

CHANGING FOR MOHAMED OSMAN MAXMUD And HIS COMMUNITY MEMBER



Picture: Aridlife staff interviewing beneficiary in Elbanda village, Elwak district, Gedo

Mohamed Osman Maxmud, 36 years old is a resident of Elbanda village, Elwak district. He has been living here since his birth; he is the head of the household, with 6 female and 4 males. He's agro-pastoralist and mainly depend on livestock's products and casual labor as his main source of income to sustain his family.

Mohamed and his family used to the nearby bushes help themselves (Open derationed). Lack of privacy especially for Women, girls and elderly is a major problem especially at night in darkness by, the by passers.

Aridlife with funding for USAID and Mercy Corps constructed VIP latrines for the village. Mr Mohamed said;

“Before we used to go to nearby bushes to defecate or share with our neighbors which we sometimes feel shy or even the neighbors may refuse to be shared with but thanks to Aridlife and I really appreciate the support”.

He said the VIP latrines have restored their dignity, improved the environment hygiene sanitation of our village. He started that it was their first time to use pit latrines with solar light and hand washing facilities that means a lot to him and the villagers at large.

“Initially our family was practicing open defecation and polluting the environment, today we no long go out for nature call, our female privacy is protected” He quoted.

However, there is need for more latrines the sharing ratio latrine population is high and half of the communities' population have no access to household latrines.