

THE DIGNITY PROJECT

**COMPLETION OF SANITATION WORKS
AT WONDERKIDS SCHOOL, INDIA**

April 2026



In January, The Dignity Project (TDP) received a grant of \$2,470 from Australia’s Reece Group Foundation Ltd. to upgrade the sanitation infrastructure at Wonderkids English Medium School in Khajuraho, India. Wonderkids is TDP’s key education project, located in the rural city of Khajuraho and the beneficiaries of the sanitation works are the school community of 195 people, including a

student cohort of approximately 180 plus teachers and ancillary staff of 15. The project was designed to provide critical infrastructure needed to promote and ensure a healthy and hygienic school environment. The project has now been completed. Below is a summary of the works undertaken as a result of the grant and a description of the impact it has in the community.

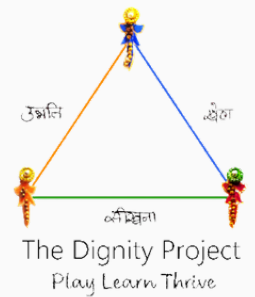


Improvement	Problem it solves
Installation of a 3-tap handwashing station outside the student toilets with formal plumbing.	Students are no longer washings hands in shared buckets and dirty wastewater does not sit on the ground. Also, a reduction in manual labour for female staff who were previously filling and carrying heavy buckets.
Establishment of a large dishwashing station at the TDP community kitchen with taps, plumbing and drainage.	Pots, pans, cups and cooking utensils no longer sit on the ground outside the kitchen and in the student assembly area waiting to be washed. Dishes are now washed in a formal sink and wastewater and kitchen runoff now removed by proper drainage. This reduces the risk of contamination to kitchen equipment and helps maintain food hygiene.
Installation of a water tank to supply new taps at handwashing and dishwashing stations.	Supplies dishwashing and handwashing stations – ensuring continuous water to maintain hygiene standards. Female staff no longer required to fill buckets for toilets, handwashing and kitchen. Additionally, improves safety as large hoses which pose a trip hazard no longer lying around.
Installation of pipes and new taps in all toilets.	Running water now available in all toilets to support improved hygiene and reduce labour on female staff.
Addition of formal drainage and plumbing on the property connected to the kitchen and handwashing area.	Removes wastewater from kitchen and handwashing area through formal infrastructure, improving hygiene at both areas. Reduces the risks from stale and dirty water pooling and sitting at the school and reduces mosquitoes and other insects from being present, lessening disease risk. Improves the visual appeal of school as no wastewater pooling in school areas and on the school grounds.
Relocating RO water system to the kitchen from a storage facility in the office.	Allows kitchen staff and school staff faster and easier access to clean drinking and cooking water, reduces disruptions caused by accessing water in the storage room in the main office and reduces physical labour for female kitchen staff.

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These projects provide much-needed critical infrastructure at Wonderkids school and will greatly improve the hygiene levels for the school community. By improving the water sanitation infrastructure at Wonderkids we help create healthier communities, support the work of our Thrive Community Kitchen that provides meals every day to school students and staff and continue our efforts to promote school attendance and education. These works help our efforts to support students to play, learn and thrive.

We are deeply thankful to Reece Group Foundation for its support and the grant.

Madelene Pearson,
TDP Chair



“Before the installation of the sanitisation system—whenever children washed their hands or cleaned their lunchboxes—water would spill everywhere, leading to a fly infestation. This filth used to spread throughout the premises. Now, thanks to this system, the entire school remains clean. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who provided us with this financial assistance.” (Ganesh Tiwari, Principal, Wonderkids School)

(L-R) Ganesh Tiwari, Wonderkids Principal; Madelene Pearson, TDP Chair; Lincoln Harris, TDP Secretary.