



32. Sanitation

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Overview

- Good sanitation is vital to stop the spread of many epidemics, such as diarrhoea and cholera.
- As volunteers, you can encourage members of the community to improve their sanitation by using latrines, disposing of rubbish and removing standing water.

What you need to know

These are the most important sanitation initiatives for preventing disease

- Dispose of excreta (faeces) safely (by constructing latrines).
- Dispose of solid waste and rubbish safely.
- Bury corpses and destroy animal carcasses safely.
- Control disease vectors and protect people from them.
- Incinerate medical waste.
- Drain or remove waste water and standing water. (Camps should be designed with this in mind.)
- Promote hygiene and teach people how to keep themselves safe and clean.

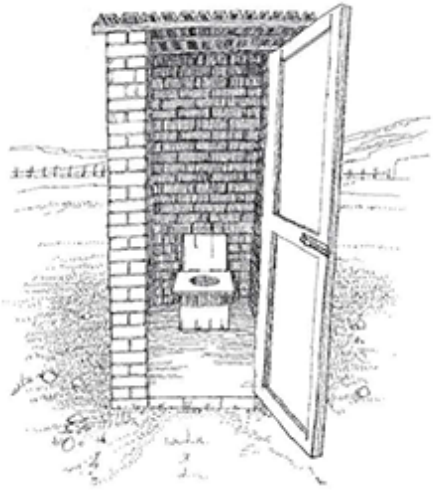
What you can do

- Promote the construction and use of latrines.
- Encourage the community to burn or bury rubbish.
- Mobilize the community to reduce standing water where mosquitoes are likely to breed.

Talk to your community about proper sanitation practices.



Dispose of waste safely.



Community messages



06. Using a clean latrine



07. Protecting yourself against mosquitoes



08. Washing hands with soap



11. Cleaning up places where mosquitoes breed



23. Encouraging healthy behaviours in a community



27. Keeping rodents out