

## Success Story - 1

### Set up of Temporary waste storage units

As per the SWM-SOP, a model GP should have the basic infrastructure for the implementation of SWM process such as Vehicle, Collection staffs, Waste Storage unit, Waste storage equipment, Safety equipment and record books.

In the Shivamogga Rural Project (SSA), Out of the 6 model (HUB) gram panchayats, the two GPs i.e., Nidige and Santhekadur did not have one of the main infrastructures, the Waste Storage unit. This is the main challenge and immediate action to be taken on priority because without storage unit waste cannot be stored. This made it difficult to start the waste collection. The project team discussed with the Panchayats, Taluk and Zilla panchayats as well and tried in all ways to establish the same. But the main problem found in establishing the storage unit was land availability in the GP territory.

Later it was suggested to have at least a temporary storage unit for dry waste storage in Panchayat for the time being until the permanent shed construction. This was discussed with respective panchayats, Taluk and Zilla panchayats also. Initially there was a bit of negligence from the panchayats but regular follow up with oral and written communication made the panchayat officials understand the need.

Later one more issue arose when the village people opposed the setting up of the temporary storage unit in one of the vacant buildings within the village. The village people think that the waste storage would be harmful for the health and produce a bad smell.

Team had several meetings with different community people in the Panchayats and convinced them that dry waste storage does not produce any bad odour and there is no harm to human health if it is stored properly. The support from Panchayat officials, PDOs, Taluk EO and SBM consultant of the district made the efforts result positive and the village community finally agreed for it.



## Nidige



## Santhekadur

Project team's continuous follow up and convincing the community along with local governing body members made this happen. Both Nidige and Santhekadur Gram Panchayats were finally set up temporary storage units in their respective GPs. One of the temporary storage units in both Nidige and Santhekadur GP was finalised with private property buildings. The project team along with local panchayats discussed with the property owners and convinced the owners on providing the premises for a social cause on a rent-free basis. Owners finally agreed to provide their premises for the GPs SWM.

The involvement of team Saahas in arranging temporary storage units in Nidige and Santhekadur Gram Panchayats is a good and important primary move as it is very important to start the waste collection process. Despite the challenges faced, Saahas was able to get the temporary storage units set up by having good rapport with the Panchayat officials, receiving their support, and convincing the community and storage unit premises owners. Thanks to all level officials of GP, TP and ZP Panchayats, PDOs, Presidents & members of respective panchayats, Saahas management team and SBM consultants to make this happen in spite of challenges.