

World Toilet Organisation to help poor with sanitation

The Singapore-based World Toilet Organisation has been given a US\$140,150 (\$196,769) grant from New York's Rockefeller Foundation to grow its work in helping to solve the sanitation problems of the world's poor.

The Networks for Urban Innovation grant was presented to the non-profit group for challenging the traditional charity model of simply donating toilets to poor communities, and advocating instead for market-based solutions.

The group said it found that many donated toilets often go unused by the communities they were meant to benefit, so it instead provides them with quality toilets at affordable prices through local enterprises.