



# A struggle... to meet basic demands

In Sainathwadi, a settlement in Airoli, Samadhan Jadhav lives with his family. His family includes his wife Rukmini, and his son named Baburao, who is blind. Mr. Jadhav being very old, suffers with many health issues; not allowing him to work. Mrs. Jadhav earns a little by selling food items in the local trains and at railway stations. Their son, Baburao being blind also suffers from many health complications, which keep him away from working anywhere. An interesting hobby he pursues is classical music..his passion for singing is what keeps him going.

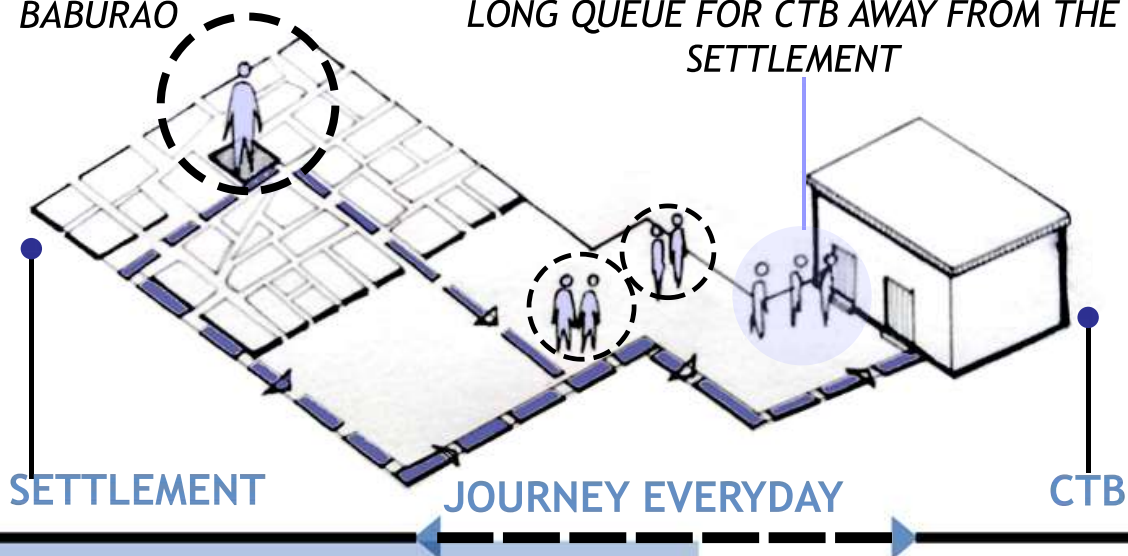


Samadhan Jadhav with his family

## PROBLEMS FACED

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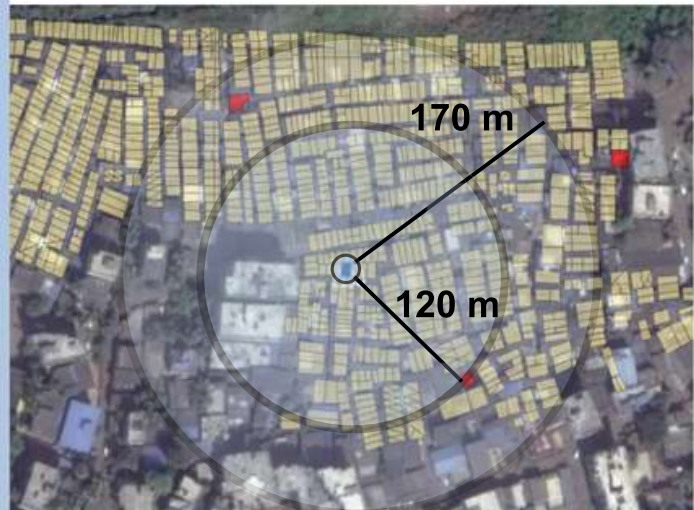
LONG QUEUE FOR CTB AWAY FROM THE SETTLEMENT



Mrs. Jadhav being the only bread earner in the family, they witness a financial crunch and cannot meet their basic demands as easily as others.

Prior to SA's intervention, the family was using the Community Toilet Block (CTB) located outside the settlement. Also, the old couple had to accompany Baburao to the CTB everyday, which implied their walking distance to be around 120m - 170m back and forth to fulfill their basic necessity. Also due to the long queues at the CTB the waiting time added onto the total time required to attend to their son's as well as their sanitation facilities.

■ - House      ■ - CTB



Map showing the distance between the CTB and their house.

All the CTBs are paid facilities and maintained by the ULB. Only one CTB being in good condition, this CTB would be burdened as others were unclean. The paid facility has been getting steeper in costs over time making it very difficult for families to cope up financially.

Managing the money and time aspects seemed to be very challenging and in turn started taking a toll on their health physically as well as psychologically.

The situation worsened when Baburao started facing health issues and had to use the toilet frequently any time during the day or night.

When SA offered to help the family, they quickly signed an agreement to build a toilet at their home. One of their relatives being a mason, offered to help them build the toilet. So the construction cost was managed and they started the construction right away and was completed within 4 days.

Having a toilet at their home created a huge impact in their lives as they were saving all the time and money which was being spent earlier and they started living their life with dignity and confidence!

They thank Shelter Associates with all their heart and are really grateful for their help.

BEFORE INTERVENTION

AFTER INTERVENTION

MORI



TOILET



Street outside their house.



Toilet after construction.

