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Water For People-India Trust

Preface

In the year 2013–14, Water For People India Trust implemented water supply, sanitation and hygiene projects in 11 communities and 4 schools in Bihta block of Patna district, Sheohar district in Bihar and Haldia block of East Medinipur district in West Bengal. The trust activities were under taken with the support and the partnership of Molson Coors Cobra, TATA chemicals and Government departments. The project aimed to increase access to improved drinking water and sanitation services to the communities and school children. The provision of drinking water access to community involves renovation of existing defunct bore well hand pumps, instillation of new bore well hand pumps, construction of platform with soak pit, testing of water quality and formation of user's committee. The school WASH program involves construction of separate sanitary facilities for boys and girls, provision of running water, hand washing stations, change room, access to sanitary napkin & disposal system and formation of student based WATSAN committee for the operation & maintenance of WASH infrastructure. Apart from providing drinking water and sanitation infrastructure, the emphasis was given on promoting hygienic practices among schools children and communities.

With the support of South 24 Parganas district Administration, Jalabandhu - the mobile hand pump mechanics program was also continued in 5 blocks. In order to bring increased ownership of the project among the community and the government dedicated efforts were made to mobilize matching contribution from the users and the Government.

Community water supply project

Robust community participation in the whole process from site selection to establishing O & M system across communities and schools have been mobilized. The activities for community water supply project involves mapping of existing issues and problem related to drinking water, prioritizing the communities for the intervention in consultation with block administration and Gram Panchayats, sharing the role and responsibilities of users to sustain the facility, establishing operation and maintenance committees and training them to own and sustain the facilities created.



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School water, sanitation and hygiene (SWASH) project.

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3600 children benefitted in all the three operational areas due to WASH intervention in schools. Apart from creating facilities of water and sanitation, an intensive hygiene education has been carried out



throughout the year to equip the school children with knowledge of better hygiene habits. An operation and maintenance committee has been established in all the schools for better operation and maintenance of the facilities.

Jalabandhus – Mobile hand pump mechanic program

With the support of District and Block Government, Jalabandhu program has been replicated in 5 Blocks of South 24 Parganas district. The project has been implemented through BITAN (local NGO) in 3 blocks namely Budgebudge-I & II and Kakdip. Water For People India Trust has directly implemented in Mathurapur – II and Basanti block. In 2013-14 the emphasis was given to upgrade the skill of Jalabandhus and bring market linkages for them. A trade license has been mobilized from respective Block and Gram Panchayts for Jalabandhus which enhance their access to government contract on water projects. On an average each jalabandhu earns on an average of Rs 3000/- to Rs 6000/-. Institutions mainly schools are also hiring Jalabandhus' services. The down time of the hand pumps have been significantly reduced in this area due to availability of Jalabandhus round the clock.



Outputs / immediate impact

A total of 2435 people in 11 communities gained access to improved drinking water services from the project. From the school WASH program a total of 3638 school children have gained access to improved drinking water and sanitation services and around 1000 adolescent girls gained access to change room, sanitary napkins and disposal facilities in the school. Intensive hygiene education and awareness program helped the children and communities in the operational areas to gain in-depth knowledge on safe and healthy hygiene practices. The emphasis was given to serve the communities those who lacked access to improve drinking water and sanitation services on a priority basis. The water and sanitation infrastructure created in 11 communities and 4 schools become a model in the areas in terms of unique infrastructure design, O & M and behavior change activities. The Jalabandhu project has impacted to the rural communities in two ways i.e (i) reducing down time of hand pump and (ii) providing livelihood to unemployed youths in the remote villages.

Particulars	Unit	Project areas	Population benefited
Installation of New Tube Wells	05	Bihta	930
	03	Sheohar	710
Restoration of Defunct tube wells	03	Sheohar	795
School water, sanitation and hygiene education	01	Bihta	610
	01	Sheohar	200
	02	Haldia	2828

Networking and resource mobilization event

Water For People India Trust (WFPIT) started its fundraising initiative by participating in the CII Eastern Region Meet, held at the Town Hall, Kolkata on 17th May 2013. The event was participated by NGOs, some notable Corporates and state ministers. The discussion was around bridging the gap between NGOs and Corporates. WFPIT shared its program interventions with Aditya Birla Jan Seva Trust, Berger Paints Ltd, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Jindal Steel Plant Ltd, CESC Ltd, Tech Mahindra Ltd, TATA Chemicals Ltd. and Hindustan Unilever Ltd. It was a wonderful stepping stone for the Trust to create significant discussions with major corporate giants.



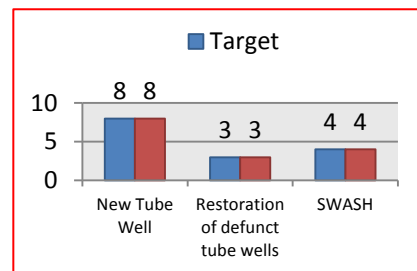
Water For People India Trust has submitted proposals to Aditya Birla Jan Seva Trust, Berger Paints Ltd, CESC Ltd and Tata Chemicals Ltd. An MoU has already been signed between TATA Chemicals Society for Rural Development (TCSRSD) and WFPIT to implement integrated school WASH program in 'Sutahata block and Haldia Municipality of East Medinipur district.

Water for People India Trust has approached some major PSUs for a funding support such as ONGC, NTPC, GAIL, Power Grid Corporation, Power Finance Corporation, NALCO. It has also reached out to Nestle India, ITC, TATA Metaliks, TATA Tea Ltd, Aricent, Asian Paints etc to mobilize financial resources. WFPIT also participated in the Symposium on CSR and Clean Water, held at Hyderabad. The event provided a space for sharing of knowledge and expertise and also create an awareness of different options for CSR contribution. Create an interaction within NGOs and with CSRs for better learnings on clean water.

A detailed project proposal with one year establishment budget has been submitted to TATA steel to undertake a EF program in two blocks of Jajapur district of Odisha.

Target Vs Achievement

- A tube well fitted with India Mark-II hand pump has been completed in all 8 locations as planned.
- 3 defunct drinking water systems (hand pump) have been restored.
- A total of 2435 additional people gained access improved drinking water service.
- A model of improved water and sanitation environment has been established in 2 schools as planned, benefitting 3638 children with access to improved water and sanitation facilities.



Finance

