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Construction of a Community Sanitation Facility with financial support by Grace Impact together with Amref Health Africa

Amref Health Africa, with its partnership with Grace Impact, is finalizing the construction of a community sanitation facility with the necessary conditions of healthiness, hygiene and safety that will provide basic toilet and hand washing points, to hundreds of people living in sub-city.

Women and children, the most vulnerable of the population, will be able to benefit the most of such basic hygiene service. A big thank you for Grace Impact for bringing lasting health changes in our communities!



Elinesh Teka is a 57-year-old woman living in Woreda 3 of Addis Ababa's Akaki Kality sub city. She lives within a compound with 62 residents across 12 households. Despite the crowdedness, she describes her home as warm and communal.

However, for many years, the residents did not have access to a safe latrine near their homes. The nearest was a broken toilet several kilometers away. The walk was unsafe and challenging for children and women, and the elderly, and upon arrival, the toilet facilities lacked privacy making it an embarrassing experience. Sometimes, residents felt so fearful using the toilet that they resorted to using a portable potty or traveling even further away to defecate outside instead. The women, in particular, suffered immensely because of this unsafe access to sanitation facilities.