

Case study: Social Inclusion

The building of an inclusive toilet at the Health Care Facility in Darulate village, Lebua'e, sub-village of Liquiça villa Administrative post, Liquica Municipality.

Gina Remigia, 34, is a clinician currently working at Darulete Health Post and has shared her firsthand account of the transformation seen at the health care facility since the construction of inclusive toilets on site.

Gina had seen many times the problems cause by the facilities' lack of a proper toilet and clean water, as it caused great difficulties for patients when they need to use the toilet. Further, expectant mothers who came to the facility for delivery previously had to take their menstrual pads home to dispose of them, as there was nowhere at the facility to dispose of these safely.

Gina said:

“After WaterAid and its implementing partner supported our health care facility and constructed the inclusivity toilets, we the medical staffs are happy now and really appreciate the support provided and that patients who came for check-up can access the toilets of the facilities whenever they need.”

Gina also said that after the construction of the inclusive toilet was complete, the team also equipped the facilities with menstrual pads, buckets, mirrors and handwashing soaps. Following the completion of the construction, in September 2020, two pregnant mothers delivered their babies at the health care facility and utilised the provided pads at the facility, and disposed the used ones at the available incinerator.

Mana Joaquina, 39, a community member of Darulete village expressed her point of view on the changes in the health facility from a patient's perspective.

“In the past when we came here for a check-up, we found it difficult to ease ourselves because there were no toilets to be used at this facility, although we need to ease ourselves during our stay in the facility, we have to wait until we returned home, however when the inclusive toilet was established, we are happy because we have had enough toilets in our own health facilities”.



Dra. Gina Remigia, at Darulete Health Post,
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Sra. Joaquina, community from Darulete