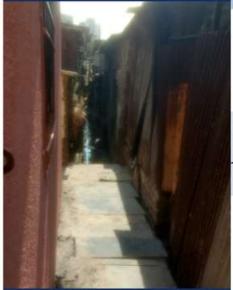


## Incentivising upgradation of living standards

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Sushila Nishad with her son.



Open gutter along their house.

Toilet after construction.

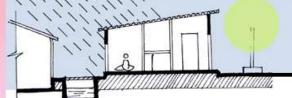


Sushila and Sukhdeep Nishad live with their son in a small settlement in Airoli named Sainathwadi. She runs a panipuri stall for earning her living. Her brother-in law's family also stays next to them. Sukhdeep has undergone kidney failure and their son suffers from blood cancer. Sushila courageously supports her family by working hard and her husband tries to help her as much as he can. She earns decent to be able to cure her loved one's illnesses.

Her family also had to go through severe sanitation problems as their house was situated along an open gutter and they lived in a kuccha house with no plinth. So during monsoons, the situation would worsen as their house would constantly be flooded & water logged for 3-4 months manking it very unhygienic. The absence of a household toilet added to their troubles in such situations.



When she heard about 'One Home One Toilet' project which had picked up it's momentum in their settlement, she was very interested. Due to her heavy monthly outgoings spent on medical treatments, she was unfortunately not financially sound enough to spend on getting a toilet constructed. Nonetheles, she did not lose hope; dreamed big and thought of renovating her entire house along with building a toilet. She procured a loan of about Rs. 2 lakhs and and started renovating her house. She converted her kuccha house into a semi pakka house with plinth, concrete walls and tin roof. Semi -Pakka house Gutter



It took around 20 days to complete the construction of the house and the toilet that Shelter Associates provided. They thank Shelter Associates because if it was not for them to intervene in Sainathwadi, they would have never taken this huge step towards transforming their lives!

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