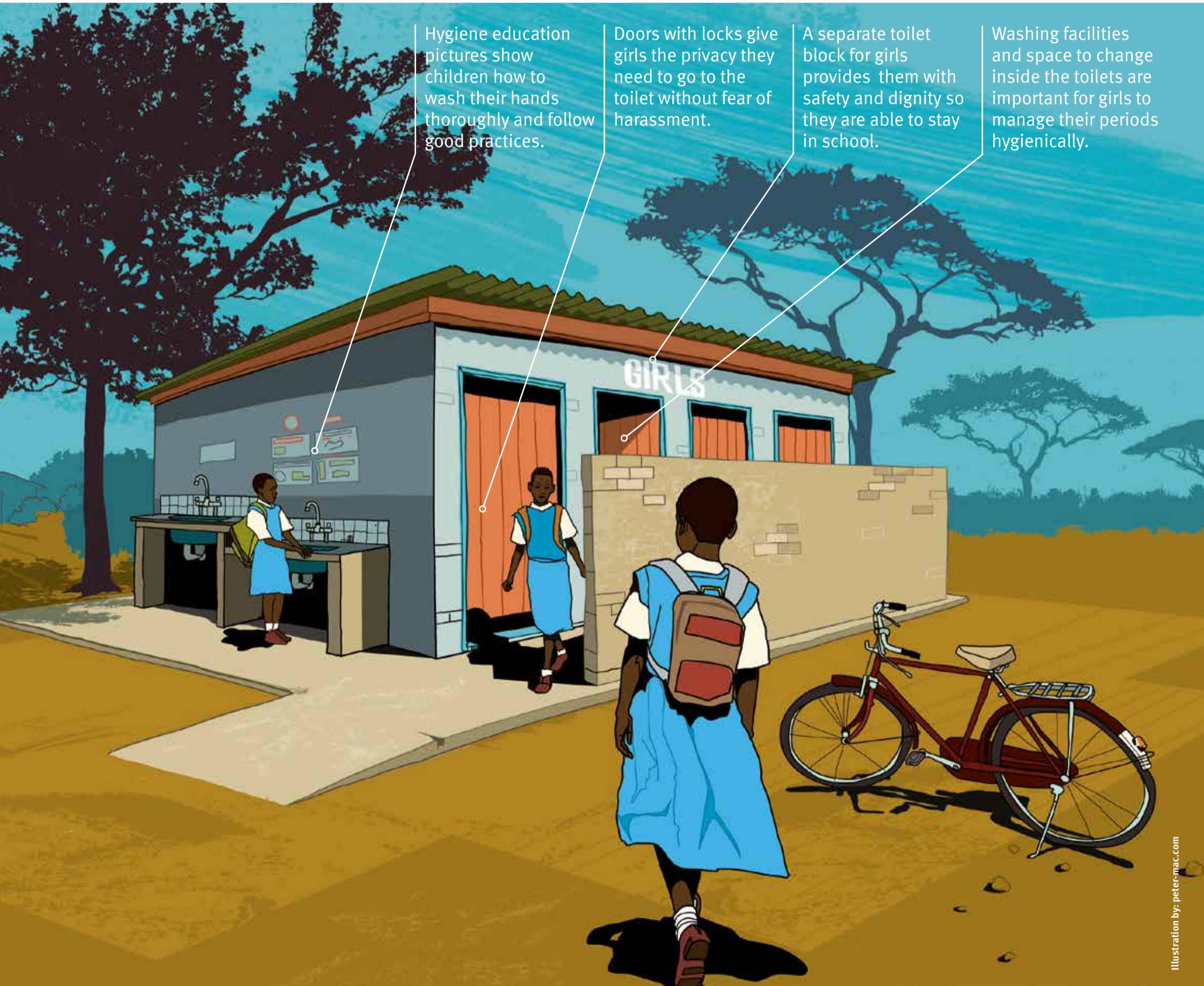


School toilets

With nowhere clean and private to go to the toilet at school, children and young people have no choice but to go in the open. Girls in particular suffer embarrassment and teasing. School toilets can mean the difference between getting an education and staying at home.

For adolescent schoolgirls, the basic facilities we take for granted are even more important. Toilets and washing areas allow young women to manage their periods hygienically, giving them the confidence to learn and get the education they deserve.



Hygiene education pictures show children how to wash their hands thoroughly and follow good practices.

Doors with locks give girls the privacy they need to go to the toilet without fear of harassment.

A separate toilet block for girls provides them with safety and dignity so they are able to stay in school.

Washing facilities and space to change inside the toilets are important for girls to manage their periods hygienically.

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“Before we got toilets we used to go in the fields. Sometimes I didn’t come to school as I didn’t want to have to go outside, especially when I had my period. Now I can come every day. I can study more and achieve more.”

Kamini, 15, R.P. Convent School, Kherwa, India