

Community participation to Ensure the Sustainability of Drinking Water

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PARMARTH...

- Established in 1995-96
- Registered under Society Registration Act 1860

Mission - Empowering deprived & vulnerable communities through information, education & organization for their better access to rights & entitlements

Parmarth's Out reach

States	02 [Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh]
Districts	06 - Jalaun, Jhansi, Hamirpur, Lalirpur (U.P) & Teekamgarh, Chhatarpur (M.P)
Blocks	12 [9 blocks (UP) & 3 blocks (MP)]
Panchayats	136
Villages	205
Populations	297450

Parmarth's Intervening Area



Problems of Bundelkhand region

- Depletion of Livelihood sources
- Water crisis especially during summer season as well as during drought period
- Lack of irrigation facility
- Disaster Vulnerability
- High rate of Migration increases the vulnerability of women, children and elderly person
- Poor Health & low literacy
- Low production as well as gain in agriculture
- Undeveloped Infra structure like roads, electricity, W&S services, transportation & communication facilities.

PANI PANCHAYATs : Some Remarkable Features

- The project has created space for women mainly of SCs / STs groups in the project areas and organized them into PANI PANCHAYAT.
- Today, 96 PANI PANCHAYATs' with 2150 members (1972 women & 178 men) was formed in 60 panchayats of project area.
- Total of 687 meetings of PANI PANCHAYAT were organized at the village level and on an average 70 % of members attended in these meetings.
- The project has been also building capacities & skills of the representatives of PANI PANCHAYAT and equipping them with appropriate information in a way so that they will confidently present the issues related to water & sanitation on behalf of affected communities to authorities.
- PANI PANCHAYAT members also started participating in their respective Gram Sabha meetings and presented the issues related to water & sanitation for incorporation in the panchayat plans.
- PANI PANCHAYAT representatives collectively raised total of 148 diversified issues during the reporting period.

Creation of the Jal Saheli Network:

The organization has been also enhancing their technical skills / knowledge on water & sanitation issues and endowing them with community mobilization, lobbying & liasioning, campaigning & advocacy processes.

- Total of 201 Jal Saheli with 61 % representation of SCs / STs groups were identified in the project areas.
- The project has built the capacity of 91 Jal Sahelis during the reporting period by imparting structural capacity building training programme.
- Jal Saheli facilitating the processes for organizing the community and taking led roles in voicing on related issues.
- Jal Sahelis are collecting relevant information on related issues and utilized it in the interest of community members.
- Total of 81 Jal Sahelis took initiatives and raised the concerns of women especially of their water & sanitation rights, women rights and social security schemes.

Community based organization

- PANI PANCHAYAT – The organization is facilitating community process in formation of 134 Pani panchayats in different regions of organization's intervening area
- JAL SAHELISs – Two Women Cadre has been identified from each village who are called “JAL SAHELI”. Total of 201 Jal Saheli with 61 % representation of SCs / STs groups were identified in the project areas

Community Efforts.. Village Himmatpura

- Village Himmatpura is situated in Madhaugarh block of district jalaun. The village consists 54 No of HHs with total population of 364 Due to regular drought in this village, villagers have to suffer drinking water crisis, as in summer season, the drinking water sources as hand pumps, wells used to dry and didn't give water. The basic cause of dried hand pumps was the depletion of ground water table. Seeing this situation,
- Parmarth along with support of community made a check dam in the village in year 2005 that stores the rain water and recharges the ground water. Further with the support of community, organization also established a Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting in the year of 2007 which further promoted ground water recharging.
- The community participated in every step of planning, implementation & monitoring of these structures.
- As the result, today the village has 7 hand pumps & 2 wells as source of drinking water and they always gives water through out the year.
- Almost 364 Villagers are now getting drinking water in sustainable manner. The community is contributing in well management of these structures as well drinking water sources

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Community Efforts.. Village Bangayan

- Gram Panchayat Bangai is located in Jatara block of district Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh. The village has 124 families with population of 661. The village has only 5 HPs and 1 well to meet the drinking water need in the village. There are also 2 Chandela ponds for water storage & ground water recharging purpose. One of these ponds, Budhasagar faced seepage problem due to which pond could not store water and ground water was depleting day by day. Every year, the people of Bangai, had to face acute water shortage in summer season and this also led to migration.
- The villagers organized themselves, and both men and women participated voluntarily (shramdaan) to repair the seepage problem. 85 people made labor contribution one day and also provided stone as material contribution. Rest of material support was provided by project.
- Then technical estimate was prepared for repairing of this pond. The community members were made responsible for purchasing of material, implementation of work, financial & physical monitoring of the complete work.
- As a result of this collective community effort, today the water has been protected in pond around in 15 acre area. The ground water got recharged, today all hand pumps of village are giving water and the well has sufficient water.
- By this pond, 281.5 acre land has been irrigated directly through pond and 400 acre land has got irrigation facilities due to other irrigation sources recharged through this pond.
- The community is very happy with their fruitful collective action.

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Community Efforts.. Kalothara

- Village Kalothara is situated in district Lalitpur of Bundelkhand region. The village has 124 HHs comprising 746 population. The villagers had to depend only 3 hand pumps for drinking purpose out of them, 2 are non-functional and one was giving meetha paani. Due to not having good water quality, the villager had to suffer many water born diseases.
- The community complaint for this many times but no action was taken by government authority. Then Parmarth facilitated the community members for repairing of these hand pumps to solve out their problems.
- The community organized and decided to solve their problem with their collective action. They contributed jointly for repairing of these three hand pumps. One hand pump has also been newly installed in village by project with participation of community.
- In repairing of these hand pumps, community contributed almost Rs 3500/- and also contributed labor contribution in cleaning the water logging around the hand pumps.
- Today all 124 HHs of village are getting safe drinking water and are free from water born diseases up to much extent.

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Conclusion:

Overall, it was observed that Jal Sahelis are playing the roles of change makers in the project areas and taking lead role in establishing women first right over water. Jal Saheli are also contributing in ensuring accessibility over due entitlements of social security schemes, basic services and other government programme like MGNREGA, etc

Thank You !!!