Live transfer of Knowledge and experience.

PWX has created an awareness in the village of Endiyur in respect to building of toilets. This is a pre-requisite for good quality of drinking water, and thus a healthy life.

Meeting held at Endiyur village on 27th june was a live encounter of transfer of knowledge through personal experience from one village to another.

Present in this meeting were:

Dhanam the coordinator from Palmyra

SHG from Emdiyur village as beneficiaries towards the building of toilets

SHG consisting of 18 women from Karasanor village who aspire to have toilets at their residence

6 volunteers from Nirvana Charitable Trust who are interested to bring a change in the hygiene of families residing in the Kottakuppam village.

The Endiyur village recounted to the rest the following important points:

1. Necessity to build toilets;
2. Impact on health
3. Change of thought and thus change of life style
4. Two personal experience from Tamilselvi
5. Specification of toilet building and which method is valid for what type of families
6. Financial aspect of toilet building

SHG of Endiyur informed the rest that in order to have good and healthy life toilets are a must. Open defecation leads to ground water contamination during the rainy season.

This in turn has an impact on the health front. For many years we are used to go out in the open to defecate. We have to change that thought process.

Tamilselvi said that before her toilet was built, she would have difficulties to go out and far during the rainy season and also take the small children with her for their needs. Now with a toilet built behind her house, she does not waste time atall to go out and moreover she is safe during the rainy season. Not only safe from the rain itself but from snakes and scorpions and other insects.

She further explained that it is about a year ago that she is the proud owner of a toilet. But during the previous years, just after the monsoon, her family would suffer from boils and etching of skin. The reason was unknown to them.

This year the onslot of disease was not present. They later understood that their borewell was being contaminated by the toilet water from their neighbors. After the toilets were built in her house and other neighbors too the health issue did not appear atall.

Another important fact was that her husband had an accident and was practically bedridden for 10 days. She was indeed grateful to PWX for funding for the toilets because in this situation of crisis the family could help the injured member to till the toilet for the daily needs. It was a great boon she said.

Apart from the personal experiences, the size, the method of construction, the method of emptying the septic tank were also of great importance. The knowledge with various details was also discussed.

This meeting was not only necessary and important for the SHG of Karasanor village, but of prime importance for the 6 volunteers of Nirvana Charitable Trust that is running a school. Because with the help of school children as well as the awareness through this meeting, the volunteers want to help the villagers understand the necessity of toilets and its health implications.

This is a wonderful beginning to spread the knowledge of toilet building and it health implications and good health.

Happy toilet building and a clean village!!!