

## Gender aspects across the PTM cycle

The following aspects are critical gender related aspects to be covered in different stages of a public or community toilet life cycle

Project Cycle	Relevant Gender Activities	Gender Criteria/Needs					
		Access	Privacy, dignity	Safety	Menstrual hygiene	Main-tenance	Aware-ness-
Location	Toilet complexes in safe and highly visible places	X	X				
	Toilets located within reasonable walking distance	X		X			
Design outside the toilet	Entrance to the toilet complex should be in good condition, highly visible and have adequate lighting on the approach road as also inside the toilet. The steps should not be broken or damaged to enable access for women who are pregnant, old or differently-abled.	X		X			
	Separate entrances for men and women.		X	X			
Design inside the toilet	Adequate space in waiting area for women to stand in queue.	X					
	Working door locks, latches(on the inside) and hooks on toilet doors, Doors should be in good condition (not damaged and weather proofed).		X	X			
	Provision of bins (in each cubicle) & proper disposal mechanism for sanitary napkins.		X		X		
Support services	Toilet windows (including ventilators) and roofs should not compromise women's privacy.		X				
	24-hours/day supply of electricity. In case it is irregular, there should be an alternate source.			X			
Management of toilets	Ensure that there is enough water for usage and cleaning in toilets/Wash basins, working flush systems, working mechanical ventilation doors are in place..				X	X	
	Toilets should be operational 24 hours.	X	X	X	X		
	User charges to be displayed at the entrance at all times.	X					X
	Female caretakers for maintenance of toilets for women.		X	X	X	X	
	Women should be involved in shaping and making the institutional arrangements (for ex. such as selection of sites).					X	X
	Standards have to be established (a regular maintenance and cleaning regime/check list e.g. cubicles cleaned, trash bins emptied, floor cleaned, supplies refilled) and monitored to assure women that the toilets are hygienic.					X	X
	Contact number for complaints and help-line to be displayed, , for women and children should be set up (if not existing already).			X		X	X
Know How	Public-education campaigns by the Municipality and toilet education material (IEC) to be displayed inside toilets.						X