

25 Waste disposal and clean-up campaigns

OVERVIEW



Animal faeces around houses and in the village increase the number of flies and insects that carry the germs that cause diseases and contaminate water sources.

Rubbish can attract rodents and create a breeding area for flies and mosquitoes.

What you need to KNOW

- ➔ Animal faeces around houses and in the village increase flies and insects that carry germs, cause diseases and contaminate water sources.
- ➔ Mosquitoes that carry malaria and dengue fever breed in standing water.
- ➔ Rubbish should be burned or buried.
- ➔ Vegetation should be cleared from river banks or ponds near the village.
- ➔ Latrines should always be used.
- ➔ The area around the water source (pumps, wells) should be kept clean.



*Tell community members the importance of keeping their community clean. This includes houses, latrines, etc.
Organize regular clean-up campaigns.*

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What you can DO

- ➔ Work with traditional and political leaders, the village health committee and other community partners to assess "clean-up" needs and to decide how to go about it.
- ➔ Help organize activities on the designated "clean-up" days.
- ➔ Ask community leaders to organize volunteer groups for each "clean-up" effort.
- ➔ Organize special clean-up days for all the community to participate in (twice a year or more often if possible).
- ➔ Organize community action to plan for a central garbage disposal area.
- ➔ Motivate and support the community to work together to:
 - ➔ Keep the community free of animal faeces.
 - ➔ Keep the community free of puddles and other water mosquito breeding areas.
 - ➔ Keep the community free of rubbish and waste (by burning or burying it).
 - ➔ Clean the area around water sources such as pumps and wells.
 - ➔ Create and maintain water soak pits around water sources.



Make sure to dispose of waste properly. This will help to protect the community from germs.