

## Summary report of the pilot intervention at YadavBasti, Raviryal village

### The Partners of the agreement:

The Partners of this Memorandum of Understanding are SaciWATERs, represented by Executive Director – Dr.AnjalPrakash, Peri-urban Project and “Center of Human Action for Novel Development (CHAND)”, represented by Mr. Mohammad RustumShaik.

### Details of Understanding:

The Partners, after due consideration of various aspects, have arrived at the following understanding for organizing the activities:

Deliverable	Achievement	Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ensure proper and collective maintenance of public water pumps (cleaning water collection pits, taps, attending to minor repairs if any and arresting overflows)</i></li> </ul>	<p>CHAND interacted with WVSC on the status of public water structures for the distribution of water in the YadavBasti. It did a participatory appraisal on the status of these structures used for water supply. There are 8 public taps and 1 submersible bore installed in 5 streets of the Ybasthi. These taps were improperly maintained and neglected for long as if they are nobody's property. Neither the owner nor the user has sense of ownership as they are common property. CHAND educated the WVSC on the maintenance issues and approaches to tackle realisation of public entitlements. Along with CHAND,WVSC represented the issues to the notice of GP authorities presently headed by special officer Mr Krishnaiah. The GP authorities replaced damaged taps with new tapsto control overflowing.GP made repairs to the stand posts (Public taps) and cleaned water collection pits where they are not in functional condition.Thus, the proper maintenance system is put in place under handholding support but the challenge now is how the WVSC and NC ensure collective maintenance hereafter. WVSC and NC capacities are adequately built up.</p>	<p>Some more taps yet to be installed. This is an instant success but has to be followed up by the WVSC constantly for the improvement of water distribution system in the entire village.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ensure proper maintenance of individual domestic/private water pumps</i></li> </ul>	<p>There are 60 households in the basti. There are 8 public taps; 29 HHs have access to domestic taps and 31 HHsdon't have own connection. 48 HHs are using public taps. CHAND generated awareness inthe community,especially to the women SHG group members on proper maintenance of domestic tap connections to ensure arrest overflow and leakages from pumps through group orientation and training. Some owners are shown best managed water pumps within Ybasti and explained on the maintenance practices.</p>	<p>We observed that there is need to conduct more sensitization programmes to the basti community on the maintenance of domestic and public taps.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ensure proper maintenance of Individual Sanitary Latrines (ISL)</i></li> </ul>	<p>CHAND formed Neighbourhood Committee (NC) with 12 people from Yadavbasticomprising 60% women</p>	<p>More orientation programmes have to</p>

	<p>members. CHAND conducted Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) campaign to sensitize them on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices through IEC activity by means of print and electronic media. It also imparted awareness on water borne diseases, spread of epidemics due to unhygienic, and unsanitary environment.</p> <p>After our intervention the community is trying to adopt the methods to change their attitude on the maintenance of Individual Sanitary Latrines (ISL). There are 58 HHs having toilets and 2 HH don't have out of 60 HHs surveyed. The two HH which do not have toilets will apply for Govt. incentive in the next phase of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) a central Govt programme.</p> <p>A small video on Behaviour Change has been broadcast in the local Cable TV network weekly once.</p>	<p>conduct on wash programme to the NC members.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Collection of bio-waste material generated in the homes/streets into bins specifically arranged for this purpose</i></li> </ul>	<p>"Saci WATERS" provided 10 dustbins for the collection of solid waste generated from the households. One bin for every 10 houses is placed at different areas of the basti for collecting the bio-waste material.</p>	<p>It is observed that there is a demand for some more bins.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Keeping household premises/backyards and streets clean from bio-waste material/dumps</i></li> </ul>	<p>The community in the basti are keeping their premises and backyards clean and green to ensure environmental sustainability by dumping the bio-waste in the bins only.</p> <p>CHAND created awareness in the community on solid waste management. The community has been using them and in every three days intervals Gram Panchayat sweepers cleaning the bin and collect waste material from the bins. We educated them on converting this bio-material thus collected from the bins into bio-manure.</p>	<p>There is imminent need to conduct capacity building campaign to the Gram Panchayat Staff members on cleaning of dust bins, streets and maintenance of streetlights etc.,</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Submitting application for ISL by the households those doesn't have latrines</i></li> </ul>	<p>CHAND conducted household survey in Ybasti to identify the houses without latrines. Only two HH don't have toilets out of 60 HH. The survey results were submitted to the Gram Panchayat authorities. The special officer assured construction of latrines for these two houses under the MGNREGS programme next phase.</p>	<p>There is time for submitting application forms for Govt incentive programme for toilets.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Process documentation</i></li> </ul>	<p>Day to day field visits, planning meetings and execution processes were documented and reports submitted, which contain action photographs also.</p> <p>A survey was conducted on the status of ISL, Water Pumps, ICDS, and Sanitation etc issues for understanding their current status.</p>	<p>Reports generated and submitted</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CHAND will be involved in capacity building activities with the Village Water and</i></li> </ul>	<p>CHAND has conducted capacity building training to the members of Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) and members of Neighbourhood</p>	<p>Some more capacity building trainings to the members of</p>

<i>Sanitation Committee</i>	Committee on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene practices. There are 12 members in Neighbourhood Committee (NC) 15 members in Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) who were oriented, and trained on the approach and technical aspects of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene management.	VWSC and NC is needed to poster a sense of ownership and technical expertise in handling issues on their own.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHAND along with Ravirala Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) will be involved in the above mentioned activity in the Yadav colony in the village.</li> </ul>	CHAND with the active involvement and cooperation of VWSC members of Raviryalavillage implemented all the activities mentioned in the ToR at the stipulated time. CHAND built up the capacities of VWSC and NC on the strengths of collective representation and strategic approach towards solving common problems.	If there is impromptu cooperation from VWSC, we could have taught some more initiatives even in the short span of our presence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHAND will receive support from SaciWATERs with regard to background information, survey results and household identification work that has already been done by SaciWATERs</li> </ul>	CHAND received the timely support from SaciWATERs team members Mr. Anjal, Mrs. Sreoshi and Ms. Shaili in terms of carrying out the planned activities successfully, and without whose cooperation we wouldn't have been able to accomplish anything in the village.	If SaciWATERs extends long term partnership the institutions shall be made sustainable with adequate capacities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dates for specific meetings must be intimated to SaciWATERs through email atleast a week in advance so that there could be representation of the staff at all the programmes</li> </ul>	CHAND has intimated well in advance on the dates of field visits and special meetings to VWSC, Neighbourhood Committee (NC) members and SaciWATERs. Therefore, SaciWATERs delegates could attend significant events and meetings. Thus it was ensured from the beginning that the concerned stakeholders were available for executing the community action plan.	The flow of communication – intra-group/community and inter-agency were amicably synchronized
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ensure better coordination between VWSC, NC and Gram Panchayat (PR)</i></li> </ul>	Since the commencement of the work at Ybasti, the coordination between VWSC, Gram Panchayat, SaciWATERs, CHAND and NC effectively dovetailed. At the end even a convergence meeting was held with the above stakeholders; CHAND explained on the importance of their roles and responsibilities, collective action, representation and constant follow up for improving the basic amenities in the village. CHAND motivated the institutional members to inculcate a sense of ownership with regard to village development.	The expected cooperation from VWSC didn't forth come many a time often though it may not be intended by them. This indicates lack of seriousness and ownership in the community.

**Others: Events that are executed apart from the ToR:**

- CHAND had participated in the events organised by SaciWATERs such as visit of delegates from Bagladesh and Nepal to the Raviryal village on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- CHAND had participated in Scholars visit on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013

- CHAND conducted an elaborate and systematic study in Ybasti on the status of ISL, Water Taps, Sanitation, Health, Water borne diseases and the report presented at various occasions. This led to generating awareness among community and stakeholders for the improvement of public amenities in the village.
- ICDS (AnganWadiCenter) status has been improved with the involvement of GramaPanchayat special officer whereby toilets, running water, and clean premises are ensured.
- Facilitated involvement of local SHG groups into community action and built their skills and enabled active participation.
- Youth volunteers are identified, trained and involved in village development, and this led to generating lot of enthusiasm among other youth to participate in development activities.

### Learning:

CHAND was awarded rather a short stint knowing pros and cons, nevertheless it honestly tried best to bring cohesion among divergent sections of the community. Although VWSC existing, it was more name sake than active stakeholder entity. It drained precious little time to motivate to spur for active engagement with the agenda. All the members never acted in unison, had it been a lead partner even the short term handholding would have been much more accomplishing. As it is the situation of now or never, indeed now it became the vibrant entity and its scope is conspicuous in the future.

The VWSC can now initiate change processes on its own such as IEC campaign, collective representation and be a pressure group to liaison between different service providers to ensure realisation of community entitlements.

### Strategies for follow up:

- Strengthening VWSC/NC/ local committees in terms technical know-how, institutional issues, rights based approaches leading to collective action.
- Exposure to best practices for self-learning and sharing across the community
- Knowledge on using modern tools such Print and electronic media for consolidation
- Leadership development and entrepreneurship promotion
- Enhancing women and youth participation in community action
- Learning techniques of conflict resolution
- Building sense of ownership and mobilising local resources for community action

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