

Village Life Improvement

IND-MUS-EMP-P04



Northern India



Water and Sanitation

Year 4 Budget \$13,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUL 18

JUN 22

Overview

This project focuses on three key aspects that contribute to poverty in remote villages in northern India: a lack of access to clean water, a lack of sanitation facilities and food insecurity. Our partner has ambitious plans to work in 20 villages in the area over 4 years. The project started small to gauge community interest and fine-tune the roll out process. Initially, two water systems were built in two villages and in a joint effort with village women, greenhouses were constructed in four other villages. Vegetables were grown in these houses to improve nutrition (a major issue in this area) and provide cash crops for sale to the nearest big town. 20 latrines were built in four villages and sanitation and hygiene training was provided.

Impact for July - December 2021

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4 latrines were built for families in 2 villages



The self-help groups in 2 villages determined who had the greatest need for the toilets. The women themselves then developed their skills and earned some income by constructing them.

7 new Self Help Groups were formed

and leader training was conducted in each of the villages. Leaders pass on information to their members about savings and loans, greenhouse construction and maintenance and how to keep the water catchment areas clean and safe.

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A large water catchment area was constructed



in the village of Nali Kalan for a population of around 130 people. Additional water harvesting tanks as well as the pit means that this village now has water all year round.

COVID-19 continues to impact the project

Transportation costs for bringing raw materials into the area has escalated and caused delays. Eventually our partners delivered the materials themselves so work could be done on time.



- Many Self Help Groups (SHGs) were linked to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for strong networking and sustainability. These SHGs are also networking amongst themselves, sharing experiences and skills for a better future.



Anand's Story

My name is Anand (bottom, left) and I live in a village called Gopal. In our village some of us men have been invited to join the local women's SHG (Self Help Group). We are now working together to improve our village. We regularly meet together to discuss family and community issues and have training in agriculture. We have sown seeds in the fields that we can all share at harvest time and have maintained the greenhouses that were built in the area. We are helping to develop each other's skills and potential and everyone feels welcome and heard. I enjoy being part of this group.



Thank you for making a difference