A latrine may be even less expensive than you think!

There are many different types and prices of latrines based on what you want and can afford. The important thing is that they should separate human excreta from human contact.

Two common types of the latrine:

Superstructure (House):
How much does it cost?
How much does it cost?
Instructions

Objectives: to help households...

- Understand the true cost of an affordable latrine
- Think creatively about financing the latrine through savings, selling assets such as livestock, etc or a combination of the actions.
- The discussion of the prices will in many cases not be sufficient. The Frontline Worker should also be equipped to respond to possible objections by knowing how to respond using the suggested responses below.

Preparation:

- You may already know your target audience’s difficulties. The problems may be about their attitudes, environment, finances or their habits, etc. All of these matters affect decisions to build or buy a latrine. You should also be prepared to respond to possible objections by knowing how to respond logically.

Steps for leading the discussion:

Conduct this activity after the storytelling session is finished.

1. Show your audience the pictures of the two types of latrine (dry pit and pour flush) on the first page.
2. Explain there are two common kinds of the latrine and their structures (superstructure, slab and pit).
3. Ask them to think of anything that costs around 500,000 Kip.
4. Then, ask again if they can think of things they know of or have previously purchased that cost 500,000-750,000 Kip. If yes, what is it? How did they pay? (Savings? Borrow? Selling something?). Ask how much they think a simple latrine costs? Pay attention to what they say.
5. Next show them pictures of the items on pages 2-3 and ask what they see and how much each item costs. Point to each item one by one and ask the price of each. (Note: When visiting a household, try to notice items in the house, and what jobs the family members have. Do they have any additional jobs to earn extra income for their family? Ask them to compare the price of the items to the latrine).
6. Compare the cost of a simple pour flush latrine with a mobile phone, a TV satellite dish/receiver, animals... (the idea is to help them understand how the cost of buying latrine parts compares with these items).
7. Ask if they can build a simple latrine house. If yes, what kind of materials will they use?
8. Ask if they could save 500,000 Kip in the next 2-3 months from saving, selling rice and/or selling animals? If yes, how? If no, why?

No latrine = Adversity!