FGD Report

Kovvur and Narsapur

Kovvur

In Kovvur, town Focus group discussions/ Small group discussion were conducted in 3 locations, they are as follows

- 1. Sri Ram colony
- 2. Christianpeta
- 3. Rajiv Colony

Objective:

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- To identify the people who OD and educate them the consequence of OD.
- To shift people from OD to use PT/CT

All the FGDs were conducted on October 9, 2017. The list of participants, key discussion points and takeaways from FGD are discussed in detail for each location.

For questionnaires used for FGD; Annexure-1, 2 can be referred.

Focus Group Discussion with residents of Sri Ram Colony, Kovvur– October 9, 2017

On October 9, 2017, S3 Andhra team conducted a Small Group Discussion/ Focus Group discussion with residents of Sri Ram Colony near community hall in that locality. 5 men, 6 women and 3 children participated in the discussion held from 6:30am.

Participants

- Residents of Sri Ram Colony.
 - Men:5
 - Women: 6
 - Children: 3
- S3 Andhra team
 - o Mr. L.V.Rao
 - o Mr. Ranjit Karanam
 - Mr. KNV Shivaram
 - o Ms. Sri Vidya
 - Mr. P. Keshav Ramaswami

Key discussion points are as follows

Several members raised common issues – that toilet access was restricted in plots where two houses shared a common backyard and non-construction of IHHTs in houses with rented occupants.

Lakshmi (age: 30s), homemaker – She stays in a house that has a shared plot. Despite of having two toilets in her compound, she goes outside as there is some dispute over who owns which toilet.

"There was one toilet here before and we built a new one for SBM. We still go outside. The owner says the new toilet is his so we don't use it."

A common OD spot was the periphery of Venkaiamma Cheruvu, across the road from the colony.

Appa Rao (age: 60s), who stays in rented house

"[In this area] Men go outside more than women. Half of those with toilets also go outside. I stay in a rented house and do not have a toilet, that's why I go outside. Senior men used to this." Takeaways from FGD:

- 1. Post submission of UCs, pursue the construction of a community toilet in Sri Ram Colony. A common septic tank may assuage concerns of quick filling up of tanks.
- 2. Create an action plan for BCC to reduce OD rates among people with IHHTs.









Focus Group Discussion with residents of Christianpeta, Kovvur– October 9, 2017

On October 9, 2017, S3 Andhra team conducted a Small Group Discussion/ Focus Group discussion with residents of Christianpeta behind Social Welfare Office. 8 women participated in the discussion held from 9am.

Participants

- 8 women residents of Christianpeta.
- S3 Andhra team
 - o Mr. L.V.Rao
 - o Mr. Ranjit Karanam
 - Mr. KNV Shivaram
 - Mr. P. Keshav Ramaswami

Key discussion points are as follows

It was mentioned that among households with toilets, there were several cases where predominantly men choose to OD while women and children use toilets. A reason mentioned was the assumption that pits fill up fast.

Kavala Rani (age: 20s) Homemaker, she lives in an informal shared plot with another family, her side of the plot is on government (PWD) land.

"I have been going outside for the past 7 years. We have a family of 8, our pit has four rings and we are worried that it will get filled. The other house has five rings – women use the toilet but the men and children go out."

Several women raised the issue of IHHTs not being constructed for those staying in rented homes.

A woman senior citizen (wife of a rickshaw puller) stated that a toilet has not been constructed in her home as her husband objected. Rising health ailments are making it harder to venture outside to defecate.

Sarithamma(age: 60s), wife of a rickshaw puller – "It's just the two of us, we don't have a family. I wanted to construct a toilet and identified place for it, my husband objected and said he did not want a toilet in the house. And we did not have the initial money to construct the toilet. We go near the ghat area, it is difficult at night."

It was mentioned that 5 HHs do not have IHHTs and go to the ghat to defecate in the open. They are predominantly daily wage labourers. Some of these households claimed to have applied under SBM for an IHHL, but their applications have not been processed.

Kavala Rani (Age: 20s), daily wage labour who does not have a toilet at home.

"We don't have toilets, we go to the ghat area near the river. Usually early morning or late evening. Five families do not have toilets here, if I had one, I would use it."

Takeaways from FGD:

- 1. Post submission of UCs, pursue the construction of a community toilet in Sri Ram Colony. A common septic tank may assuage concerns of quick filling up of tanks.
- 2. Create an action plan for BCC to reduce OD rates among people with IHHTs.









Focus Group Discussion in Rajiv Colony– October 9, 2017

On October 9, 2017, S3 Andhra team conducted a Small Group Discussion/ Focus Group discussion at northern end of T-Junction in Rajiv Colony (OD Spots). 8 women and 5 men participated in the discussion held from 3 pm.

Participants

- 5 men and 8 women
- S3 Andhra team
 - o Mr. L.V.Rao
 - Mr. P. Keshav Ramaswami

Key discussion points are as follows

The men of the community prefer to go outside. Reason: They are fishermen who spend six months of the year (Nov-March/June) fishing in Andhra and Karnataka. They live in camps at a 2-3km distance from toilets and hence, are not accustomed to using toilets and habits break soon.

A campaign has held by local youth last year, but the campaign faced some resistance and habits did not change. They do not understand the health risks of OD.

Shiva (Age: 20), BSc Student – The problem of OD is important to him, and says the issue is that the fisherman are away six months a year and they are accustomed to going outside because of work.

"We tried a lot last year to change their behavior, it will not work. A few of us, youth, organized a campaign, but it was difficult. They change for a little bit and when they come back from work, they start going in the open again."

Another main reason cited was that using toilets results in the fast filling up of pits and that the start going outside once it is full. Community members did not fully understand how to use a twin pit latrine system. Moreover, due to space constraints, some HHs have an only a single pit.

Yerayya (Age: 60s), a fisherman and have a knee problem and is only able to walk short distances, with a cane.

"Not many people use toilets. People here don't know of any health concerns. The tanks are very small and fill up in a few months, what do we do after that? Towards the left side of the junction, near the garbage dump, that's where women go and on the right, towards the highway is where the men go."

Around 30 HHs do not have IHHTs and have no option but to go outside.

Satyaveni (Age: 30s) has an elderly mother, and has asked people not to defecate in the open as her home is close to the OD areas.

"Many people have toilets and they go outside. But around 30 people do not have toilets at all, we can't even tell them not to go out in the open"

Takeaways from FGD:

- 1. Co-ordinate with Shiva (9989000798) to visit OD spots and develop an Action plan.
- 2. Procure list of HHs without toilets (roughly 30) from Venkatalakshmi (9701385872) & Uha and forward proposals go IHHL construction or develop a proposal for a CT.
- 3. Check (with AE) if Arijili Musaliya (UIDAI: 516970862398) has received a toilet sanction under SBM. She owns the land, but does not pay property tax and does not have a ration card.
- 4. Explore deploying Yerayya & Subhadra as Swachha Dhoots.
- 5. Install posters/banners in OD spots





Narsapur

In Narsapur, town Focus group discussions/ Small group discussion/ Interpersonal communication were conducted in 2 locations, they are as follows

- 1. Ponnapalli (Focus Group Discussion)
- 2. Ponnapalli Ghat (Interpersonal communication)

Objective:

The main objectives for conducting FGD's/ small group discussions/ Interpersonal communications is

- To identify the people who OD and educate them the consequence of OD.
- To shift people from OD to use PT/CT

FGD and Interpersonal communication were conducted on October 25, 2017. The list of participants, key discussion points and takeaways from FGD are discussed in detail for each location.

For questionnaires used for FGD; Annexure-1, 2 can be referred.

Focus Group Discussion with residents of Ponnapalli – October 25, 2017

On October 25, 2017, S3 Andhra team conducted Focus Group discussion with residents of Ponnapalli in a community hall. 17 women participated in the discussion held from 4pm.

Participants

- 17 women residents of Ponnapalli.
- S3 Andhra team
 - o Mr. L.V.Rao
 - Mr. KNV Shivaram
 - o Ms. P. Laxmi Prasanna
 - o Mr. S. V. Sai Vikas
 - o Ms. Sri Vidya
 - Mr. P. Karthik

Key discussion points are as follows

Only 5 out of 17 women present have IHHTs. It was mentioned that among households with toilets, there were several cases where predominantly men choose to OD while women and children use toilets. A reason mentioned was the assumption that pits fill up fast and house owners mandate that men defecate in the open.

Several women raised the issue of IHHTs not being constructed for those staying in rented homes.

12 out of 17 women use CT at ponnapalli -2. They complained that CTs are poorly maintained by the municipality and there is no water and electricity available in the CTs most of the time. They use water from the borewell when they use CTs. Even after complaining to their ward councillor, infrastructure issues have not been addressed.

Tirumani Lakshmi (Age: 32), Homemaker – "I use bore water while using CTs. They are not clean – no water or electricity available throughout the day. After 6 pm, we OD at Godavari gattu."

Thadi Aadi Lakshmi (Age: 38), Homemaker – "We have toilets in our house and all the women use them every day. Men generally go out to defecate. House Owners do not allow men to use our toilets."

Some of these households claimed to have applied under SBM for an IHHL, but their applications have not been processed.

Takeaways from FGD:

- 1. Follow-up with ULB officials on pending SBM applications.
- 2. Obtain a list of HHs without toilets from the concerned RP and process applications.
- 3. Consult with ULB officials and improve the O&M of CTs and PTs in the town.
- 4. Draft an IE & BCC action plan to address OD among those who have IHHLs.





Interpersonal communication with people who OD at Ponnapalli Ghat– October 25, 2017

On October 25, 2017, S3 Andhra team conducted interpersonal communication with people who were open defecating at Ponnapalli Ghat. 35 men participated in the discussion which was held from 3pm.

Participants

- 35 men who does OD
- S3 Andhra team
 - o Mr. L.V.Rao
 - o Mr. M. Manoj
 - Mr. KNV Shivaram
 - Ms. P. Laxmi Prasanna
 - o Mr. S. V. Sai Vikas
 - o Ms. Sri Vidya
 - o Mr. P. Karthik

Key discussion points are as follows

Majority of the men do not have HH toilets and are not aware of SBM or IHHLs sanctioned under SBM.

Chinta Subbaraju (Age: 56), Fisherman – "I'm defecating openly ever since I was a child. I own a 38 feet house and there is no space to build toilets. Our women use CTs in Ponnapalli and hence we do not use CTs to protect their privacy. The CTs here are not clean – there is no water or electricity. Godavari river bed is clean and there is no problem in defecating here because the water flows into sea."

Men who have HH toilets still defecate in the open and it's only women and children who use the HH toilets.

Murali Krishna (Age: 28), construction worker – "Women in my house use the bathrooms. My father and I go out for OD. My house owner made it clear that we should not use the bathrooms because the tank gets filled up quickly".

Several men stated that the CTs in their locality are poorly maintained. Lack of cleanliness, electricity and water in the CTs allow them to defecate openly. There is also a privacy issue with having women toilets right next to men toilets and stated that men respect the privacy of women.

A common OD spot was the periphery of Ponnapalli Ghat, across the road from the colony. President of Fisherman association, Boddu Nagaraju (9490155770) expressed his interest in taking ownership for O&M of CTs in Ponnapalli.

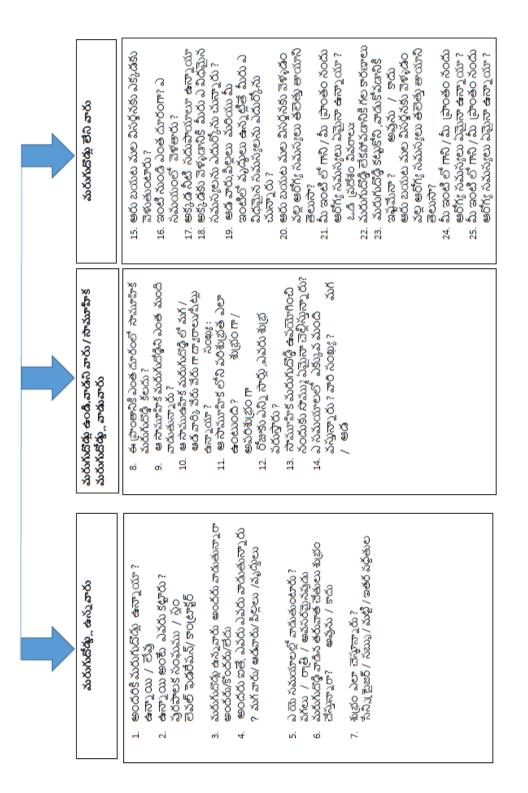
Takeaways from Interpersonal communication

- 1. Obtain the list of HHs without toilets and encourage them to apply for toilets sanctioned under SBM.
- 2. Consult with ULB officials and attempt CLTS approach to improve O&M of CTs in Ponnnaplli.
- 3. Create an action plan for BCC to reduce OD rates among people with IHHTs.



Photographs of Interpersonal communication

Annexure -1 Questionnaire for FGD



Annexure -2

Questionnaire for FGD

1.	అందరికి మరుగుదొడ్లు ఉన్నాయా ?	ఉన్నాయి / లేవు
2.	ఉన్నాయి అంటే ఎవరు కట్టారు ?	పురపాలక సంఘము / స్లం లెవల్ ఫెడరేషన్/ కాంట్రాక్టర్
3.	మరుగుదొడ్లు ఉన్నవారు అందరు వాడుతున్నారా	అందరు/కొందరు/లేదు
4.	అందరు ఐతే, ఎవరు ఎవరు వాడుతున్నారు ?	మగ వారు/ ఆడవారు/ పిల్లలు /వృద్ధులు
5.	ఎ యె సమయాలల్లో వాడుతుంటారు ?	పగలు / రాత్రి / అవసరమైనపుడు
6.		టాయిలేట్ డిజైన్ బాగోలేదు నీళ్ళు లేవు / తొందరగా నిండి పోతుందని /
7	మరుగుదొడ్డి వాడిన తరువాత చేతులు శుభం చేస్తు	నాందా? అవువు / కాదు
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8.	శుభం ఎలా చెస్తూన్నారు ? ?	ేసన్సి[టైజర్ / సబ్బు / మట్టి / ఇతర పద్దతులు
9.	మరుగుదొడ్డి లేక పొతే , ఎక్కడికి వెళుతూఉంటారు	జ.డి (పదేశం వివరాలు:
10.	మరుగుదొడ్డి లేకపోవడానికి గల కారణాలు ?	1.
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11.	మరుగుదొడ్డి కట్టుకోని ,వాడుకోవడానికి ఇష్టమేనా ?	అవును / కాదు

12. ఈ ప్రాంతానికి ఎంత దూరంలో సామూహిక మరుగుదొడ్డి కలదు ?

- 13. ఆ సామూహిక మరుగుదోడ్డిని ఎంత మంది వాడుతున్నారు ?
- 14. ఆ సాముఉహిక మరుగుదొడ్డి లో మగ /

ఆడ వార్కి వేరు వేరు గా ద్వారాలు/షీట్లు ఉన్నాయా ? సంఖ్య :

- 15. ఆ సామూహిక లోని పరిశుభత ఎలా ఉంటుంది ? శుభం గా / అపరిశుభం గా
- 16. రోజుకు ఎన్ని సార్లు ,ఎవరు శుభ్ర పరుస్తారు ?
- 17. సామూహిక మరుగుదొడ్డి ఉపయోగించి నందుకు సొమ్ము ఏమైనా చెల్లిస్తున్నారు?
- 18. ఎ సమయాలలో ఎక్కువ మంది వస్తున్నారు ? వారి సంఖ్య ? 👘 మగ 🖉 ఆడ
- 19. ఆరు బయట మల విసర్జనకు ఎక్కడకు వెళుతుంటారు ?
- 20. ఇంటి నుండి ఎంత దూరంగా? ఎ సమయంలో వెళతారు ?
- 21. అక్కడ నీటి సదుపాయాలూ ఉన్నాయా?
- 22. అక్కడకు వెళ్ళడానికి మీరు ఎ విధమైన సమస్యలను ఎదుర్కోను చున్నారు ?
- 23. ఆడ వారు,పిల్లలు మరియు మీ ఇంటిలో వృద్దులు ఉన్నట్లితే మీరు ఎ విధమైన సమస్యలను ఎదుర్కోను చున్నారు ?
- 24. ఆరు బయట మల విసర్జనకు వెళ్ళడం వల్ల ఆరోగ్య సమస్యలు తలెత్తు తాయాని తెలుసా?
- 25. మీ ఇంటి లో గాని / మీ ప్రాంతం నందు ఆరోగ్య సమస్యలు ఏమైనా ఉన్నాయా ?
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