



India

Rural Water and Sanitation

Location

Ponnai Village, Vellore, India

Partner

Church of South India

The Situation

Poor hygiene, inadequate quantity and quality of drinking water and lack of sanitation facilities causes thousands of deaths from preventable diseases each year in India.

Many victims are women and children from rural areas who suffer chronic poverty and underdevelopment.

In Vellore a scarcity of water and lack of access or misuse of available water is compounded by a lack of sanitary systems and the fact that hygiene is not given priority in many of the rural households.

Malnutrition and diarrhoea caused by unsafe water are common problems, especially among children in Vellore.

Finding and transporting water remains the responsibility of women and young girls. This means that girls have less access to education.

The Project

The project aims to improve community health and productivity by providing access to a safe water supply for 12 villages. The villages are provided with water pumps, tanks, drainage, boreholes and hygienic latrine facilities. The project also provides community management and education workshops on sanitation, health and hygiene. Brouchers, special classes, drama and dance are also used to raise community awareness of sanitation and hygiene.

Throughout the duration of the project over 8000 people from approximately 2000 households from around Vellore will benefit from access to clean water and sanitation facilities as well as training and education around hygiene and health.

Achievements

Over the four years that the project has been running, villages in the region have received access to clean water through water tanks, hand pumps and taps. Boreholes have also been drilled for use by several villages.

In addition to these facilities a community water committee has also been formed to review the progress and sustainability of the project. The committee meets every month to plan and review the work of the project.





The Future

The project will continue to address the lack of safe water and good hygiene practices in rural Vellore, with a focus on traditionally marginalised groups. The facilities already established will be maintained. Sanitation and education programs will continue to be carried out in the community, particularly through local women's groups.

To empower the community the project will train village volunteers to take on leadership roles. The volunteers will educate the community about issues such as sanitation, domestic violence and education.

Get Involved

We invite you to get involved with the project by supporting the work financially, praying for the success of the project and receiving regular updates.



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