

# Community Led Total Sanitation

## Nanded- Maharashtra



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## Background

Community Lead Total Sanitation (CLTS) is the biggest programme in the recent times in the various countries and which has been successful throughout the countries. The programme focuses on the behavioural change rather focusing on the construction of toilets. The main agenda of the programme is to mobilize the communities for sanitation, hygiene and to make the area Open Defecation Free (ODF). CLTS triggers the community people and see them whether they want to bring change in their behavior, propels them to take up action and encourages innovation, mutual support and appropriate local solutions which will help them for their own sustainability.

In February-March 2011, a City Sanitation Plan (CSP) was prepared for Nanded City in Maharashtra using a Citizen Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach. Around 100 communities with an average population of 1000 people have been triggered into action since April 2011. These communities have mobilised themselves to stop open defecation, make their locality garbage free, and undertake the responsibility of keeping the city drains clean. Supported by Nanded-Waghala City Municipal Corporation, this process is currently being facilitated by Knowledge Links and Feedback Foundation.

## observation

- Karmavir Nagar

We visited to the area of Karmavir nagar. After interacting with the people we understood that people used to face the problem of open defecation and garbage. People used to openly defecate at the entrance of the area. So it was very difficult for the passerby to walk. It was difficult to walk on the road because the road was muddy. Ghantagadi never used to come to collect the garbage in the area so people were throwing their garbage open area. Due to all this problems people used to fall ill specially children. They were suffering from the various diseases Dengue, jaundice, vomiting and loose motion. People were not aware of the hygiene and cleanliness.

The Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) team came into the area. So they discussed the issues of open defecation & consequences of it. The team also talked about the waste management. After the discussion CLTS team showed them triggering. So after that the people themselves realized the consequences of their bad habits. They also made a committee known as “Saint Gadgebaba Swachhata Samiti” with number of 15 females.

After the triggering the entire area has been change. People have cleaned the area. People have constructed private toilets in their own house. So now they have stopped defecating in the open area. Even people stopped throwing their garbage in the open area. Ghanatagadi comes twice in a week to the main road so people keep their garbage in the sack and whenever the ghantagadi comes they throw that garbage.

The committee has taken the various initiatives like they have started writings slogans on the walls of school, houses and mosque. So passerby or outsiders can read these slogans and become aware. The committee has distributed the plants of fruits on the occasion of makarsankranti so that people can plant trees and make their area pollution free.

Now again the scenario has change. People have started defecating in the open areas because of the structure of the construction is being done in wrong way through “Gharkul Yojna”, in that they have constructed kitchen & toilets in front of each other. According to the people it supposed to make outside the house. Workers do not come to clean the drainage system. So people themselves clean it. Even the ghantagadi stopped coming or if it comes they do not wait until people finish it. Chair person of the committee is having the contact details of the cleaning supervisors but they do not respond to them.

- Nalanda Nagar

We visited Nalanda nagar. As soon as we enter into the area we could see the open plot which was totally cleaned. After interacting with the people from the area they told us that earlier situation was not the same. They had open plot so people were throwing their garbage and children used to defecate in that place. People who are living to the nearby area were facing lots of problems such as dirty smell, flies, and diseases.

After that CLTS team visited to that area & showed them triggering. People agreed to the facts which CLTS team told them and made a committee which named as “Bhimai Mahila Swachta Samiti”. They cleaned the entire plot and requested the other people not throw their garbage. Just few months back a women who is member of the swachta samiti married her son on the same plot which shows that how people have taken interest in sanitation. They told people to throw their garbage in the ghantagadi so now people throw their garbage in ghantagadi. According to the people ghantagadi comes to the main road and from there it goes back. It never comes in the lanes of the nagar.

People from the Nalanda nagar face acute problems of water shortage. They do not have the public taps. Still people defecate in the open areas because of lack of public toilets.

After the long conversation with the members of the “Bhimai Mahila Swachta Samiti” they told us that they never had meetings. They do not have the much interaction among themselves. So it shows that the samiti is not active.

- Vamandada Kardak nagar

We had visited to the Vamandada Kardak nagar. after the interaction with the people they told us that our houses are well build so there is no problem of toilets. Whenever people used to enter in the nagar from the main road, they used to see the area was flooded with the dumping & open defecation. So the main road was fully loaded with dump and people from neighbourhood areas were used to defecate. So whenever people used to pass from the area they used to cover their mouth with handkerchief. People from this area were tensed and they did not know what to do. Everywhere they could only see dirt nothing else. People used to throw their dump without getting scared. Nobody used to bother about the things which were happening in this nagar & they did not want to discuss it. Children used to fall due to malaria, diarrhea, vomiting.

CLTS did triggering in the area then people became aware of the things which were happening around them. The women from the area formed a committee known as “Ramai Mahila Swachta Samiti”. Due to the active participation and great enthusiasm these women take initiative to

clean the entire area by themselves. Now people from this area segregate their garbage before throwing it in the ghantagadi. The samiti is having lots of ideas like they want to do the composting, writing slogans on the wall. Every month they collect around 20 rupees. The women from samiti also told that people from this area has given rooms on rent so those who are living on the rent do not have the toilet facilities so they defecate in the open area. Owners do not want to construct separate toilets for them. People from neighborhood areas come to the open area of Vamandada Kardak nagar to defecate. They do not pay attention to the request which has made by the people from Vamandada Kardak nagar.

- Maganpura nagar

We visited to the Maganpura area. It is one of the posh areas of Nanded. The problem of that area was people used to throw their garbage in the open area. So due to which people who are residing in the area were facing lots of problems of mosquitoes, dirty smell and diseases. The road is having problem of potholes. Earlier the nagar was having a dumpster but later on municipality removed it. So people started throwing their garbage in the open area.

After the triggering of the CLTS people from Maganpura nagar wanted to bring change. The people made "Balasaheb Thakre Swachta Samiti". They requested people not to throw the garbage in the open areas. They have got the phone numbers of supervisors of ghantagadi. The ghantagadi has become regular now but whenever it never turns up they give call to the supervisors and mahapalika. They had organized "Swachta Rally" in the entire nagar. On the occasion of makarsankranti they took pledge for not to use plastic bags. So that day they distributed paper bags. They have realized that the plastic bags are harmful for their nature as well as for the animal who eats these bags. They have started segregating the plastic material like bottles, milk bags etc. so after selling they get particular amount. These amounts get used for committee's purpose or they donate it to the orphanage. To create awareness they have written slogans, quotes, songs. The samiti has also made the complained in mahapalika for potholes in the area.

Darvesh nagar

We had visited to the Darvesh nagar. It was one of the dirtiest areas of Nanded. The area was having a problem of open defecation & garbage so people used to fall ill. They were suffering from fever, malaria, diarrhea etc. After the discussion with people they told us reason for the open defecation that People have started defecating in the open areas because of the structure of the construction is being done in wrong way through “Gharkul Yojna”, in that they have constructed kitchen & toilets in front of each other. So it shows their traditional way of thinking.

After the triggering of CLTS team the people understood that these problems they are facing because of their own habits. So they made the committee known as “Ekta Swachta Samiti”. So they had cleaned the open area on which people used to defecate and they have requested people not to throw their garbage. CLTS team had given them contact details of the supervisors of ghantagadi so people started calling them regularly due to which the ghantagadi started coming regularly. But it happened only for few days. Again ghanatgadi became irregular. So people started throwing their garbage in open areas or sometimes they burn that garbage. Now people those who were not having private toilets so even they have constructed their private toilets outside of the houses and those who got toilets through “gharkul yojna” also have constructed it outside of their houses. People from this area have given rooms on rent so those who are living on the rent do not have the toilet facilities so they defecate in the open area. Owners do not want to construct separate toilets for them. So CLTS team introduces ring toilet system for them and it was useful for the poor people as well.

The committee had organized a rally in the city. They were singing songs which was written by them. They also have written slogans.

- Gautam nagar

We visited to the Gautam nagar. This was the entire slum area. Majority of the people who are living are beggars. The main problem they were facing was the open defecation and garbage.

The children used to defecate in front of their houses and same was the case with garbage. Women used to cook in the same area.

One day CLTS team had visited to the area. After triggering people realized that they should change their own habits. The women from the area made the committee which known as “Prerna Swachta samiti”. They have cleaned the entire area and requested other people not to defecate outside in the open space and not to throw the garbage outside. Even now ghantagadi started coming regularly if it is not coming then they keep it in the one bag so whenever the ghantagadi comes then they throw in it. If it not comes for more than a week then they burn the garbage. People have not yet constructed the toilets because “Gharkul Yojna” is under process in the area. So people are still defecating outside so whenever they defecate outside they put sand on it.

People have told us that their mind set has been change. Their entire area has been change. Even health of the children got improved.

- Amba nagar

We had visited to the Amba nagar. People used to face the same problems which people from the other nagar used to face which leads to the several diseases in the area.

CLTS team had triggered the area. After the triggering people took initiative to clean the area. They also organized the committee that is “Saint Gadgebaba Swachta Samiti”. The committee has also made the safety tanks with their own contribution rather waiting for drainage pipe which was promised by the mahapalika. In the area through the “Gharkul Yojna” they got private taps and private toilets in their houses. So those who were not having the toilets in houses earlier now even they have constructed it. Whenever the sweepers do not turn up to clean the road then women from the same areas start doing it by themselves. During the discussion people also told us that these women are expecting the mahapalika will give them job. It is a misinformation is being generated in the areas by people themselves.

Women from the area now growing vegetables in the open areas of their own houses. They are planning to do the composting. They have participated in the Maharally which took place in 23rd June 2011.



Safety tanks made by the people with their own contribution in Amba nagar

- Indira nagar

We had visited to the Indira nagar. The area was facing problem of garbage & open defecation. The area is facing problem of acute water shortage.

After the triggering people realized that solidarity is a strength through which we can bring change in the society. People from the area made a committee “Annabhau Sathe Swachta Samiti” through which they have done various successful works. The ghantagadi became regular in the area. They have taken initiative for tree plantation with the school students which became successful in the area. The committee monitor’s every work which they have taken in their hand. The committee made the efforts to make their own sewage tank.

- Hanuman Gadh

We had visited to the Hanuman gadh. The area is having open plot in front of the hanuman temple. People used to throw their garbage and also defecate on that open area. The entire area was full of garbage and shit. So due to which people were falling ill. Another plot was full of bushes. Elderly people and children used to defecate, women used to dump their garbage on that plot. Sometimes school children used to bunk their school and go behind the bushes to play cards. There was no electricity in the area. Officers from mahapalika never turn up to see their problems.

After the triggering of CLTS team people made their committee known as “Hanuman Nagar Swachta Samiti”. Women from this area cleaned the entire nagar as well as the open plot which was in front of the Hanuman temple by them. They also cut the bushes which were in another plot. They also requested people not to throw the garbage in the open plot. The committee also made the ghantagadi regular. So people from this area now started throwing their garbage in that. Women from the committee have also made the notebook in which they keep on updating about the ghantagadi.

With the help of CLTS team people from Hanuman gadh brought change in the area. The area became Open Defecation Free (ODF) and people started segregating their waste on the basis of dry and wet garbage. Due to these changes Nanded Mahapalika has given electricity pole in the area. Earlier people from Hanuman gadh years after years were staying in the darkness but due to the city sanitation programme their entire life has been change. Now they are getting supply of electricity. The committee has also organized a rally on the Dashera festival.

- Taj nagar

We had visited to the Taj nagar. The area was facing problem of garbage and open defecation. Even they are not having the proper drainage system. It is just temporarily made by people themselves. Children were suffering from Diarrhea, Jaundice and Malaria.

One day CLTS did triggering in the area. After that 8 to 10 women became members of the committee known as “Taj Baba Nagar Swachta Samiti”. Women themselves have cleaned the area. They did not get any support from any men from their area. They make sure that ghantagadi should come on alternate days. Because of their efforts the entire area became Open Defecation Free (ODF). The committee has made their banners on which they have written slogans.

Again the scenario has change. Due to lack of support from the family many women stopped coming to the meetings of the committee. Nobody is ready to take the initiative. After talking to one member from the committee she told us that they are keen to do the composting but because of the absence of other members of the committee the idea is on the hold.

- Nandigram Housing Society

Nandigram society was also facing the problem of open defecation and garbage like other areas. Earlier they have made the complained in the government offices for the problem of garbage. Ghantagadi never used to turn up the area. People were very annoyed on the mahapalika workers. Due to this dirt people were falling ill.

After the triggering from the CLTS people cleaned the entire area. Four trucks of garbage have been collected by the people themselves. Ghantagadi also became regular. After the discussion with the people they told us that it has become possible due to the support of the people from their own area and support of the mahapalika. Earlier the children from the area were malnourished but now even their health is started improving. People are now very happy to see the change.

- Janardhan nagar

We visited to the Janardhan nagar. After having discussion with the people they told us that their area was clean from the beginning. But the only problem in the area was children used to defecate outside.

But after the triggering by the CLTS team people changed their mind set. Women organized a committee known as “Mahila Ekjut Samiti”. The committee requested people to stopped defecating outside. Ghantagadi has also become regular after the committee’s efforts. They have made a chart on which they have written the contacts details of the ghantagadi’s supervisor’s. Whenever ghantagadi does not turn up then they mark them absent. they also brought drainage system.

When we visited to the Janardhan nagar the CLTS team showed them demonstration on hand wash to the members of the committee.

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### Learning

- ✓ People's participation in the process of sanitation.
- ✓ We can bring change in our society through people's own participation.
- ✓ Women's contribution for the society.
- ✓ Active participation of school children in the programme.
- ✓ People are trying to keep their city clean in their own way.
- ✓ Through segregation of the waste, composting etc women are earning money and using that money for social cause.
- ✓ Now in various places people are using paper bags.

### Suggestions

- Some of the areas in Nanded needs motivation because they are stopped working.
- there are many females who was not able to participate in the sanitation programme because of the lack of support from their family members so help those women so give them counseling
- Innovations in the triggering process.

