



ODF in SMC

Sambalpur: The term 'open defecation' is used in literature about water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). OD can pollute the environment and cause health problems. High levels of open defecation are linked to high child mortality, poor nutrition, poverty, and large disparities between rich and poor. Open defecation (OD) is the human practice of defecating outside—in the open. In lieu of toilets, people use fields, bushes, forests, open bodies of water or other open space. The practice is common where sanitation infrastructure is not available. About 892 million people or 12 percent of the global population, practice open defecation.

Open defecation perpetuates the vicious cycle of disease and poverty and is widely regarded as an affront to personal dignity. The countries where open defecation is most widely practised have the highest numbers of deaths of children under the age of five, as well as high levels of under nutrition, high levels of poverty, and large disparities between the rich and poor. Ending OD is an indicator being used to measure progress toward the sustainable development goals. Extreme poverty and lack of sanitation are statistically linked. Therefore, eliminating OD is thought to be an important part of the effort to eliminate poverty. People may prefer open defecation based on traditional cultural practices or lack of access to toilets, or both. Even if toilets are available, behaviour change efforts may still be needed to promote the use of toilets.

For monitoring purposes, two categories were created: 1) improved sanitation and (2) unimproved sanitation. Open defecation falls into the category of unimproved sanitation. This means that people who practice open defecation do not have access to improved sanitation.

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- (a) No visible faeces found in the environment/village; and
- (b) Every house as well as public/community institutions using safe technology option for disposal of faeces.

The most important objective of the Swachh Bharat or Clean India Mission is to end open defecation forever in all villages by 2 October 2019 – the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Now, by issuing a uniform definition of Open Defecation Free (ODF), the Ministry of Water and Sanitation, which runs Swachh Bharat.

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission financial help is given for construction of Individual household latrines to end the practice of open defecation. The community who are indifferent to leave their traditional practice are being triggered with awareness messages on using of individual toilets.SMC

has organized various community level awareness in different wards. It has conducted a number of cleanliness drives through its Swachhata Doors, volunteers for cleanliness. In fact the government of India's Swachh Bharat Mission insists upon engaging of Swachhata to stop open defecation practice in urban slum areas.

The ODF campaign has been intensified at all levels with sector coordination, capacity building and community mobilization approach. Smc has started a mission called open defecation free from September 2017. Ward wise meeting are conducted to distribute the work order of Individual house hold latrin (lhhl) to the beneficiaries, whom application has been received. Moreover, we are promoting to use individual toilet, community toilet, public toilet and not to defecate at open. Initially the goal is to make ring road as an ODF place.











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