People with disability (PWD) are a part of every community, everywhere in the world. They are among the poorest, most marginalized and disadvantaged. Sadly, PWD have the least access to basic WASH services, which contributes to their continued isolation, poor health and poverty (Metts, 2000). Plan Indonesia has been implementing two Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) (including hygiene) projects in three districts, namely Grobogan, Timor Tengah Selatan (TTS) and Timor Tengah Utara (TTU). During their implementation it was found that, due to several physical/infrastructural barriers, a number of PWD were unable to access latrines built by community members.

Awareness Raising on Disability Inclusion

32 participants attended 3-day Inclusive WASH training. The training also covers the topic of gender equality in WASH program.

Knowing Where are PWD through Village Assessment

Children with disability were found during the PWD assessment. Most of them cannot independently use latrine built by family member. Mother usually helps them to get in to the latrine.

Disability Inclusion Training for Sanitation Marketing Entrepreneurs

Disability inclusion awareness raising to PAPSIGRO members. The training was to introduce different options of latrines and the features to support PWD in using them.
Mr. Kiran is grabbing hand-holder specifically made to help him squatting. He and his child worked with PAPSIGRO member in designing this kind of latrines. Meanwhile the below picture is holed wooden chair specially made by Mrs. Tri’s child after in consultation with Plan Indonesia staff member.

This beautiful lady’s name is Lilyanti Siki. She is 24 years old now. She has physical disability on her two legs which hinder her for walking and being mobile as most of other villagers. As person with disability she had never participated in any social activities in her village due to lack of confidence. She also experienced big problem whenever she went to the toilet.

However she has recently testified that “Thank you for all friends from Plan Indonesia for helping me and my family to construct this special walk-path. Going to toilet and bathroom is now much easier for me”
Lesson Learned

- **PWD do not need segregated “special” facilities** – their needs can be met by ordinary service with a little extra thought, and minor adjustments. Segregated facilities can also provide further sigma. Making WASH facilities and services inclusive would therefore benefit the whole community. These might include frail elderly people, pregnant women, parents with small children, and people who are injured or sick, including people with HIV/AIDS.

- **Enabling all people to have proper access to improved latrines.** This has brought easier task for the staff members to work with PWD and their society to make special latrines are accessible for PWD.

Next Step

- **Scale-up the implementation of WASH disability inclusion.** The implementation of disability inclusion within Plan Indonesia’s WASH program needs to be vertically scaled-up. Local governments need to integrate this aspect within on-going CLTS projects.

- **Awareness raising needs to be conducted to the government officials** who are directly involved in CLTS projects. Lastly, the local entrepreneurs who involve in sanitation marketing need also to provide affordable latrine products that meet PWD needs, including with the installation services.

- **Water supply facility construction needs to be accessible for PWD** when they live in the project location.

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