



# Livelihood through the 'One Home One Toilet' model

While some initiatives impact people directly, there are individuals who derive advantages by just being associated with the project. The 'One Home One Toilet' model of individual household toilet facilitation has been impacting a lot of slum families through different ways. One such case is of Dashrath who without being opted for a household toilet, has benefitted immensely through the project.

Dashrath Jotiram Tayde, aged 47 years, originally from Ganeshpur, Buldana District, had shifted to Mahatma Phule Nagar, Pimpri-Chinchwad in search of employment opportunities.

Dashrath earned a living by doing minor masonry work at his village but wasn't enough to feed his family of 6 members including a physically disabled son. To add to his problems, his wife Anjana has been suffering from a skin disease for the past few years which also demanded a lot of expenditure, being the sole reason for Dashrath to move to Pimpri-Chinchwad. But things didn't go as per his expectations and getting work was a big concern for Dashrath.

The 'One Home One Toilet' model of Shelter Associates (SA) required beneficiaries to invest in their own toilet construction while SA provided the materials free of cost at their doorsteps. One of the beneficiaries contacted Dashrath to construct his toilet who did an excellent job with the masonry task. During a monitoring visit by SA representatives, his work was well recognized and the representatives publicized his work among other beneficiaries who were getting the materials to build a toilet. This helped Dashrath get many more contracts through which he constructed over 16 household toilets, and is still getting more work. The sanitation model of Shelter Associates is seen not only as a boon for the toilet owned families but has also proved to be a revenue generation model for people like Dashrath who stepped towards bringing an end to his poor financial condition.



**Dashrath Tayde constructing household toilets**

