

# Sanitation-related Quality of Life Index (SanQoL-5)

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## Sanitation location filter question<sup>1</sup>

The last time you went to defecate, where did you go?

- A. In a toilet or latrine (go to Table A)
- B. Not in a toilet or latrine / open defecation (go to Table B)

## A. SanQoL-5 questions for toilet users

**Preamble:** The following questions are about your sanitation experiences in the past **30 days**, meaning defecation, urination, and anything else you do in a toilet.

Questions	Response categories		
1. How often do you feel disgusted while using the toilet?	Never	Sometimes	Always
2. How often do you worry that the toilet spreads diseases?	Never	Sometimes	Always
3. How often do you worry about being seen while using the toilet?	Never	Sometimes	Always
4. How often do you feel ashamed about using the toilet?	Never	Sometimes	Always
5. How often do you feel unsafe while using the toilet?	Never	Sometimes	Always

\* If less literate respondents struggle with a question, it can be reformulated as “Do you feel disgusted while using the toilet? How often?”

## B. SanQoL-5 questions for open defecation

**Preamble:** The following questions are about your sanitation experiences in the past **30 days**, focusing on defecation.

Questions	Response categories		
1. How often do you feel disgusted while practising open defecation?	Never	Sometimes	Always
2. How often do you worry that practising open defecation spreads diseases?	Never	Sometimes	Always
3. How often do you worry about being seen while practising open defecation?	Never	Sometimes	Always
4. How often do you feel ashamed about practising open defecation?	Never	Sometimes	Always
5. How often do you feel unsafe while practising open defecation?	Never	Sometimes	Always

\* If less literate respondents struggle with a question, it can be reformulated as “Do you feel disgusted while practising open defecation? How often?”



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<sup>1</sup> Some studies will already include a question about usual sanitation location, in which case this filter can be excluded.