sambhav and Water Aid India joined hands to renovate the existing community toilet with the support of Gwalior Municipal Corporation.

The community toilet has been restructured into three different sections for men, women and children. Each section is specially designed keeping in mind the demands of the category it would be serving. Both the adult sections consist of 3 toilets and 1 bathrooms each, whereas the children section has 4 child friendly toilets and child friendly wash basin. A provision of separate dustbin for disposal of sanitary napkins has also been commissioned in the complex.

Apart from the above mentioned facilities the complex has enough open space, electric fitting, 1 water tank of 4000 liters, Roof Water Harvesting structure, Store room and caretaker who is present in the complex 24 hours.

The management of the complex is entirely looked after a Community Toilet Management Committee who takes care of the funds rolling in, and makes sure that the fund is being utilized for the maintenance of the toilet.

On a pilot basis the complex was operated for 1 week in which a membership enrollment of 77 members has been done. The membership is increasing day by day. However people using the toilet on daily is also increasing in an advancing trend. A nominal membership fee of Rs.10 for Toilet, and Rs.60 for Bathroom has been kept. Nevertheless Child Friendly Toilets have been provisioned as free-to-use.



Following Gol Pahadiya in the coming few days Sambhav and Water Aid are all set to inaugurate community toilets in Laxmanpura, Noorganj and Amra Pahaad, project area slums of an another project being supported jointly by Water Aid and UN Habitat, and being implemented by Sambhav and Gwalior Municipal Corporation.