

# WATER FOR PEOPLE INDIA **SNAPSHOT**



# 15 YEARS CELEBRATION

## Global Co-CEO's visit to mark the occasion

Water For People India is celebrating 15 years of impactful work in India with a year-long celebration. As part of these celebrations, the organization hosted a visit from its Co-CEO's, Mr. Mark Duey and Mr. Samson Hailu Bekele, who were in the country to mark this milestone. The visit by the Co-CEO's highlights the significant role played by Water For People India in improving access to safe water and sanitation in India.

The organization's work over the past 15 years has positively impacted the lives of countless individuals and communities in the country. This occasion is a great opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Water For People in India and to look forward to continued progress in the years to come.



## Special Logo Created

**This logo mark represents our success and achievements in the last 15 years**





## QUARTERLY FOCUS : KEY HIGHLIGHTS



- 1 **Water Guardians** - As part of the global campaign, three Water Guardians were highlighted from India. The story of Siuli from West Bengal was highlighted, where she fought social stigma and has been working to ensure access to sustainable water and sanitation services for the community.



- 2 In Delhi, a seminar was organized by the Central Ground Water Board on the topic 'Accelerating Change to solve the water and sanitation crisis'. Our Program Director, Mr. Wakeel Ahmad Siddiqui addressed the seminar on this critical issue.



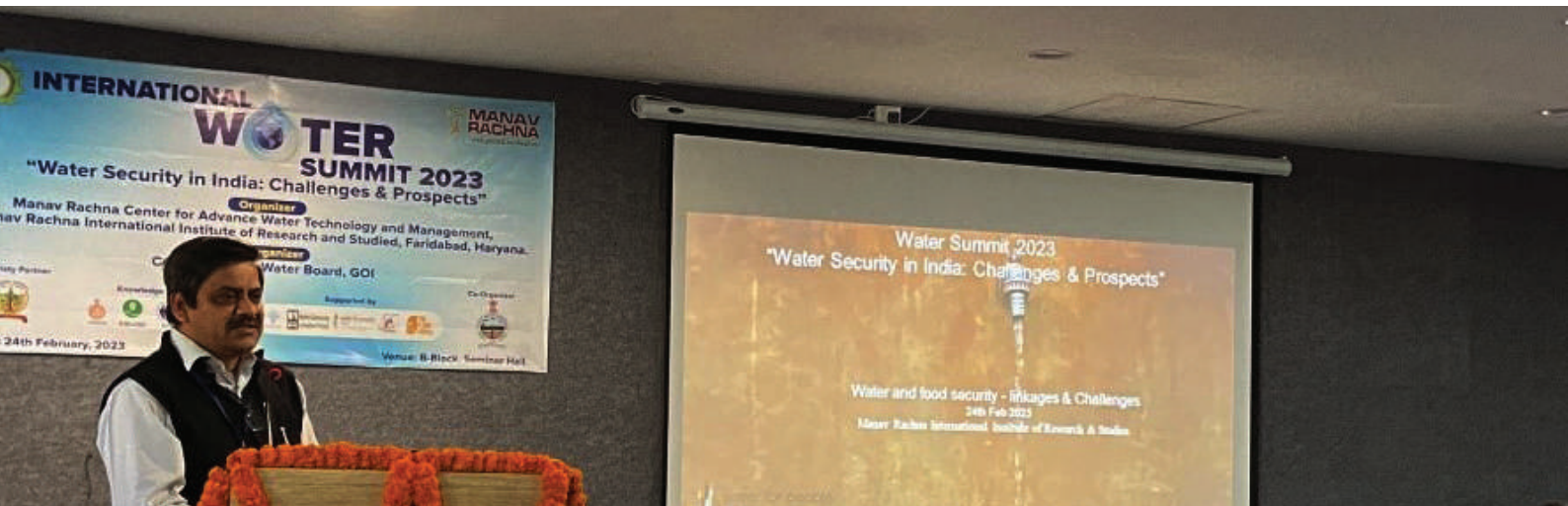
- 3 In West Bengal, World Water Day was celebrated in various schools of Khoyrasol Block where students made awareness posters on water conservation, held awareness rallies and gave informative messages to their own community.



- 4 **Visit of Director of Finance, Global Programs-Isaias Chiri**

The Director of Finance for Global Programs, Isaias Chiri, visited India after nearly eight years. He met and interacted with the staff in the Delhi branch office and visited the Water Initiative program in Chikhaldera block of Maharashtra.





## 5 Participation in International Water Summit

**Bishwadeep Ghose**, India Country Director, addressed an important session on 'Water and Food Security - Linkages and Challenges' at the International Water Summit 2023, organized by Manav Rachna University, in collaboration with Central Groundwater Board. Key focus on strengthening of service providers ecosystem and community participation for groundwater management.



## 6 Dissemination workshop of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) Program in West Bengal

A dissemination workshop was organized in Birbhum District of West Bengal to showcase the work done in the past five years under the National Stock Exchange (NSE) funded project. District officials and other government officers participated in the event, shared their experiences and learnings of the past five years. A photobook marking the achievements and impact of the project was released during the workshop.



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT :

In 2018, Water For People India in collaboration with National Stock Exchange (NSE) Foundation initiated the Swaccho Nirapad Parivesh and Water Systems and Services Strengthening projects in Rajnagar and Khoyrasol blocks of Birbhum district, West Bengal.

To achieve 'Everyone Forever' (universal access) in the two blocks, the program installed safe drinking water points, built model toilet blocks in schools, AWCs, community, and health facilities, with community owned mechanisms for sustainability of WASH systems.



## Project Impact :

### Rajnagar Block




#### Journey of Change from 2018 -2023

Indicators	2018	2023
% Schools with WASH Facility	31%	97%
% Health Centres with WASH Facility	25%	100%
% AWCs with WASH Facilities	15%	60%
% Households Practicing Open Defecation	34% ➡	5%




#### Journey of Change from 2018 -2023

Indicators	2018	2023
% Schools with WASH Facility	25%	98%
% Health Centres with WASH Facility	25%	100%
% AWCs with WASH Facilities	7%	51%
% Households Practicing Open Defecation	55% ➡	10%

### Beneficiary Coverage

Direct		Indirect
16,548	 Females	38,174
17,927	 Males	39,805
34,475	 Total	77,979

### Beneficiary Coverage

Direct		Indirect
24,837	 Females	79,118
29,511	 Males	74,130
54,348	 Total	1,53,248



## WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTS :

### Sustainable Solutions for Tackling Urban Groundwater Challenges: A look at Odisha.

**Date – 29 April 2023**

Odisha has been going through water scarcity, drought, floods, groundwater depletion and much more. There is a massive increase in annual groundwater extraction. But there is a reduction in annual groundwater recharge and a considerable depletion in the annual extractable groundwater resources.

#### Following points were discussed in webinar :

- A) Different challenges in Urban groundwater security
- B) Best practices in Urban Groundwater management, in terms of sustainability of services
- C) If and how is climate change is affecting the Urban groundwater security
- D) Urban aquifer mapping
- E) Involving community and equitable access to groundwater sources.
- F) Groundwater pollution or contamination
- G) Prevalent challenges in Odisha Urban areas

#### Participants :

**Mr. Suchit Ranjan Singh**, Development Professional, Odisha.

**Dr. Ajit Patnaik**, IFS (Retd.) Former PCCF, Odisha, Project Director, ICZM.

**Mr. Anup Das**, (Retd. Senior Eng.) State Ground Water Board.

**Dr. Raj K Singh**, Associate Professor, IIT Bhubaneswar.

**Miss. Swarna Sahoo** Young Professional.

**Dr. Himanshu Kulkarni**, Founder Trustee and Executive Director, ACWADAM, Pune.

**Mr. Vishwanath S.** Founder & Director, Biome, Bangalore.

**Mr. Depinder Kapur**, Director Water Program, CSE India.

**Dr. Dipankar Saha**, Board Member, Water For People India.

**Mr. Bishwadeep Ghose**, Water For People India

**Mr. Sahil Sharma**, Water For People India



## MEET OUR WASH WARRIOR

Manda Jamkar is a resident of Hiradamal village. She is a member of the Water User Committee and a Community Resource Mobiliser for the UDAN program. Manda has been instrumental in bringing about positive changes in her village.

However, her journey towards community service was not an easy one. When she first arrived in Hiradamal village at the age of 14 after getting married, there was a severe shortage of drinking water facilities. Manda and her fellow villagers had to walk for over two kilometers every day to the nearest handpump to fill and carry water for their daily needs.

To make matters worse, they had to wake up as early as 3 am to ensure that they could collect enough water for drinking, sanitation, and hygiene purposes. This arduous task took them nearly four hours every day.

Despite these challenges, Manda and her community persevered, and she eventually became a driving force for change in her village. Her inspiring story is a testament to the power of community spirit and the impact that dedicated individuals can have on their surroundings.

### Story of Manda Jamkar



Member of Water User  
Committee (WUC)

**Village:** Hiradamal | **District:** Amravati

**State:** Maharashtra