



We Had To Do It For The Boys too!

Rotary Club of Accra – Ring Road Central provide pupils of Dodowa Presby Basic School with toilet facilities.



When the collaborative effort of another charity organization provided the girls of Dodowa Presby Basic School with toilet facilities in response to a

request for assistance so as to enable and encourage girl children to go to school, especially during their menstrual periods, the boys felt left out. Rotary International came to the rescue and provided similar facilities for the boys as part of a project in the district. Rotary International (RI) in partnership with the USAID aims at supporting lasting, positive change to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives in Ghana through the implementation of the 5-year RI-USAID Water & Sanitation Project. This is a unique public-private partnership in which Rotary volunteers work with USAID and governmental agencies as monitors, facilitators, mentors, advocates and also as instructors in communities, schools and clinics. The overall goal of the project is to accelerate sustainable improvement in water and sanitation access and improve hygiene behaviours in some targeted communities 14 districts in 7 regions – GAR, Eastern, Western, Oti, Central, Northern and Savannah.

So with the money left from the water project in the area under this programme, the Rotary club of Accra – Ring Road Central and RI/USAID team decided to put up an eight-seater biofil toilet facility for the boys in the school. The **Biofil™** Standalone is an all-in-one unit that offers an onsite water closet and digester. The biofilm digester is a simple compact on-site organic waste treatment system that uniquely combines the benefits of the flush toilet system and those of the composting toilets and eliminates the disadvantages and drawbacks of both systems. With the option of a micro flush seat, the user simply presses a foot pedal to release the waste into a digester housed directly beneath the seat. The unit utilizes the water from each hand washing (as little as 500ml) to flush the toilet for the next user. This unit is ideal for areas with no or limited access to water.

The Director for Education in the district, Mrs Elizabeth Awoonor-Williams, in her welcome note, was pleased with determination and efforts of RI-USAID in providing water and sanitation project in the area and in the school and offered her continuous support throughout the project.

In her address, the Rotarian President Roma Puni expressed her satisfaction of being able to provide such purposeful facility for the school especially in these times when sanitation and hygiene was extremely important. She emphasised the need for the facility to be maintained properly by both the pupils and the school authority. This was what Rotary aimed to achieve at all times. This way, the well-being and subsequently the education of the pupils will be improved.

With the assistance of the Director of Education, Rotary club of Accra – Ring Road Central formally handed the eight-seater biofil toilet facility to the school authorities at Dodowa Presby Basic School.

We strongly believe this facility for the pupils will serve the entire school well, enhancing education and general well being of the students.