

FLUSH AWAY POVERTY for people like Lata

PAKISTAN



Like many girls in rural Pakistan, Lata was expected to stay at home and help her mother. School wasn't a consideration. But one day her brother, Vijay, came home from class chatting excitedly about handwashing and hygiene: things he'd learnt through a project Toilet Twinning funded.

Their mother was so impressed that she signed up Lata for school too. Toilets and hygiene education in schools are encouraging more families in Pakistan to enrol girls in class. 'A girl who's educated is more likely to educate her children,' says Toilet Twinning's partner.

'Lata is now a role model for many other girls.'

FLUSH AWAY POVERTY for people like Radha

Radha's latrine is her first toilet and she helped build it. So she's hugely proud.

In Radha's village in Sindh province, people used to go to the toilet in the open and diseases spread fast. Culture dictated that the women had to wait until dark to venture out, so they also risked being attacked.

Now, families are building toilets and Radha now knows how to keep her family healthy and safe.

'We're not making as many visits to the doctor, saving us time and money.'

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