



International development: challenges for a world in transition

Children as agents of change

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Twelve year old Sulfa goes home with the weight of new responsibilities on her shoulders.

Mother (*subtitles*)

What did you learn today?

Sudhar (*subtitles*)

About child-to-child

Mother (*subtitles*)

What does that mean?

Sulfa (*subtitles*)

They taught us about cleanliness.

Mother (*subtitles*)

What sort of cleanliness?

Sulfa (*subtitles*)

Cleanliness of the environment, covering toilets; digging latrines...covering food

Mother (*subtitles*)

Are you going to apply all this?

Sulfa (*subtitles*)

Yes.

Sudhar Bhuchar

Somewhat to her family's amusement, Sulfa does start to apply her new knowledge.

Washing a toddler's hands may not seem like much, but right now in her own household Sulfa's an agent of change.

Some minutes later Sulfa's mother does what she's never done before. After firing up the stove with some of her precious charcoal she puts on a pot of drinking water, so it can boil.