**TOILET TWINNING FLUSHING AWAY POVERY, ONE TOILET AT A TIME**

* 2 billion people don’t have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet. (WHO/Unicef)
* Every year villagers spend 97 billion hours finding a place to go. (World Bank)
* The lack of a toilet makes women and girls a target for sexual attack as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night.
* Almost 1,000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets. (UN) and Children worldwide miss 433 million school days each year because of dirty water and poor sanitation (UN)
* Over decades of learning, it’s become clear that sanitation projects work best when local people see the need for **improved sanitation**– and make that change happen themselves.
* Our partners help set up small village committees, of both men and women, to look at the link between practices such as **open defecation** and ill health. For many, this is a revelation: they have never understood why their children fall ill with sickness and diarrhoea in the rainy season. Then, they are keen to have a latrine. But before latrine-building starts, there’s **hygiene education** on practices such as handwashing. This is key to **behaviour change**in the long term.
* Our partners involve local people in deciding on the design and materials to be used in latrine building. This means latrines are both appropriate and affordable. People generally build their own latrine, and this means they are much more likely to continue to use it, and maintain it – ensuring the project is **sustainable**.
* We strongly believe that the best way to bring transformation in poor communities is to work with them, rather than doing things for them. It’s all about **dignity and self-respect.**
* Sanitation projects vary, depending on the Community needs, but they all help people access decent toilet and clean water and they always promote good hygiene.
* Countries we have helped Afghanistan, Congo, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Uganda, Zambia

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