

Monthly Newsletter – August 2019

WATER FOR PEOPLE INDIA

❖ CLAS training for effective mobilization of communities on sanitation, hygiene in Bihar

Water for People India collaborated with Action for Community Empowerment (ACE) - a technical agency on WASH - for capacity building of stakeholders on Community Led Approaches to sanitation (CLAS). A three-day 'Training of Trainers' (ToT) programme was organized for field level staff on CLAS in Patna from 11th-13th August 2019. During the training various issues were covered in a participatory method with lectures, presentations, group work and demonstration which included (i) Why Sanitation? (ii) Understanding Swachhha Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Lohiya Swachh Bihar Abhiyan (LSBA); (iii) Need for Community Led Approaches to Sanitation and use of trigger tools; (iv) Behaviour change communication and various ways to mobilize communities; (v) Toilet technologies, retrofitting and its Operation and Maintenance (O&M) and; (vi) Open Defecation Free (ODF) sustainability and ODF+ issues. A total 56 staff members comprising of 42 males and 14 females participated in the residential training programme.



Following the Training of Trainers, a district-level workshop organized by ACE was held at the District Collectorate Conference hall on 20th August 2019 in Sheohar district to give an insight on CLAS methodology and ODF sustainability issues. The workshop was attended by District Magistrate, Deputy Development Commissioner and Sub-Divisional Magistrate. Additionally, all district and block level officials along with the SBM-G team were also present during the workshop.

Water For People India in collaboration with district administration have identified 150 Swachhagrahis (sanitation volunteers identified by government under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin - SBM-G) from five blocks in Sheohar district to support ODF sustainability activities at the community level. A three-day training was organized from 22nd-30th August 2019 to build the capacity of the Swachhagrahis. The training programme, conducted in three batches, focused on the basics of sanitation and its components, CLAS and behaviour change communication. A field visit was organized to demonstrate techniques such as transect walk, house-to-house contact and community triggering.



❖ Technical training of Jalabandhus in Namkhana block, West Bengal



A three-day technical training of 14 *Jalabandhus* (Friends of Water) on handpump repairing and maintenance has been successfully completed in Namkhana Block, 24 South Paraganas, West Bengal. As part of the training, two Jalabandhus from each Gram Panchayat (GP) were nominated by the GP authority. The first two days of the training was dedicated to theoretical sessions followed by a practical session on the third day. The training, facilitated by three resource persons, focused on the technology of different handpumps, parts identification, assembling

and de-assembling, importance of water quality testing, government guidelines related to water services and linkage with GPs to get trade license for business opportunities. A tool kit – consisting of 14 items that are mainly used for repairing three types of handpumps (i.e., PHE6, Temple Pump and Mark-II) – with an apron, cap and raincoat was provided to each Jalabandhu to start their business as an independent entrepreneur.

❖ School WASH and Swachhata Pakhwada: Young brigade take plunge towards cleanliness



Water For People India conducted a SWASH (School Water Sanitation and Hygiene) training for students of Wastapur Zilha Parishad (ZP) Marathi Primary School in Amravati District, Maharashtra on 22nd August 2019. A joint discussion was held with the School Management committee and teachers for the promotion of safe and hygiene practices in the school. The interactive training session entailed (i) Importance of Hygiene and Sanitation; (ii) Importance of cleanliness in schools, lanes, households; (iii) Demonstration of handwashing steps; (iv) Water borne diseases and measures to tackle them; (v) Proper handling and storage of water and; (vi) Handwashing techniques. Similar training sessions were conducted in Kulangna BK ZP Marathi School, Ghatang ZP Marathi

School, Kohona ZP Marathi school and Chichati ZP Marathi Primary school.

Taking a step and pledge towards cleanliness, Nirmal Vidyalaya Abhiyaan (Clean school campaign) was organized by Dahasunia Primary School of Lokepur Gram Panchayat under Khoyrasol Block in Birbhum District, West Bengal. As part of the program, 34 students participated in the rally with posters supported by Water For People India. During the campaign, hygiene educators took a class related to handwashing, need for safe drinking water and emphasized on the roles and responsibilities of the existing Child cabinet.



A *Swachhata Pakhwada* (mass movement on sanitation) event was held in West Bengal (Howrah, Hooghly and Kolkata district), Odisha (Ganjam district) and Assam to sensitize and mobilize people to take up sanitation initiatives and reinforce the mass movement towards cleanliness to contribute to Mahatma Gandhi's dream of Clean India.

The event witnessed participation of around 913 people including school students, Teachers and Mother Teacher Association

(MTA) members. Activities included quiz competition, cleanliness drive by Child Cabinet member, drawing competition, awareness programme through magic and puppet shows, demonstration of handwashing steps, plantation of saplings to name a few.

