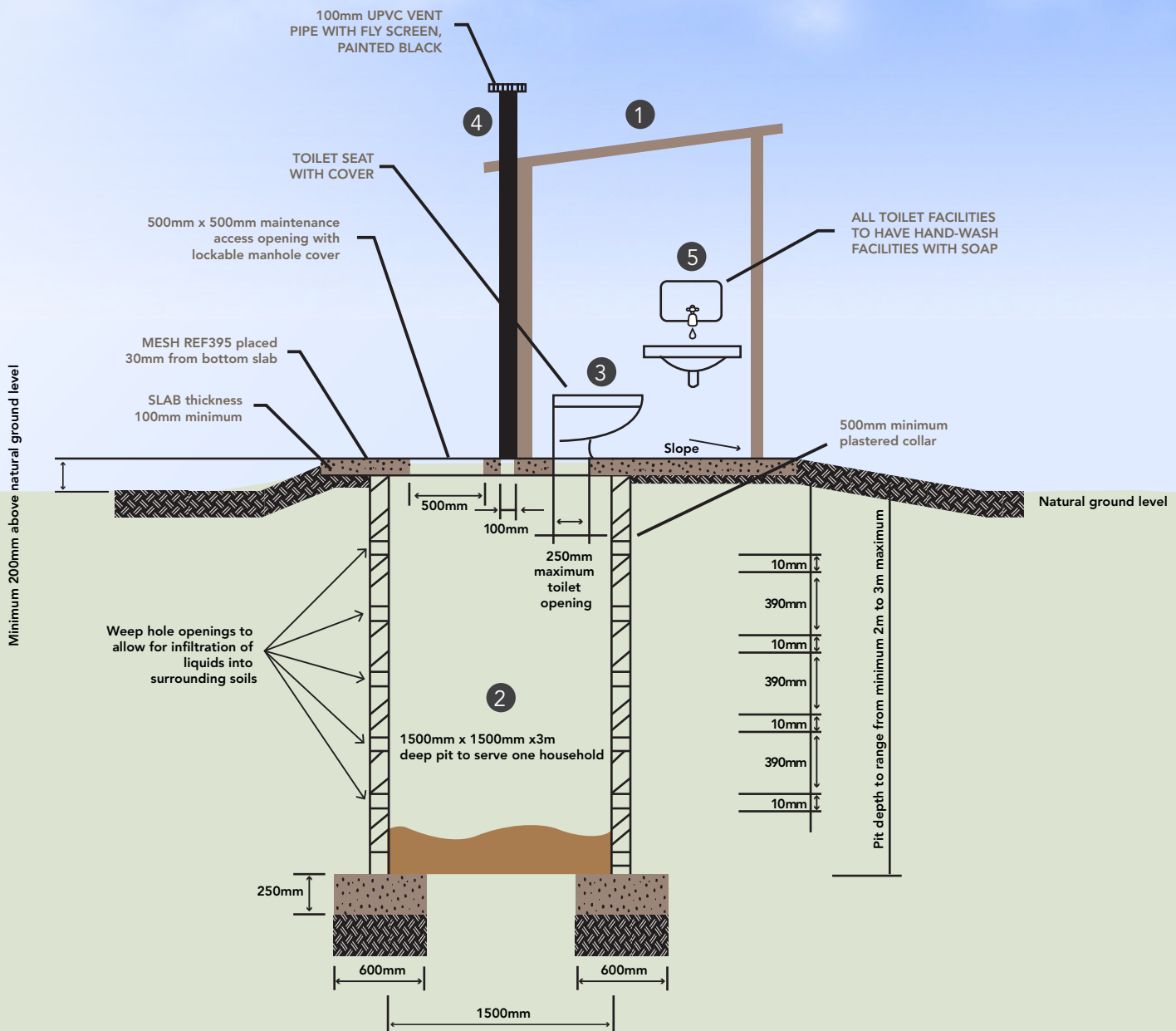




STANDARD PIT LATRINE DESIGN AND MATERIAL

As a temporary emergency measure to contain the Hepatitis E outbreak, all residents in Hepatitis E affected areas without connection to the sewer system or access to communal toilets are encouraged to build their own pit latrines according to the guidelines presented here. Latrines can be for individual households or shared between two to four households.



1 STRUCTURE:
Latrine structure designed and built with appropriate local materials

2 PIT:
Should be 1.9m deep and 1m to 1.5m round or square

3 TOILET POT:
Toilet pot must have a cover, kept closed at all times and be child proof (the connection from the pot to the pit must be no more than 25cm in diameter)

4 VENTILATION:
Should have at least a 100mm wide plastic or metal ventilation pipe, painted black with a fly screen on top

5 HAND WASHING:
All toilet facilities should have hand-washing facilities with soap, with a soak away pit outside the latrine structure

City of Windhoek approved latrine building plans are available at your local constituency office. Make sure to get a copy and adhere to the required standards.



PREVENT HEPATITIS E

The Hepatitis E virus outbreak has been ongoing for the past two years and continues spreading through our communities. The Hepatitis E virus is linked to poor sanitation and poor personal hygiene practices.

As a temporary emergency measure, three actions need to be carried out at household and community levels to stop the spread of Hepatitis E. These three actions are fully endorsed by the City of Windhoek and Ministry of Health and Social Services.



1 ENSURE ACCESS TO A SAFE TOILET

As an alternative, either build your own latrine or a shared latrine between neighbours (See reverse of leaflet)

2 HAVE HAND WASHING FACILITIES

Wash your hands under running water and with soap **before** cooking and eating and **after** using the toilet, nappy change, house cleaning and attending to sick people



3 ENSURE SAFE WATER HANDLING AND STORAGE

Clean containers with soap before filling containers. Treat water that has been stored for longer than one week. Keep containers closed/covered at all times.

