



# Dashing and strong willed!

Surveys and data collection being SA's core processes, as a part of conducting Rapid Household Survey in slums of Pune, there came across an honest, naive and genuine opinion and the face behind the voice was an old woman!

"So often people come and survey and leave, what comes out of it? Noone ends up helping us at all!" frowned the lady. When he heard about household sanitation being the end product she was elated. She started to express her grievances over having to go to the community toilet block.

She stated "We are old so its still understandable, but we have grand daughters of tender age and it is very embarassing for them to go out in the open. If they use the Community toilet block, they often fall sick and keep unwell periodically which we cannot afford".

Having briefed her about SA's OHOT intervention, to gauge her opinion and views, our team asked her how she would manage as she stayed in a small sized house. However, her response was prompt and very logical. She said that she would convert her 'mori' into the toilet and cover the pan and bathe in there!

"I will take all the efforts I need to, but shall ensure that I build the toilet inside my house".



She also shared this with her daughter in law who stays right across her house telling her to avail the facility through SA as they would get the materials free of cost, which is what attracted her to SA's model.

Lastly she also stated that she would influence the others in her lane to build a toilet as it would not only be convenient to all but also impact their health and secure their lives that are to follow!

