

Women + Water Project

State: Maharashtra

District: Wardha and Yeotmal district

Partner Agency: Wateraid

The project has its objective to improve the access of all households in the targeted geographical area of Wardha and Yeotmal district of Maharashtra to pure and safe drinking water. The entire project interventions are designed and planned in congruence with the Government of India's programme Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The project has its thrust on strengthening of women collectives throughout the area to improve their capacity to take up various responsibilities ranging from ensure the quality, availability, protection and management of water in their villages. The backbone of the project and the contributing factor for the sustainability of all quality outcomes is institutions of beneficiary women at grassroots level.



Introduction



There are three major interventions under the project as one is to provide training and capacity building of beneficiaries in field test kit (FTK) to ensure water quality, the second is institutional strengthening of women groups in the village to improve their capacity to take up the challenging activities of drinking water safety, equitable access and raise the issues in various formal decision making bodies at grassroots level and developing water governance system at grassroots level.

Geographical target:

365 villages coming under the 11 blocks of drought hit villages of Wardha & Yeotmal district of Vidharbha region of Maharashtra.

Achievements:

Throughout the targeted villages, beneficiary communities are aware about the project and its goals and objectives.

As a solution to the drinking water scarcity in the summer, 850 families have got access to water through tanker supply at their doorstep.



As the part of management at grassroots level, 109 community youths are technically trained to repair and maintain water supply pipes.

211 village water security committee (VWSC) has formed and strengthened to take up drinking water related issues at grassroots level in a sustainable manner.

2769 women & youths are trained to develop Village Action Plan (VAP), women and youths among the beneficiary sections were trained on water quality testing with the application of Field Test Kit.

Close to 6000 villagers have got access to drinking water as the part of the convergence of JJM.

