

ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL DRY ECOLOGICAL SANITATION

Beiliu People's Government

Beiliu is located in the southeast of Guangxi province, China, with an area of 2,457 square kilometers. It includes 23 towns with a total population of 1,186 thousand. From the beginning of this year, under the directions of higher government and with the support of health department, Beiliu has been implementing the "Ecological Homeland To Enrich People Plan" of Ministry of National Agriculture. Referring to the experience and advanced technology from home and abroad, we energetically promote the rural dry ecological sanitation and have made some initial progress.

Primary Achievements

The project gains support from the people involved with a good beginning and develops rapidly with high efficiency.

1. *Develop rapidly.* From March to June of this year, the city has established 3,316 dry sanitation units and the number of users is up to 12,000. By December of this year, it is predicted that there will be 10,000 dry sanitation units in use.
2. *Improve the rural environment.* Dry sanitation adopts different ways to collect and treat human excreta hygienically to reduce the amount of insects, such as mosquitoes and flies and so on. The ecological method validly controls infectious diseases.
3. *Advance the cultural and ideological development in rural area.* The promotion of dry sanitation changes the rural people's concept about sanitation step by step and urges them to abolish the traditional way of collecting excreta.

Primary Measures

1. The government attaches great importance to the project. The city and town authorities have set up their own leading organization and make clear that the chief of party and government are responsible for it. Then according to the goal of project, the authorities distribute the responsibility to the lower offices, finally to the farmers who are enthusiastic about dry sanitation.
2. Promote the project in all kinds of ways, trying to establish a positive atmosphere. For our city, dry sanitation is a new concept. So we promote it by using the press, posters, broadcasts, handbooks, TV shows etc. A solid promotion foundation has been established.
3. Promote with demonstration of dry sanitation. At the beginning of this year, we first selected several towns as pilot demonstration spots. Meanwhile, we delegated some technicians to the towns as instructors.
4. Establish related policies to facilitate the work. On the one hand we make full use of upper construction and waste land to build dry sanitation without charging the land regulation fee. On the other hand we adopt the investing method of the households paying the main portion while the government subsidized some part of it.
5. on technology training and establish the service system. In order to guarantee well built dry sanitation units and to reduce the economic burden of the users, we stress the establishment of technology training teams. Since the beginning of this year we have held 24 training courses for construction technology and have trained 1,500 persons.
6. Promote with close coordination. After the government has made the decision to develop dry sanitation, the authorities at all the levels actively coordinate with the government, trying best to implement their responsibilities.

Primary Experience

In the process of practicing and promoting dry sanitation, we obtained some experience as follows:

1. The key element is the attention from leaders (“political will”). The promotion of dry sanitation exerts great influence on homestead construction and modernization of rural areas. Only when leaders attach great importance to it and it is carried out as with encouragement and supervising will it take be effective.
2. The premise is cognition for the concept of dry sanitation. The rural officials are the promoters and the peasants are the team of constructors. It is very important for them all to understand the benefits of dry sanitation and how it works.
3. The guarantee is technical service. Only through strengthening technical training with multiple ways and training a big team of technicians, can we guarantee the building quality of dry sanitation.
4. The activator is the policy support. Favorable policies, support from related sectors and the technical team at hand will inspire the people to build dry sanitation with enthusiasm.
5. Developing the project intensively in key areas instead of spreading it thinly over large areas is the best way. After that, we can promote it for all the people in the every corner of our city.

The Next Step

1. Enhance support. Perfect the preferential complete supply policy gradually, make financing from multiple channels and keep on bringing dry sanitation building outlay into finance budget.
2. Enlarge technical training teams. Make full use of various adult education facilities and technical schools and train people so that they will be able to build and operate dry sanitation and improve its quality.
3. Take care arranging good site meetings to popularize the project. The municipal government plans to hold a city-wide meeting in Xinyu Town in August this year so as to promote the project.
4. Make full use of the function of the sanitary office. The sanitary office keeps on playing an important role in assisting the municipal government supervising the project and offering reasonable advice.
5. Administer supervisory and statistical reporting tasks. Carry out the system of reporting per ten days and summarize monthly. Each quarter the municipal government will dispatch working groups for supervision, publish circulars throughout the city and form an atmosphere of learning and.