

How to Build a Latrine Counseling Card Translation: Amharic to English

Front side

1. How to build (construct) a latrine
2. How to dig a pit in the ground, cover pit with a slab and make a superstructure to build a pit latrine with hand washing facility (tippy-tap) illustrations are show below.
3. To dig a pit in the ground
4. To protect the pit wall from collapse (full down)
5. A pit should be dug 6 meters away from a residence and at the backyard area. The pit should be narrow at the bottom and wider at the mouth. The size of the pit should be 90 centimeters diameter at the mouth and while the depth depends on the type of soil but should not be 3 meters deep.
6. Build 10 to 20 centimeters mud masonry work above the ground.
7. If the masonry work is difficult, put a basket made of bamboo or cane into the pit
8. To make pit cover or slab and a superstructure
9. To make squatting hole & hand washing facility(tippy-tap)
10. Put woods or logs on top of the pit and make sure that the woods or logs are 50 centimeters long from each side of pit mouth and cover the whole pit with woods or logs leaving a 15 cm X 20 cm space at the centre of the pit for squatting (crouching)
11. Then construct a superstructure and a roof with locally made materials and plaster the wall with mud or cow dung.
12. Prepare a cover for the squatting hole and a hand washing facility (tippy-tap). Hung the tippy-tap outside the latrine on the wall of the latrine
13. It's very important to usually keep the latrine clean and repair when maintenance is need. It's also very important to wash hands with ash or soap and water after using a pit latrine. To prevent the bad smell (odor) that comes out from the pit latrine put a handful of ash into the pit each time after using latrine.

Backside

0. For our health & dignity let's make use a latrine make it our culture
1. always keep latrine clean
2. To prevent the bad smell (odor) that comes out from the pit latrine put a handful of ash into the pit each time after using it.
3. make use of a pit latrine for all members of the household
4. before using a potty put some ash or leaves into it and dispose off feces from the potty into a latrine including babies feces
5. Put used toilet tissue or pieces of paper into latrine
6. To always feel comfortable while using a pit latrine and have your privacy at all times, maintain the pit latrine when maintenance is needed.
7. Never forget to wash hands with ash or soap and water after using latrine
8. (To make a hand washing facility(tippy-tap) from locally made materials, please see the attached card)