

Poor sanitation and hygiene leads human society towards deprivation of healthy environment, which in returns damages ecology. Open defecation contaminates water, air, earth and food. When these necessary items are consumed or come into contact, humans directly or indirectly suffer from deadly diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera, creamy, and bilharzia etc. Children are the most prone to them. Adopting the behaviour of using safe and ecological friendly toilet and safe hand washing with soap alone save people from 80% deadly diseases, which in turn provided a strong, healthy, nourished and free from poverty cycle. WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) is a comprehensive initiative by UNICEF, Jharkhand to promote safe sanitation, drinking water and hand washing behaviour among students in schools. In many schools of Simdega district UNICEF, Jharkhand has provided hand wash unit for students to wash their hands after midday meal. At least 20 students can wash their hands at one go. UNICEF, Jharkhand has also taken an initiative to mobilise Mukhiyas to install hand wash units in schools from 14th Finance to nurture a strong future. Bangru school, Bangru and Middle School Thetheitanger, Simdega.

Middle School Bangru, Simdega

Bangru middle school is based in Bangru Panchayat of Simdega block of Simdega district. The school is maintained fascinatingly. Greenery campus! Hand wash unit installed by UNICEF fund adds more in its beauty. This hand wash unit helps its students to wash their hands safely using soap and save them from preventive diseases. This is a successful story for many schools and teachers who can save their students from unsafe sanitation and hygiene.



Figure 1. Scene from Bangru school, Simdega



Middle School Thetheitanger, Simdega

The school is in Thetheitanger block, near to Block office. In this school, after motivation from UNICEF team, the Mukhiya Panchayat Thetheitanger came to realise the need of hand wash unit and installed a unit from 14th Finance for the students of the school. Now the students practice safe hand washing and teach their parents same. This is an inspiration for many Mukhiyas/ Sarpanchs in India. He was honoured by Mr. Vijay Kumar Singh, former Deputy Commissioner, Simdega.



Figure 2. Installed hand wash unit in middle school T. Tanger from 14th Finance and the Mukhiya was honoured by Mr. Vijay Kumar Singh, former DC, Simdega