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Introduction

Rajasthan covers 10.5% of the country's geographical area, but has only 1.16% of its water resources. It is the driest state, with nearly 70% of the area classified as arid or semi-arid. The state has always been a water-deficit area. It receives an average rainfall of 531mm, against the national average of 1200mm, while the desert areas have an average of 380mm (GoR, 2010d).

The situation of surface water resources in the state is precarious. Except in the canal command area in the north, the surface water potential is very low in the central, western and southern parts of the state (CAZRI, 2009). Although the whole state is categorised as being water scarce (having per capita water availability below 1000m3 year-1, Narain et al., 2006), the condition in its western part is more critical. The west-central part of western Rajasthan doesn't have any drainage network and has scanty surface water resources.

To make matters worse, short monsoon spells coupled with erratic and scanty rainfall make Rajasthan the most water-deficient state in the country. The major issues in the water sector are with regard to water quality, quantity, demand and extraction, as well as waterlogging, pesticide contamination and the impact of construction and pollution in the catchment areas of water resources.

The Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) Planning and Implementation is an initiative of India Water Partnership (IWP) and ICLEI South Asia, supported by Global Water Partnership (GWP), to strengthen the integrated urban water management approach in the cities of Rajasthan.The project's objective is to build the capacity of urban local bodies to undertake water sector reforms, for closing the urban water loop by understanding the IUWM principles and approaches.

This document provides the details of a few of the best case studies that were implemented in Indian cities by the government and private organisations, taking into account the principles and approaches of integrated urban water management at various levels. These case studies will be useful for municipalities, practitioners and researchers to understand the broad approaches of IUWM and its methodologies to streamline the present water management practices.

Water Resources Management through Community Participation and Construction of Johads

Introduction/ Existing Scenario

Alwar district is one of the driest areas in Rajasthan. The levels of the groundwater table and the surface water are very low here due to over- extraction and the absence of groundwater recharging structures. Piped water supply is the only source of drinking water here.

How It is Addressed

The main strategy for tackling the water scarcity in this district was the renovation of old earthen dams or johads, which had been traditionally used for recharging groundwater. But in the modern era, people had only exploited the groundwater. So, in this case study, old and traditional earthen dams were renovated.

About the Project

Tarun Bharat Sangh, an NGO, took steps to improve the catchment area and to revive the Arwari River with the help of johads. The reconstruction of the johads helped the villages to have plenty of water. The main factors that changed the game here were the community involvement and the reconstruction of johads. The initiative was launched first in Gopalpura village in Alwar district.

Vision & Goal: To revive the Arwari River and surface reservoirs, and to reconstruct johads to replenish the groundwater

Implementation Agency: A Non-Government Organisation Tarun Bharat Sangh initiated the revival of johads in Alwar district

Implementation status: Completed in the year 1985

Integration Across Sectors: Water and stormwater

Tools/ Technology Used: Planning and renovation of old earthen dams was the main tool

Key stakeholders: Tarun Bharat Sangh and the people of Alwar district

Cost: NA

Process

The project was implemented in three phases: preparatory; planning and design; and implementation. In the preparatory phase, the NGO team motivated the local community for the renovation of these earthen dams, because that was necessary to manage the johads. The dams had been traditionally used to recharge the groundwater in the district. They required renovation so that they could be functional and help recharge the groundwater. This renovation was achieved before the onset of the monsoon, with the help of community engagement. Following the monsoon, the nearby wells got recharged and there was plenty of surface water. The level of the groundwater table also increased. Water parliaments were formed in the villages to monitor the johads in the future and to decide the use of water.

Output/ Outcomes

Currently, there are more than 3000 water harvesting structures in 650 villages of the district. Following the success of this project, the villages have started cultivating multiple crops at the same time. Earlier, they could grow only one crop in a season due to water scarcity. The renovation of the earthen dams have also helped to revive the Arwari River due to the increase in the surface water supply. The villagers have stopped using diesel pumps for extracting groundwater, leading to reduced farming costs and making agriculture more profitable. The activities undertaken by Tarun Bharat Sangh in the villages have also imparted knowledge and raised awareness on the need to conserve rainwater.

Reasons for Success

The success of this water management project can be attributed to the involvement of the local community and the revival of traditional water harvesting techniques. The project exemplifies the efficient management of water resources through community participation and the renovation of johads.

Advantages & Limitation

The success story of Alwar district has inspired many villages in Rajasthan to replicate this model, involving the revival of traditional rainwater harvesting structures. This initiative helped to increase awareness among the people about the importance and benefits of water conservation. They were motivated to renovate their traditional water harvesting structures, which led to the recharge of groundwater, and consequently dry wells. This approach reduced the load on the fresh water supply or on a single source. It helped to integrate the water and stormwater sectors at the township level through an incremental approach towards IUWM. Initially, the NGO had to face some issues as the people had to be motivated and convinced about the formation of johads and to change their approach from exploiting water by using diesel pumps to helping in the recharge of the groundwater table. It is an initiative that takes time, and needs more financial sources and government support before it can be replicated at a mass level.

Anoxic Bioremediation in Hauz Khaz Lake, New Delhi

Introduction/ Existing Scenario

The Hauz Khas Lake in Delhi was getting polluted due to the treated and untreated sewage being discharged into it from a sewage treatment plant in Vasant Kunj. The lake used to receive treated sewage of approximately 3MLD daily. The situation deteriorated when untreated sewage also started being discharged into the lake sometimes. This caused a strong odour to emanate from the lake, posing a nuisance to the neighbourhood.

How It is Addressed

The Hauz Khas Lake was revived by bioremediation technology, which took a few months to implement. The process involved the use of Persnickety® 713 -- a product developed by JM Enviro technologies Pvt. Ltd. -- which reduced the pollution in the lake. This technology is effective in controlling foul odour and in reducing the amount of Total Suspended Solids (TSS), BOD and oil or grease accumulation in polluted waters.

About the Project

The project involved natural in-situ treatment and Persnickety® 713's anoxic bioremediation technology (ABR), which uses selected anaerobic and facultative microbes. The technology involves manipulation of the environmental parameters to allow microbial growth and degradation to progress at a faster rate.

Implementation Agency: Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and JM Enviro technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Implementation status: Implemented successfully and operational since 2007

Integration Across Sectors: Water, wastewater and stormwater

Tools/ Technology Used: Anoxic Bioremediation Technology and Persnickety®713 product

Key stakeholders: Delhi Development Authority (DDA); JM Enviro technologies Pvt. Ltd.; communities dependent on the lake for their livelihood

Cost: Capital costs of Rs. 5,72,500 for the designed capacity of 128ML and for an area of 15 acres, and O&M of Rs. 2.8 lakhs/acre/year.

Process

The treatment was carried out in two phases. Initially, high shock doses were given to stabilise the system for a few days, followed by low dosing once the bacterial strains entered the regeneration phase. Then, six to 24 hours prior to the dosing, the concentrate is mixed

with an activator and diluted in chlorine-free water in the ratio of 1:40. Dosing is done at specific points that are generally closer to the inlet/ starting point of the sewage flow.

Output/ Outcomes

This technology of allowing microbial growth and degradation to proceed at a faster rate proved to be effective. As a result, the BOD and pH levels of the treated water fell within the first month of treatment. The BOD fell from 50 mg/l to 14 mg/l and from 70 mg/l to 21 mg/l at two different dosing points. The pH level also reduced from 9 to 8. In addition, the technology was effective in reducing the dissolved oxygen (DO) to satisfactory levels, leading to a cleaner lake environment and reviving the aquatic life in the lake.

Reasons for Success

ABR, which is a low-cost and no-maintenance technology, proved favourable to the success of this project. Moreover, it virtually doesn't require any power since the process is based on the principle of using naturally occurring bacteria or fungi for degradation of contaminants into lesser toxic forms. Following the success of this project, it has been replicated at other sites, including at Kushak Drain in New Delhi.

Advantages

This project provided eco-technology as an option for wastewater treatment in drains, lakes and STPs, among other sites. Another major advantage of this project is its low cost. It doesn't require additional infrastructure or new construction. It reduced the DO to satisfactory levels without using aerators that consume a large amount of power. The microbial consortia used in this process are capable of exhibiting growth at a wider temperature range too. The implementation of this project also led to reduced groundwater pollution. The treated water can be reused for irrigation or other purposes, since it matches the desirable standards of reuse, hence decreasing the load on freshwater sources.

Integrated Urban Water Management with focus on NRW reduction in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

Introduction/ Existing Scenario

There is rising demand for water in Jamshedpur. At the same time, the city suffers water loss, which can be as much as 36%. The presence of a large number of illegal connections further reduces the efficiency of the piped water network.

How It is Addressed

The JUSCO model is based on an integrated 'river-to-river' management concept. The integration of water and stormwater was achieved by reducing non-revenue water (NRW) and by improving efficiency by expanding the piped water coverage, thus decreasing the load on groundwater. The water sources were augmented by utilising the surface runoff through rainwater harvesting structures built in residences and public buildings. A stormwater management plan for the city has also been prepared. In the water and sewerage sector, sewage was collected and treated by an activated sludge process (ASP) and extended aeration process. A portion of it was reused in industries and the remaining was discharged downstream. A portion of the solid sludge was also sold in rural areas for agricultural use.

About the Project

Jamshedpur Utilities & Services Company Ltd. India (JUSCO), the only private company involved in providing civic services in India, took the initiative of closing the water cycle loop by integration across sectors and by deploying monitoring technologies. The JUSCO model is known for its financial mechanisms and efficiency measures, such as reduction in NRW.

Vision & Goal: Integration of sectors and services; better quality services and increase in the efficiency of services

Implementation Agency: Jamshedpur Utilities & Services Company Ltd. India (JUSCO)

Integration: Across sectors (water, wastewater, stormwater)

Tools/ Technology Used: SCADA for treatment plants, energy audits, metering and flow monitoring, ground penetrating radar, hydraulic modelling and GIS-based systems

Key stakeholders: JUSCO in co-ordination with PHED, service providers and citizens

Cost: NA

Process

The project was implemented by JUSCO over three phases. In the preparatory phase, the focus was on generating public awareness about water conservation through water-themed marches, seminars and workshops. These were very important for bringing about attitudinal change, raising accountability and for encouraging payments for the use of municipal services. Metering and metering policies were advocated through media campaigns and public exhibits. Intense discussions and workshops were held by JUSCO for community engagement and other stakeholders' involvement.

In the next phase, one pilot DMA and various DMAs were created for measuring and analysing leakages, monitoring the zone and for assessing illegal connections. DMA managers were trained in leakage detection and analysis. A 24x7 water supply policy was implemented and rainwater harvesting structures were built in schools and colonies. Citizens were offered free water for the first three months after meters were installed as an incentive to assess their consumption patterns. The meter rental costs and tariff structure were also reduced. MoUs were signed for a unique cost-sharing model for the expansion of piped water coverage to those still uncovered by it and also low-income households that were dependent on groundwater. JUSCO made the investment required for treatment, pumping and conveyance of water to the nearest water tower, while the cost of local networks was divided between the consumers.

In the implementation and O&M phases, the NRW reduction programme was carried out, including the installation of DMA meters, conversion of illegal connections to authorised ones and leakage monitoring for DMAs. The NRW in the rising mains and distribution networks was checked and analysed every month. Leakages were detected with the help of leakage detection equipment and by conducting 'walk-through surveys. Electromagnetic meters with frequent data checks were used for monitoring and supervision. A minimum night flow technique was also used to identify physical losses. SAHYOG Kendra, a 24-hour helpline, was established for resolving complaints and grievances.

Output/ Outcomes

Physical and commercial losses were reduced due to reduction in leakages. The NRW fell from 31% to 8% within a year in the pilot DMA, which was scaled up further. There was an overall NRW reduction from 36% to 9.9% during the 2005-09 period. The per capita water consumption fell from 193 lpcd to 170 lpcd due to demand management. The project also led to prevention of over-exploitation of groundwater through expansion of piped water services, under which an additional 13,000 new connections were added.

Reasons for Success

The key reasons that enabled the success of this project included JUSCO's proactive network monitoring and leakage detection. An intensive awareness generation drive for community engagement and participation was also crucial. The deployment of modern technology for service management also ensured transparency and efficiency in the project.

Advantages & Limitations

With this project implementation, JUSCO was transformed from being a unit under Tata services to becoming a private agency responsible for integrated services. It also became a utility service provider through PPP and management contracts in cities such as Kolkata, Haldia, Mysore, Bhopal and Indore. The technological knowhow it had enabled the company to handle the drive better, as compared to urban local bodies. JUSCO has managed to bring about behavioural changes among citizens towards metering and piped connections through various meetings and workshops. They also devised a cost-sharing model after consultations and engagements with community stakeholders.

However, financial sustainability was an issue as the project was handled by a private company. Political interference and opposition from the public with regard to metering and illegal connections in the initial phase also hampered the project.

Reuse of Wastewater in Nagpur, Maharashtra

Introduction/ Existing Scenario

Nagpur, a city of about 2.5 million people, is in Maharashtra in central India. The water supply system in this city is regulated by the water works division of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC). The city is experiencing a growing water demand, with new water sources being located far away. The harnessing of these sources will require a lot of capital and energy consumption. There is already a scarcity of resources and funds to be spent after augmentation of water sources.

How It is Addressed

The NMC undertook a pilot project, involving the reuse of 110 MLD of wastewater on a PPP basis, with Mahagenco, a power generation company in the city. The aim was to address the water scarcity and to increase the financial viability of the treatment plants. The NMC signed a statement of support with the relevant state department and signed an MoU with Mahagenco for the construction and O&M of the plant. The reclaimed water shall be used in processes such as ash handling and in the cooling towers of Mahagenco, while freshwater to the tune of 110 MLD is being conserved.

About the Project

The project followed a holistic approach, involving the integration of water and wastewater sectors at a city level, through an incremental approach towards IUWM.

Vision & Goal: Augmentation of the water supply through exploration of alternative sources of water.

Implementation Agency: Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), with technical assistance from USAID.

Implementation status: Construction of the STP has been completed

Integration Across Sectors: Water and wastewater

Tools/ Technology Used: PPP between Mahagenco and NMC on a BOT basis; micro-filtration technology for the treatment of wastewater

Key stakeholders: NMC, State and Central governments and Mahagenco

Cost: NA

Process

The project was implemented by the NMC over four phases: preparatory; planning and design; financial arrangements; and implementation. In the first phase, the support and co-ordination of various departments such as urban development, water supply and sanitation,

environment and water resources was secured for the 'statement of support for water reclamation'. The financial viability of wastewater reuse was calculated on the basis of the average cost of freshwater versus the cost of reclaimed water.

In the second phase of planning and design, the available technologies were evaluated by comparing conventional technologies with newer technologies. Within power plants, the application with the required water quality was assessed. The potential users and uses for the reclaimed water were identified. The uses comprised industrial use in power plants, special projects like MIHAN (a cargo hub), irrigational purposes and use in landscaping in the Greater Nagpur region. For financing arrangements, a grant of 70% of Capex under JnNURM (shared 50% by GoI, 20% by the state government as grant and 30% by the NMC) was made. The NMC's capital expenditure share of 30% was to be borne by Mahagenco. It was also decided that the O&M would be done by Mahagenco for a 30-year concession period and that a water tariff @ Rs 1.5 / KL would be paid to the NMC. In the final stage of implementation, Mahagenco was given the responsibility of constructing, operating and maintaining the STP (secondary and tertiary treatment) with its own funds, and with a grant of Rs. 90 crores received from JnNURM. The NMC gave the land for the STP to Mahagenco.

Output / Outcomes

With the successful implantation of this project, freshwater to tune of 110 MLD was saved, sufficient to meet the needs of about 0.8 million people. It also provided an economical and reliable alternative source of water supply to power plants. The project also led to reduction in the costs of water augmentation and energy, besides generating additional revenue for the NMC.

Reasons for Success

The key reason for the success of this project can be attributed to the pro-activeness of the NMC and its vision for achieving sustainability in water management. The funds from the Central and State governments helped in leveraging the financial feasibility of the reclaimed water. The agreement reached with Mahagenco on reusing the treated wastewater was also crucial.

Advantages & Limitation

The project led to the exploration of alternative sources of water to augment the water supply for the future, instead of relying on freshwater augmentation. It completed the water and wastewater loop through the reuse of wastewater, which is usually discharged into water bodies. It also led to the reuse of wastewater, thereby reducing the load on freshwater sources and reducing the need for electricity to pump water from newer sources.

The major limitation of this project was the reluctance of the public to accept treated wastewater as an alternative. As a result, the use of reclaimed water was restricted to non-potable purposes, due to the high cost of the process as well as the mindset of the people.

Rainwater Recharging Through Borewells in Surat, Gujarat

Introduction/ Existing Scenario

Surat is located on the banks of the Tapi River and witnesses high tides of five to six metres in the western part of the city. This phenomenon intensifies in the monsoon period and often leads to inundation of the settlements located along the tidal creeks, resulting in flooding and waterlogging. Surat is dependent on surface water, mainly from the Tapi River, as well as groundwater to meet its growing water demand. However, the supply of water in both sources is getting depleted and hence not enough to meet the demands of a growing city.

How It is Addressed

In order to address the depleting groundwater issue and to tap the runoff leading to waterlogging, Surat has come up with a plan for rainwater harvesting to recharge borewells and installed structures across the city.

About the Project

The project was implemented by the Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) with technical inputs and guidance from PANAM Consultancy. The project was funded under the Gujarat State Government's 'Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana' scheme.

Vision & Gaol: To reduce the load on freshwater sources and to utilise rainwater as an additional source of water for potable and non-potable uses

Implementation Agency: Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC)

Implementation status: Implemented and operational

Integration Across Sectors: Water and stormwater

Tools/ Technology Used: Primary surveys, feasibility studies

Key stakeholders: SMC, PANAM Consultancy, contractors

Cost: NA

Process

The project was implemented by the SMC in two phases. In the preparatory phase, the area was surveyed, analysed and divided into three zones: Varachha, Athwa and Rander. All the

areas that suffered waterlogging were surveyed and mapped for determining the locations of the boring structures and to prevent waterlogging in the future. These recharging structures were spread across the city, installed mostly in public buildings /places like schools, hospitals, gardens and libraries. The location of each of these recharging structures was finalised after consultations and visits of the SMC engineer to the site. Implementation and supervision were carried out in the next phase. Specific guidelines were laid down for the contractors for the sequencing of the pipe assembly. The contractor was also required to make the required diversions and connections to use the roof-top/terrace water runoff, if the surface runoff was unavailable. A total of 45 structures have been installed in a phased manner in the three zones: 15 in Varachha; 20 in Athwa; and 10 in Rander. The sites were visited again after drilling and completion of work.

Output / Outcomes

After the implementation of the project, variations were observed in the water level inventory. The water levels in the recharge wells in Varachha Zone fell from 12m to the dry well section. This change is attributed to change in lithological formations as well as monsoon periods, and the dry section of the recharge wells indicated the rainwater level. Similar changes were observed in the other two zones as well. Excessive runoff leading to flooding during the monsoon has often occurred in Surat, with the 2006 floods being one of the instances. This project also attempted to recharge rainwater through boring, bringing several benefits such as prevention of excessive runoff that could lead to flooding, as well as groundwater recharge.

Reasons for Success

A careful selection of locations for the recharge structures after surveys of the waterlogged areas and studies by the SMC and private organisations were useful for determining the appropriate sites. The installation of rainwater harvesting structures in public buildings allowed the tapping of stormwater, a potential additional source of water for the city. Technical inputs from private organisations and complete funding from the state government were crucial factors in the successful implementation of the project.

Advantages

The implementation of the project led to prevention of excessive runoff, thus preventing flooding, besides aiding groundwater recharge by storing rainwater. The load on freshwater sources was reduced with the utilisation of rainwater as an additional source of water for potable and non-potable uses. Stormwater was integrated with water management and became a potential additional source of water for the city.

NRW Reductions & Management in Water Supply Distribution System in Surat, Gujarat

Introduction/ Existing Scenario

The rapid growth of urbanisation in Surat has led to an increasing demand for water, with an estimated demand of 2331 MLD till 2014. Meanwhile, the sources of surface water in the Tapti River are scarce.

How It is Addressed

The Surat Municipal Corporation took an incremental step to increase the efficiency of the water distribution system and to reduce water losses with the help of technical inputs from various private agencies.

About the Project

The Surat Municipal Corporation established an NRW cell in the city and devised a mechanism for regular supervision and monitoring of the supply system. From the IUWM perspective, the project followed an incremental approach to reduce losses in the water distribution system and increase efficiency, thereby reducing water consumption through alternative sources such as groundwater.

Vision & Goal: *To* increase efficiency and equity in the water distribution system

Implementation Agency: Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC), with technical inputs from private agencies; funded under the JnNURM scheme

Integration Across Sectors: Water and stormwater

Tools/ Technology Used: Water distribution system mapping on GIS; metering and leakage monitoring technologies; SCADA system for WTP; energy audits and other engineering technologies

Key stakeholders: SMC and private agencies for contracting technical works

Cost: NA

The Process

The reduction in NRW and the concept of SCADA were implemented through the phases of institutional arrangements, planning and implementation and O&M of the system. In the initial phase, the focus was on capacity building of the municipal staff and the establishment of an NRW cell headed by the deputy engineer, SMC. Their roles and responsibility were assigned to increase systemic efficiency and reduce losses through leakage mapping and detection. Period checks that suggested re-routing and re-structuring were done through data monitoring to achieve equity in the distribution system. The practices of volumetric metering, devising metering polices and methodology, analysing tariff structure and rationalising tariffs were also undertaken to achieve financial recovery.

In the planning and implementation phase, a comprehensive water audit was carried out. Regular water audits were contracted to private agencies to understand the water losses in district metered areas (DMAs) and to prepare leak reduction strategies. Metering in the city was scaled up through volumetric metering based on connection sizes and purposes (such as residential and commercial), and by using different meters, such as electromagnetic meters for industrial connections and mechanical meters for commercial connections. DMAs were established in the city to map and measure leakages. Losses in the distribution network were mapped with the installation of flow meters, bulk meters and valves. Leakages of chlorine gas were checked and remedial measures were taken on a daily basis, based on leakage mapping and corrective measures such as changing of faulty valves and pipelines. The replacement of pumps and other facilities was done based on energy audit reports to enhance energy efficiency.

In the next phase of the O&M System, SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) was installed. It is a centralised system for accounting of plant unit operations. Water quality monitoring was carried out at various stages of generation and distribution at definite frequencies, in compliance of CPHEEO and WHO standards. A GRID System was established for interlinking of the water works and the water distribution systems, which also helped the city to restore the water supply system during the floods in August 2006.

Output / Outcomes

The implementation of the project led to improved service delivery and water distribution efficiency. After the leakage mapping, there was 32% reduction in leakages and complaints about contamination of water. There was an increment in revenue due to rationalisation of the types of meters being used for different purposes, such as replacement of mechanical meters in industries and the use of electromagnetic meters. A massive savings of Rs 6.36 crore per annum was achieved through energy-efficient measures, wind energy generation and route re-engineering. Effective communication strategies were devised in the form of campaigns and workshops, among other measures, to increase awareness about water conservation.

Similar strategies to reduce NRW with focus on administrative reforms were also undertaken in Pimpri Chinchwad, Maharashtra. The aim was to increase efficiency through water augmentation, metering, GIS mapping of zones and implementation of the SCADA system, besides raising public awareness through effective communication strategies, among other objectives.

Reasons for Success

The measures were successful because of the involvement of private agencies that provided technical knowhow, the active supervision and success monitoring by the SMC, and the available funding under JnNURM schemes.

Advantages and Limitation

The major advantages achieved under this project were increased efficiency of the water distribution system and reduction in water losses through technical inputs provided by various private agencies.

Integrated Water Management in Mulbagal, Karnataka

Introduction

Mulbagal is a Class III town in the Kolar district of Karnataka, spread over 9.8 sq.km. The town population was close to 50,000 in 2008 when the project was initiated, with about 31% of the population living in slums. It lies in a region with no viable source of surface water and was totally dependent on ground water for its drinking supplies. The waste water is disposed through septic tanks since the town does not have any sewerage system. Open defecation is prevalent and the open waste flows into storm water drains, and flows into water bodies contaminating them.

How It is Addressed

A four-year, multi-phase initiative of Arghyam was carried out in the Town Municipal Council (TMC) of Mulbagal that enabled the town to manage its water requirements through introduction of IUWM principles. Several engineering, scientific, and social studies were carried out to assess the water situation in the town, including a groundwater study, water quality study, an energy audit, a household survey of water and sanitation assets, and GIS mapping of all households without toilets in the town. Based on the results, IUWM actions were proposed and undertaken with the support of the TMC of Mulbagal and local stakeholders. State level agencies were also involved to generate interest for replication in other areas.

About the project

The project was carried out in five phases. First was the preparatory phase of engaging the local and state government stakeholders and developing partnerships. This was followed by the foundation phase which involved a series of studies to identify issues and setting up the Project Support Unit (PSU). Third was the Planning and design phase to identify and prioritise appropriate interventions for implementation. The fourth phase of implementation involved guiding the local actors in implementing a few targeted interventions. The final Operations and Maintenance (O&M) phase involved building local capacities and strengthening institutional or community structures to manage the implemented interventions.

Vision & Goal: Increasing integration across all sectors (water, wastewater, storm water and solid waste)

Implementation Agency: Arghyam

Integration Across Sectors: Water, wastewater, storm water and solid waste

Tools/ Technology Used: GIS audit of ground water, water quality assessment, energy efficiency audits, surveys

Key stakeholders: Mulbagal TMC and local stakeholders, Directorate of Municipal Administration of Karnataka

Process

The project set up institutional mechanisms of a state level coordination committee to regularly meet and discuss the project progress as well as to resolve any issues arising from its implementation. The Directorate of Municipal Administration served as the nodal office for the initiative. The TMC and its staff were also very supportive to the entire process. To implement the project, a Project Suport Unit was set up in the town. Community was mobilized by forming Ward Neeru Mathu Nairmalya Sanghas (WNNS) was done.

A ground water study was conducted to understand the availability and quality of ground water in the town and assess the feasibility of using ground water as a continuous source in the town. It was seen that the core area had shallow borewells, but with poorer quality, possibly from the contamination from septic tanks, while the peripheral areas had deeper borewells, with better quality of water.

An energy audit was conducted to assess the efficiency and performance of five pumping stations supplying water to the town. The audit showed that an energy efficient water system could reduce the production cost of water supply by almost Rs. 2 per kiloliter, saving Rs. 31 lakhs annually for the TMC. A complete audit of the water supply system (including the pipes, valves, pumps, and all the other assets) was carried out and a GIS map of the entire grid was created.

The studies helped to identify five main tracks as areas for intervention – energy efficiency in pumping stations, rainwater harvesting in schools, community toilets, individual toilets under the Government of India (GoI) Integrated Low Cost Sanitation (ILCS) scheme, and solid waste management. These interventions were embedded in existing programmes/schemes, approval and funding for which came from the DMA. These activities were seen as ways to address tangible issues faced by the town's population. The IUWM principles of sustainability, good governance, and empowerment of local government were implicit in the design of each activity.

Output / Outcomes

Twelve defunct community toilets were repaired and their ownership was transferred to the TMC by the Slum Board that had originally built them 10 years ago. In one of these, decentralized wastewater treatment technologies were adopted. Four community toilets were brought back to use with a community-managed model. In one of them, a caretaker has been employed by the community and is sustained by the fees paid by the households. This led to successful maintenance of the toilet block.

A locally customised solid waste management initiative has been designed and is running successfully in 750 households. Formal resolutions were passed by the TMC to create the Nirmala Balaga group to run the programme and ban plastic bags. Wet and dry waste is segregated and collected by this group that takes responsibility for daily collection and disposal of the wet waste.

A defunct rainwater harvesting structure in a local school was also repaired and made functional. Leaking taps in public areas were replaced; Sanitary seals were constructed on 15 bore wells to prevent groundwater contamination. Applications for toilets for 240 households under the ILCS scheme were developed, approved by the local authority, and submitted to the Government of India (GoI).

Close engagement with the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) led to several important design changes in the ongoing underground drainage system and the planned wastewater treatment plants. TMC was advised to adopt a decentralized wastewater treatment system rather than conventional centralized method.

Revival of an ancient temple tank 'kalyani' through community participation which was defunct for 40 years was a major breakthrough for the visibility of project. It helped create ownership among the communities; Local champions like District Collector and Shramdaan from Municipal staff and other local groups played important role in motivating others.

In addition to efforts towards reducing water consumption and increasing efficiency in the supply system, efforts to augment water supply through rainwater harvesting, removal of open defecation, and prevention of groundwater pollution, led to cleaner drains and reduced water logging.

Reasons for Success

The Change Management Approach offered a rational and feasible way to help Mulbagal move incrementally towards IUWM. It involved connecting with the leadership and key stakeholders, providing guidance on implementable solutions and facilitating their execution through training and mentoring. This brought about an attitudinal change in the stakeholders as they realised the possibilities of improvement and realized their potential as change agents.

Advantages and Limitation

The major advantage achieved through the project was to showcase a successful IUWM model in a small city. However, limited conceptual understanding of IUWM posed certain limitations to the effective application of the IUWM principles.

Community Based Sanitation and Slum Development (CBSSD) Project in East Devadhanam, Trichy, Tamil Nadu

Introduction

East Devadhanam is a peri-urban slum in Tiruchirapally, Tamil Nadu, which was plagued by lack of basic water and sanitation facilities. There was poor access to safe drinking water, lack of safe sanitation facilities leading to open defecation, and lack of sewage treatment facilities leading to health hazards. Clogged drains and open drains flowing into River Cauvery was causing pollution.

How It is Addressed

The slum is an exceptional example of private-public cooperation supported by active involvement and participation of all stakeholders to improve the sanitation situation and unhygienic practices. East Devadhanam was selected for implementing a pilot on decentralized wastewater and solid waste system and has successfully demonstrated a sustainable system managed by communities and slum dwellers.

About the Project

The Trichy Community Based Sanitation and Slum Development (CBSSD) project was implemented in a phased manner consisting of preparation, planning & designing, implementation, and operation and maintenance.

Vision & Goal: Improving living conditions of poor settlements in peri-urban areas through promotion and establishment of decentralized sanitation solutions, cultivating good hygienic practices, treating wastewater and reusing in irrigation.

Implementation Agency: Implemented by Trichy City Corporation (TCC) in joint collaboration with Exnora International, Chennai and CDD Society, Bangalore; funding support by BMZ and the overall guidance by BORDA (marginal funding by SHGs)

Integration Across Sectors: Wastewater, storm water and solid waste

Tools/ Technology Used: DEWATS technology

Key stakeholders: TCC, Exnora International, CDD, BORDA, self-help groups, community and citizens

Cost: DEWATS unit cost was estimated at Rs.7,00,000 for treatment capacity of 9 cum (treating effluent from 20 toilets in 2 sanitation blocks, serving about 460)

Process

All 658 slums in the city were mapped and East Devadhanam was selected for the project based on the assessment of the status of basic services along with socio-economic information about the residents collected through surveys and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs).

In East Devadhanam, feasibility studies for constructing community toilet complexes were done using tools like community mapping, Venn diagram, transect walk, timeline analysis and problem tree.

A Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System (CBS-DEWATS) was designed to serve 384 EWS families. Sewage from the public toilets was meant to be reused in irrigation, biogas would be used for heating water and lighting and sludge would be used as fertilizers. Biogas settler, anaerobic baffle reactor and planted gravel filter were used for treatment. Awareness building and information dissemination were an most important step for attitudinal change amongst communities particularly for using the by-products after treatment. Street plays, community mobilization through social and cultural activities, discussions for awareness raising were organized.

The community was instrumental in selection of technical options for treatment, providing labor for construction of complexes, spreading awareness regarding treatment and its benefits and also carrying out operation and maintenance. In addition, sanitary complexes built by city corporation were handed over to the Self Help Groups (SHGs) for operation and maintenance to create a sense of ownership and improve sustainability of the complexes. SHG members from agricultural background supported the idea of reusing wastewater for irrigation and were successful in lobbying with TCC for acquiring a plot adjacent for farming and generating an additional income. A 2 member Social and Health Education (SHE) team was responsible for regular checks of sewers, removal of floating particles from ABR, etc. Fixed user charges of Rs. 0.50 per use was levied to cover operation and maintenance of the DEWATS system.

Output / Outcomes

The treatment system helped to reduce BOD and COD to levels that conform with Central Pollution Control Board norms for agricultural use of water. The BOD level of 179 mg/l and COD level of 896 mg/l were reduced to 26 mg/l and 184 mg/l respectively. There was drastic reduction in health hazard from waste water or open defecation was reduced in the slum. The biogas generated was used in cooking, heating water and lighting biogas lamps in the toilet complex whereas the by-product from sludge was used as manure. There was also a behavioral change in slum dwellers regarding hygiene, thereby improving social, economic and environmental conditions.

Reasons for success

The major reason for the successful implementation and sustainability of the system was the involvement of the community in the entire process of implementation and management of

the project. Their involvement ensured that the solutions adopted were acceptable and benefits were shared.

Awareness raising activities carried out through the project also helped to generate acceptability of the project. Successful participatory appraisals helped in building a good rapport with the community and encouraged people to get involved in process. There was active participation of all stakeholders involved in taking up responsibilities.

Advantages and Limitation

The primary benefits from the project were the management of waste water and improvement of health, hygiene and sanitation practices in the slum area of the city. The project, through the decentralized treatment of waste water, generated several benefits of biogas and biofertilisers that were used by the community directly. There was no energy requirement and low maintenance of DEWATS system could be borne by the community. The city corporation supported the construction of toilet complexes and provided land for farming which generated income for the community as well.

The major limitation was a lack of public sector funds to be used in the East Devadhanam slum, since it was not a registered slum. However, with support of the city corporation this limitation could be overcome.

Conservation of Lakes through Citizen Participation in Udaipur, Rajasthan

Introduction

Udaipur, also known as the city of lakes, faces major issues regarding pollution of its lakes and encroachment of smaller lakes. Despite notifications from government and interventions by the High Court of the state, the situation has not improved. Untreated sewage flows into the lakes, deteriorating their water quality and causing eutrophication and sedimentation. Being a tourist city, there are a large number of hotels, and their garbage is deteriorating the catchment area of the lakes. This is adversely affecting the water quality and quantity in the city.

How It is Addressed

Jheel Sanrakshan Samiti (JSS), an NGO based in Udaipur took initiatives for conservation of lakes and persuaded the government through many initiatives, petitions, and campaigning to undertake interventions for pollution reduction. Lake conservation measures have been implemented in Udaipur through active citizen participation and handholding of JSS throughout the process.

About the Project

The project was implemented by JSS in Udaipur with funding support from the Government of Rajasthan. It was implemented through different steps, including preliminary assessment of the existing situation, designing of pollution abatement interventions and institutional arrangements for maintenance of the systems.

Vision & Goal: Environment up-gradation and conservation of lakes and its catchment in Udaipur to enhance tourism

Implementation Agency: Implemented by State Government and Udaipur Municipal Council with support of Jheel Sanrakshan Samiti (JSS) and funded under NLCP by Government of Rajasthan.

Integration Across Sectors: Water, wastewater, storm water and solid waste

Tools/ Technology Used: Biological control of water hyacinth through Weevils (N. eichhorniae & N. bruchi) and grass carp fishes; community engagement.

Key stakeholders: Jheel Sanrakshan Samiti (JSS), Municipal Council, PHED, Community and citizens.

The Process

JSS carried out hydrological and limnological studies to analyze the present status of lakes. Awareness generation was carried out to educate communities about the need for conservation of ponds and its catchment areas, its impacts on the tourism industry and the importance of water and forests, through workshops, puppet shows, street plays in local language.

Centralised sewerage system was built around the lakes of Udaipur and sewage treatment plants developed to stop lake pollution, funded by the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) scheme under Ministry of Environment and Forests of Government of India. An oxidation pond was designed for Sisarma village located upstream of Pichhola by JSS along with the feasibility reports and detailed project reports under NLCP. Limnological conservation works, including biological control of water hyacinth which can remain viable for as long as 20 years was done through two types of Weevils - *N. eichhorniae* & *N. bruchi* obtained from ICHR, Bangalore. Catchment conservation of Pichhola water shed consisting of 16 villages and area of 12702 ha was carried out. Water augmentation plans have been developed to reduce the load on groundwater which forms 28% of supply currently.

"Jheel Samverdhan & Vikas Society" (JSVS), a lake conservation society chaired by Divisional Commissioner, Udaipur along with Secretary UIT (Urban Improvement Trust) as their Secretary General was formed in 2000 to look after the conservation activities.

Output / Outcomes

The project created awareness and involved citizens for lake conservation initiatives. A number of projects and interventions were undertaken by the government like conservation of small ponds, ecological restoration of lakes due to engagement by the JSS. The length of the plant and the biomass were reduced by 50-80% in one week by the addition of weevils.

Reasons of Success

The major reason for the success of the project was the handholding support of JSS and the formation of institutional mechanisms with administrative and financial powers for conservation of lakes which helped to sustain the initiatives. There was funding available under NLCP for the conservation of lakes of Udaipur. Initiatives and handholding support throughout the whole process by a local NGO – JSS helped to guide the entire project. Formation of a Lake Development Authority (LDA) ensured that conservation initiates are not stopped once JSS moves out.

Advantages and Limitation

The major advantages of the project were to develop integrated and biological approaches for conservation of water that addresses groundwater and lake pollution. The only limitation faced was lack of funds due to which some actions could not be completed.

Rain Water Harvesting in Umaid Heritage Township Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Introduction/ Existing Scenario

Jodhpur city is the second largest city of Rajasthan with a hot and semi arid climate. The city faces a scarcity of water, particularly for green area development. The case study shows the use of rain water for horticulture and landscaping purposes.

How It is Addressed

The project involved the creation of a rain water storage tank or step well that collects and saves the rain water for use in green area development. The project developed the model using old techniques of rain water harvesting. Local architects with knowledge on traditional rain water harvesting structures were used in the development of the bawari.

About the Project

The "Birkha Bawari" was constructed in an elite township named Umaid heritage Township. It serves both as a storage site for rain water and is also used as recreational space. It showcases the value of conservation of water. As the city lies in semi-arid region, the rainfall is less. The storage tank provides water for landscaping purposes in the dry city.

Vision & Goal: To reduce the dependence on water supplied by municipality and to use and conserve rain water. A vision to create a cultural heritage related to step wells or bawaris.

Implementation Agency: Royal Family of Jodhpur

Integration Across Sectors: Water and Storm Water

Tools/ Technology Used: Planning and Implementation of rain water harvesting at township level to reduce pressure on fresh water supply.

Key stakeholders: Ess Gee Real Estate Developers (EGREDPL) and the Royal Family Jodhpur

Cost: 80 million INR

The Process

The project developed a plan for rain water harvesting in the Umaid Heritage Township in order to reduce the dependence on a single source of water supply. The entire residential complex of 110 acres was taken into consideration for rain water harvesting and the lowest lying area was picked to develop for the construction of the bawari or step well. The rain

water reached the storage tank through storm water drains and open channels. The total capacity of the bawari is 17.5 million liters.

The concept was inspired by rain water harvesting structures that are traditionally used in the state of Rajasthan.

The rain water harvesting model in the township was developed by the architects of the Ess Gee Real Estate Developers (EGREDPL) and the ownership lies with the Royal Family of Jodhpur. A Jodhpur native and national award-winning architect Anu Mridul was involved in the designing of the bavari.

Output / Outcomes

The rain water harvesting captures around 17.5 million liters of water which reduces the dependence on municipal water supply. There are major economic benefits to the township as the water costs have reduced. There is visible change in the behavior of community towards the conservation of water. Ground water extraction at very low rate also benefits the environment. Recreational space demonstrates the value and need of conservation of water. It is now serving as an example for other large township to integrate rain water harvesting.

Advantages and Limitation

Annual savings of 2.36 million in the township, creation of recreational space and change in community behavior towards water are some of the advanges. Moreover, 50% of water for landscaping and horticulture is taken from this storage tank. The challenge is in maintenance of the tank, since the cleaning is done manually.