

## Overview

- Good sanitation is vital to stop the spread of many epidemics, such as diarrhoea and cholera .
- As volunteers, you can encourage members of the community to improve their sanitation by using latrines, disposing of rubbish and removing standing water.

## These are the most important sanitation initiatives for preventing disease

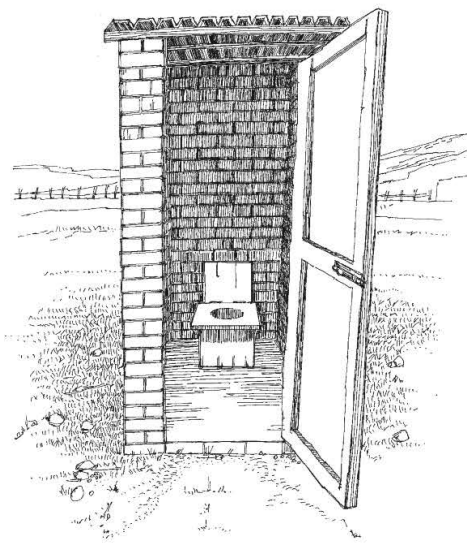
- Dispose of excreta (faeces) safely (by constructing latrines).
- Dispose of solid waste and rubbish safely.
- Bury corpses and destroy animal carcasses safely.
- Control disease vectors and protect people from them.
- Incinerate medical waste.
- Drain or remove waste water and standing water. (Camps should be designed with this in mind.)
- Promote hygiene and teach people how to keep themselves safe and clean.



*Talk to your community about proper sanitation practices*

## How do you support good sanitation?

- Promote the construction and use of latrines.
- Encourage the community to burn or bury rubbish.
- Mobilize the community to reduce standing water where mosquitoes are likely to breed.



*Safely dispose of waste. Build and properly use latrines. Community clean-up campaign.*

## Community messages

See the following community messages to support sanitation:

- 6 - Using a clean latrine
- 7 - Protecting yourself against mosquitoes
- 8 - Washing hands with soap
- 11 - Cleaning up places where mosquitos breed
- 23 - Encouraging safe sex practices in a community
- 27 - Keeping rodents out