

## How Do We Pick Communities?

PSH is committed to not blindly partner with communities without doing our due diligence to ensure that the partnership will actually be beneficial for the community and sustainable by the community. These items below act as guidelines that help PSH determine whether or not a partnership with a particular community is in the best interest of the community.

**1 – Clean Water/Sanitation and Microloans:** The investments PSH makes in communities will help advance these two initiatives – access to clean water/sanitation and microloans. The goal is for 100% of the community to have access to safer water and better sanitation facilities and also for 100% of the eligible members of the community to have access to credit and small business loans.

**2 – Comprehensive Baseline study:** Every community will undergo a baseline study to help PSH get an idea of the socioeconomic status of the community. This will give us good insight into the community's strengths and weaknesses so that we can better align our investments with the community's strengths.

**3 – Investment Recommendations:** Upon completion of the baseline study, we will review a detailed list of the recommendations (that align with advancing item 1) from the local organization and community members.

**4 – Community Capacity:** Community members need to demonstrate they have the capacity to manage the investments made in the community. This will ensure sustainability and eventual ownership of investments by community members. Community members will also understand that this is a long term partnership and that development will not happen overnight.

**5 – Demonstrated Need:** Partnering communities must demonstrate needs that fall into PSH's focus. PSH cannot be effective if our mission is broad, so we will focus tightly on clean water and sanitation and microloan efforts and not stray from that vision.

**6 – Local Organization Presence:** There must be a local organization that will serve as a conduit between PSH and the community. The responsibilities of this local organization will be to:

- Build relationships with the community
- Work with the community to build its capacity to own specific investments
- Update PSH on the progress of the community development