

Vital project in the Philippines



Project: Domestic latrine construction

Objective:

Construct 800 domestic latrines in Masbate Central, Cagayan, San Jose, Camotes, Southern Leyte, West Samar, East Samar, North Samar and Masbate South.

Approximately £25 per latrine.

Target: £20,000



Why Plan works in the Philippines

The Republic of the Philippines is made up of 7,000 islands where almost half the population live on just £1 a day. Over 17 million people are malnourished and 40% of the rural population do not have access to adequate sanitation facilities.

As education is one of the most important ways of helping communities work their way out of poverty, it is important to minimise how many children miss school through serious illness and disease. However, many children play near open sewage and people defecate in the streets outside their homes because there are no toilets. The safety of girls is also put at risk because they often prefer to wait till dark to relieve themselves as it offers more privacy. However this exposes them to harassment from men.

How you can help

For progress to be made, your support is vital. And one of the first things that needs to be done is to raise £20,000 to provide 800 domestic latrines in Masbate Central, Cagayan, San Jose, Camotes, Southern Leyte, West Samar, East Samar, North Samar and Masbate South. Approximately £25 will provide the materials and tools for a family to build one latrine that's safe, private and hygienic for their children and themselves to use.

Plan staff are helping families and communities set up health committees to manage the construction of the latrines, from the planning stage right through to the implementation and buying the necessary building materials. The committees also work with the village councils to monitor and supervise the project and carry out regular home visits to check the cleanliness of the latrines and to make sure they are working properly. Children are also encouraged to take part in educating the communities about the importance of hygiene. They distribute leaflets and carry out demonstrations on how to wash hands properly and other personal hygiene practices.

Plan firmly believes that all children have a right to proper sanitation facilities to protect their health and their future. All our work involves many people at all sorts of levels, to make sure projects such as the provision of domestic latrines happen as effectively as possible. This is just one of the many projects within Plan's wider health programme, which includes working closely with government and non-governmental organisations at both community and national levels. With your support, this project can take those first important steps to making a difference.

Yes, I'd like to help a Plan project in the Philippines

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I would like to give £ _____ (please indicate amount) to help construct domestic latrines in the Philippines (PHL0244)

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