



Tanks and Toilets

Budget: \$19,520. \$15,000 funded.

Update: Many people living in central Sulawesi are very poor, barely surviving on subsistence agriculture. The government provides few services, the roads are in poor condition and school attendance is low as children are required to work on the family farm to survive. Access to clean water and toilets will significantly improve the living conditions in this area. This project is community-based.

On September 28, 2018, a devastating earthquake and tsunami struck northern Sulawesi causing the deaths of 4000+ people. The natural disaster delayed commencement of the project until February 2019 when the soil was more stable and limited resources were once more available and had returned to a reasonable sale price.

The project started slowly as the local villagers were learning the skills needed to construct the toilets. Skilled construction workers are scarce in the area and when they weren't available, work would stop, delaying the timing of the project. Furthermore, some members of the group who had finished building their toilets were unwilling to help complete the unfinished toilets, adding to the delay.

When Entrust CEO and Chair visited the project, it was evident that there was tension amongst the management team and so issues were discussed and a new project manager was appointed. With a new leadership team, the village has demonstrated a renewed commitment and desire to build their tanks and toilets in order to increase hygiene and productivity. Some of the village members are now using their own resources to help build their family's toilets. To date, 17 toilets have been built (picture, above right) and the construction teams are planning to build the remaining toilets and tanks in the next 6 months.

Thank you for your part in making this project possible.

