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Toilets Making the Grade® -

# Towards Safe Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools

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## Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, Colleagues and Friends,

As patron of the "Toilets Making the Grade" school competitions, I would like to thank all participants and the organisers for their commitment to this important issue!

Clean toilets and good hygiene are at the heart of a safe learning environment. Whether you are old or young, rich or poor – everyone needs to use a toilet. It is a human right to have access to safe sanitation!

Nonetheless, more than 600 million children worldwide still do not have basic sanitation at their schools and it is my sincere wish that we overcome this challenge fast!

"Toilets Making the Grade" is an excellent approach, as it empowers students and teachers to talk about and analyse their own situation – developing their own creative improvements.

The competitions were a big success story in 2019 – with more than 70,000 participants in Uganda and Pakistan. This time, it is our goal to think even bigger and achieve even more.

Germany intends to provide ongoing support to this idea and will increase the budget for the school competitions in the future. With continued success, we hope to make this concept available to more countries through further partners.

I wish everyone involved in "Toilets Making the Grade" good luck and great success! May the very best ideas be brought to light - in a competition where all participants are winners!

### **Dr. Maria Flachsbarth – Patron of TMG in Germany**

Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (retired)





## Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to support the “Toilets Making the Grade” school competitions in our schools. I am excited about the uniqueness of this competition which addresses everyone at school and brings them together to work on solutions for challenges related to water, sanitation and hygiene.

With better cleanliness and hygiene in our schools, we will learn in a healthier environment which enables to perform better! There is a direct interconnection between school attendance, health, adequate school toilets and proper hand-washing. Therefore, it is so crucial to improve the sanitation and hygiene situation of our schools.

I was so electrified about the first TMG school competition in Pakistan that took place in Balochistan in 2018/19 under the leadership of the Department of Education. It was a great success with memorable events.

As your participation is the driver of success, I wish you good ideas and excitement during the development of your proposals and I look forward to seeing the creativity, innovativeness and teamwork in your schools.

Thank you!

**Ayesha Bano**

Member of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly



# Toilets Making the Grade<sup>®</sup> - A Competition where all Participants are Winners

- 💧 **Toilets Making the Grade<sup>®</sup> (TMG)** is a methodology which incentivizes school actors to improve their school's sanitation with minimal external input. As a school competition, it triggers teamwork between management, administration, parents, pupils and maintenance staff. The teams receive an inspirational packet with methods to self-analyse their school sanitation challenges and develop own solutions. The school with the best ideas and effective improvements wins the competition.
- 💧 Many of these solutions target operation and maintenance of school WASH facilities, like blocked toilet pipes or provision of soap and a coherent concept including funding of activities.
- 💧 Ideally the competition is run by the government, which benefits from a new perspective of school WASH through the preparation and judging process.
- 💧 The methodology was developed by the German Toilet Organization (GTO) for Germany and adapted to different contexts. TMG was piloted in Uganda and Pakistan in collaboration with Sanitation for Millions (GIZ), a global programme aiming at the improvement of access to safe sanitation and hygiene especially for vulnerable groups.



# A creative and playful way to safe sanitation and hygiene



- 💧 Fostering common awareness for the importance of sanitation and hygiene with all school stakeholders and the public
- 💧 Facilitating self-assessments of schools concerning their sanitation and hygiene situation
- 💧 Motivating self-improvements for making school toilets a more pleasant place
- 💧 Contributing to a better learning environment
- 💧 Protecting infrastructure investments through better use and maintenance, easing the financial burden on local authorities
- 💧 Improving the local authorities' ability for WASH related inter-departmental inspections







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