PROMOTING FEMALE-FRIENDLY WATER AND SANITATION IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

FEMALES FIND COMMUNAL SANITATION UNSAFE AND UNHYGIENIC
- Communal toilets offer no privacy.
- Most toilets are poorly located in isolated areas.
- There are no locks on doors and no lights inside.
- Women and girls feel unsafe using toilets at night.
- Toilets are unhygienic and not kept clean.
- Females get infections because of dirty toilets, resulting in frequent clinic visits.
- Women accompany children, elderly and disabled persons increasing their exposure to risk.

THE WATER BURDEN USUALLY FALLS ON FEMALES
- Women and girls are mainly responsible for collecting water.
- They fetch water several times a day for cooking, cleaning and bathing.
- They walk to water points and sometimes wait in long queues.
- If there are no taps or water trucks, women usually walk to find water elsewhere.
- Taps located in isolated areas are unsafe.

HOW TO MAKE COMMUNAL SERVICES SAFER AND FEMALE-FRIENDLY

TALK TO RESIDENTS AND PRIORITISE FEMALE VOICES

INSTALL ENOUGH SERVICES TO MEET EVERYONE’S NEEDS

PROVIDE MORE PUBLIC LIGHTING

BRING SERVICES CLOSER TO WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

SEPARATE TOILETS FOR MALES AND FEMALES

PUT LOCKS ON TOILET DOORS AND LIGHTING INSIDE

LET WOMEN DECIDE ON THE SAFEST LOCATION FOR SERVICES

CLEAN TOILETS MORE FREQUENTLY