



## Completion Report

IND-EMP-WAT-D01 North-western India  
Reporting Period: 2015-October 2016

### 10 Deep Core Bore Wells

**Budget:** \$32,000 – fully funded!

**Update:**

This project focused on delivering deep-core bore wells to needy villages in the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan. Our partner dug a total of 51 wells in these states, and Entrust funding was responsible for at least 10 of these. Each well supports an average of 210 people, therefore Entrust support provided clean water for 2,100 people. Many of these are Dalits, ordinarily excluded from access to water points near higher caste dwellings.



Water collection before the wells



Enough pipes for the required depth

Rajasthan and Gujarat are in the grip of extreme drought. In Rajasthan alone, 13,500 villages are solely reliant on government water tankers for water. Children are missing school as they spend all their time walking long distances to collect water. Once they get to water sources, they face abuse from higher castes.

This progress report was delayed while we waited for the summer drilling season to be completed and for results to be collated by our partner. The best time to dig wells is in the summer months when the water table is lowest. If you can reach water when drilling at this time, villagers will have access to water all year round.

Our partners report amazing stories of the impact the wells have had. In one mountain-top village in Rajasthan the people had to walk down the valley to fetch water from a brook which dries up soon after the monsoon every year. The government dug three wells – all dry. Our partner dug and at 450 feet (137 metres) water was found. The village no longer needs to go down to the valley to fetch it.

The contact points in the various villages report a decrease in illness as a result of access to clean water, and a decrease in the time required to get water. Dalits report a sense of amazement that someone would help them with water. It has not only improved their physical life, but boosted their morale as well. On behalf of all the people who now have easy access to a safe and reliable source of water, thank you for making this possible.



Water collection with a well