Community Based Drinking Water System
Seja, Kashipur, Purulia

Community based drinking water has set up at Seja village to serve the people pure and safe drinking water. At the beginning before intervention of the project, Development Research Communication & Services Centre has done a PRA (participatory rural appraisal) for it. We understood the details of the villagers in applying various tools like: resource map, social map, seasonal calendar, mobility map, problem tree etc.

Through problem tree we have gathered information about the present problem of the village i.e. migration of the younger people, scarcity of water for agriculture, scarcity of drinking water during the summer, variability of rainfall etc.

The geographical area of Seja stands on Latitude: N23°21’30” Longitude: E86°41’48”, it is far from 10 km of Kashipur Block towards north and High school, primary health centre market about 2.5 km far at west corner. Villagers are deprived in getting safe drinking water from PHE water supply. The pre-installed tube wells are not perennial throughout the year. During summer most of the villagers went to collect drinking water from nearest ‘Jor’ which is not safe for health.

Presently the village have 80 household and source of drinking water for the community are two tube-well and one dug well. The villagers have shown immense interest in installing community based drinking water supply.

After intervention of the project through village meeting DRCSC has elaborated about project activity as well as community based drinking water for safe drinking water and villagers have strong intention about the programme.
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At the beginning DRCSC conducted village meeting among the community people and briefed about the importance of community based drinking water. Safe drinking water problem is gradually incising even at villages. Above this context villagers are ready to pay for getting safe drinking water. Through village meeting the villagers have set up water user committee and have decided to contribute Rs. 500 for each and every house hold and created a community corpus fund, they also have opened a separate bank account to keep the fund, as well as they agreed to contribute Rs. 1/per day or Rs. 30.00 per month for its careful maintenance after ending the project period and payment of quarterly /monthly electric bill for the running of the community based drinking water project. The community have also prepared rules and regulations on this i.e.

i. Community can access this water for their drinking and cooking purpose
ii. Community should not ever use the water for bath, cattle and other purpose
iii. Wouldn’t ever misuse the water

During the installation of the community based drinking water project the community has assisted to engineers and has delivered ‘Sramdan’ with the mason, the community has paid Rs. 1000 for its electrification and installation of sub-meter.

Presently 598 beneficiaries (Male-307, Female-291) having access to safe drinking water. Children’s are easily drink safe drinking water from this facilities. Drudgery of women become decreasing. The villagers are more benefited and free from various types of water borne disease as well as beside the drinking water project the community have a common land now they are doing mixed
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cropping on its to utilized the waste water from drinking water project as well as secure the nutrition security among the villagers. Through this community base project the community wealth management, group cohesiveness become enhancing.

Result: After visiting Honourable Additional District Magistrate (ZP) Purulia, officers of line department, PRI members (Karmadhaksya Janasathya -O- Paribesh Sthayee Samity) have decided to replicate this model for Purulia District and have sanction the budget for 90 no this type of community based drinking water facility. A large no people from other villagers has submitted application to DRCSC for installation this kind of community base drinking water facility. The Additional District Magistrate (ZP) urged to DRCSC to submit the paper documents like engineer
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drawing, list of equipment’s of Community drinking water facilities for execute it grassroots level. DRCSC also submit the list of vendors to District Administration.