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I. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR WATER CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

India Water Partnership in association with one of its partner organization Centre for Youth (C4Y) is promoting youth participation through Youth Fellowship for Water Champions by linking them to various organizations working in Water Resource Management and Climate Change. The selected fellows will undergo their internship and submit their learnings in form of report to IWP.

SECOND PROGRESS MAPPING WORKSHOP

On Friday, August 23, 2019 second Progress Mapping Workshop was held for the fellows and non-profit partners at INTACH, New Delhi. The workshop was organised with support from Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH).

All the non-profit partners - Dr Manu Bhatnagar, INTACH, Uttkarsh Sethia, Development Alternatives, Bedoshruti Sadhukhan, ICLEI – South Asia and Bhawna Badola, CEO, Tree Craze Foundation have actively contributed in the proceedings of the workshop.

Dr Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, India Water Partnership (IWP), Alka Tomar, Chairperson, Centre for Youth (C4Y); Dr Sudha Nautiyal, Deputy Director, C4Y and Rahul Naithani Communication Officer of IWP were present along with the fellows.

The fellows presented their updated project briefs based on the

discussions they had with their non-profit mentors post the meetings of C4Y team with respective non-profit partners and inputs shared by IWP & C4Y in the first progress mapping workshop in July 2019. The final draft report format and fellowship timeline were presented in the workshop and suggestions were taken from the partners and fellows. The communication & documentation collaterals guidelines will be developed and sent by the fellows in August last week.



Water Youth Fellows with their mentors along with IWP and C4Y team members at the Second Progress Mapping Workshop.

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II. INCREASING FINANCE ACCESS TO WOMEN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR FOR SMALL WATER ENTERPRISE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

IWP with its network partner Safe Water Network India (SWNI) is undertaking the above activity as part of its CORE activities. SWNI measures women empowerment through a set of indicators across the four areas affecting gender equality in Global Gap Index.

The research team continued with the field survey in the Medak district of Telangana. For comparative analysis, few women entrepreneurs managing ijal safe water stations in the Warangal district of Telangana were also interviewed.

Target Audience: The categories of respondents interviewed are as under:

- SHGs managing ijal stations/any other SWEs
- SHGs not associated with the SWE business
- Sarpanch and VWSC members, KOLs

- Women social entrepreneurs

During the ongoing field survey, the respondents informed how they earlier used to struggle with challenges at their homes or in social settings. iJal Safe Water Stations have built in the confidence among women and the respect among the community to lead a happy, healthy life. Some of the bottlenecks have been categorized in four areas:

- Social: Patriarchal mindsets inhibited women participation. Also, lack of self-confidence was triggered into them due to societal discrimination.
- Political: Women were never offered roles of leadership in local governance.
- Educational: The technical, managerial and reporting skills required for managing water stations were inadequate and not available in local language.
- Institutional: Women lack access to capital/microfinance from banks.

Case Study

Chiluka Anuradha, the member of "Self-Help Group" in the village of Suraram, Medak district, Telangana, India, is employed as an operator for the SWNI iJal station. During the interview by the SWNI representative she shared her experiences about the kind of improvement iJal programme has brought about in her life.

"Previously in spite of being a SHG member, I used to be under-confident and introvert. Joining iJal program has helped me build upon my confidence. The capacity building program of SWNI has helped me to build my technical skills. Now I actively participate as a SHG member in group meetings and also handle the iJal station operations efficiently." - Chiluka Anuradha, SHG, Operator of Suraram iJal Station, Medak, Telangana.



Chiluka Anuradha: SHG, operator of iJal station, Suraram, Medak district, Telangana



An SWNI representative conducting interview with a women entrepreneur at Gorrekunta, Warangal, Telangana



Women consumers dispensing water through RFID card, Gorrekunta, Warangal, Telangana

III. CAPACITY BUILDING OF LOCAL URBAN BODIES IN RAJASTHAN ON INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT (IUWM) TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The above program is being carried out by IWP in collaboration with its partner organization ICLEI -South Asia in Jaipur city to promote capacity building of local urban bodies. A training module was developed on Rapid Integrated Urban Water Management. The progress of above activities undertaken in August, 2019 is as under:

A meeting was held with the Additional Chief Engineer and Chief Engineer, Urban of the Public Health Engineering Department in Jaipur on 20th of August 2019 under the project on “Integrated Urban Water Management Planning and Implementation, Rajasthan supported by Global Water Partnership”.

During the meeting, the details of the project and the training program were discussed along with the relevance of training program to the department. A letter was marked by the Chief Engineer to the Director Water and Sanitation Support Organisation (WSSO) as they manage and conduct the training on relevant subjects in Public Health Engineering Department. The Chief Engineer also gave the permission to organise to the training program in his meeting hall.

Another meeting was conducted with the Director WSSO, Mr Arun Shrivastava and Executive Engineer WSSO, Mr. Subhash, the details of the training program was shared along with the agenda and other details. They discussed in detail and assured that they will confirm ICLEI South Asia about the final date of the training program after discussing with the other officials/participants of the PHED.

The participants list will be finalised by the PHED along with the officials from the cities. Discussion was also held regarding the arrangements for the training program. Most probably Ajmer, Jaipur and Alwar cities will be considered for the training program. Regarding the participation from the Ground Water Board and Water Resources Departments, the official shared some of the contact details. Officials from these departments will be invited for the training program at PHED office once the date is finalised.

The WSSO team also shared that they are also conducting different types of training programs and IEC activities in the rural areas. They also shared some information about the activities they are conducting under their project on National Rural Water Drinking Project.

The WSSO and PHED Officials confirmed 23rd of September 2019 for the training program. This training program will be held in Jaipur at the meeting hall of PHE Department. The participations from the proposed cities Ajmer, Jaipur, Bundi, Kishangarh and Jaisalmer are expected to participate.

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