

Tripartite Agreements Signed for Solid and Liquid Waste Management in 1100+ GPs

In the second phase of collaboration with CRD towards acceleration of Solid Liquid Resource Management under Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin, Gujarat, a tripartite agreement was signed between CRD, DRDA and DBOT agency.

UMC has been providing technical assistance for implementation of solid and liquid waste management plans in select gram panchayats of Gujarat with support of UNICEF. Earlier, we had prepared model SLRM plans for 5 villages in Gujarat. SLRM planning and implementation will now be scaled to 1100 Gram Panchayats in Gujarat having population more than 5000 in phase wise manner (phase I - 250 villages, phase II - 350 villages and phase III - 500 villages).



Mona Kandhar, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary, Rural Development Department, Gujarat spearheading the meeting for Tripartite Agreements

UMC briefed all state, district and block officials on feasible technology options, roles and responsibilities of the partner agencies in the implementation. The roles of district and block level officials was also discussed in project scheduling and monitoring.

A pilot is being implemented in Lodra village with participatory approach in SLRM ensuring O&M and ownership of the infrastructure and financial willingness of PRI to ensure sustenance of the model.



UMC team briefing district officers on SLRM technologies

Supporting Sambalpur to fast-track IHHL provisioning

As USAID's implementing partner for MISAAL, Urban Management Centre (UMC), supported in geo-tagging of individual household latrines (IHHL) in Sambalpur, Odisha. The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) was rolled out nationally in 2014 and the progress of IHHL construction has been a mere 6% in Sambalpur. Under SBM, Odisha adopted beneficiary-led construction model in which beneficiaries receive the IHHL subsidy/ incentive after completion of the toilet construction.

UMC mapped the process of IHHL delivery cycle, breaking it down into processes - pre and post construction phases. It was noted that the delays in processes at each stage demotivated households to construct a toilet. To fast-track the process of incentive disbursement UMC supported the Sambalpur Municipal Corporation. The teams immediately started identifying households that have completed IHHL construction and geo-tagged them. This enabled 126 households to access the IHHL subsidy in a week's time.

This release of subsidy will have a ripple effect and will encourage other beneficiaries to complete their IHHL construction. We are now supporting SBM team, Sambalpur to upscale geo-tagging in the remaining slums of Sambalpur.



Active community engagement for fastracking IHHL provision, further motivating members of the community

Under MISAAL in partnership with USAID, we are supporting ULBs in the three states namely Gujarat, Rajasthan and Odisha to achieve and sustain ODF by focusing on community engagement and behaviour change. MISAAL envisions sanitation as an economy that can harness livelihoods opportunities aiming to create an enabling ecosystem for sustaining ODF.

Fostering Enterprise Development Partnerships between SHGs from different states

A study tour with women from Self Help Groups of Bhubaneswar, Dhenkanal and Warangal was organised in Ahmedabad 17-18 July 2019, with the support of UCD, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC). The tour encouraged cross-learning and inter-state networking of SHG women from four cities within India.

Along with SHG members tour was attended by Executive Officer from Dhenkanal, Superintendent - MEPMA (GWMC); State Mission Coordinator – MEPMA Telangana; Secretary GWMC; CMMU – Bhubaneswar and Community Organisers.

The team of 32 visited several best practices for livelihoods including sanitary pad manufacturing unit, visit to City Livelihood centre (CLC), pay and park facility, material recovery facility run by SHG members which has been initiated by AMC.



SHGs from Dhenkanal, Bhubaneswar and Warangal engaged in knowledge sharing activities during the study tour

After the visit, officials were positive about implementation of these best practices in their respective cities. Dhenkanal and Warangal have already begun the process of replicating suitable models.

UMC is implementing convergence between DAY-NULM & SBM within the cities of Dhenkanal, Bhubaneswar and Paradip in Odisha and Warangal in Telangana which is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



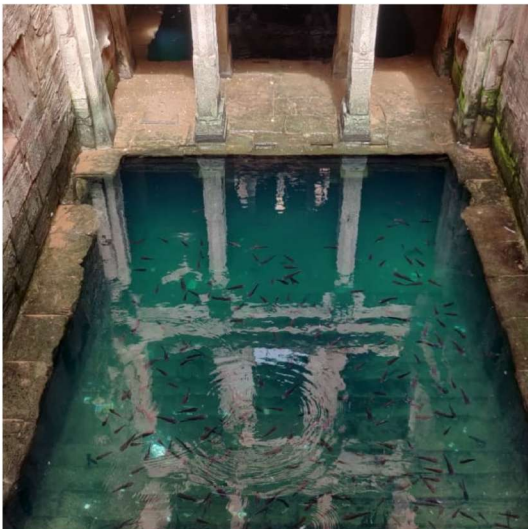
The two-day study tour ended on a positive note with officials encouraged to replicate best practices

MISAAL aligns with Jal Shakti Mission

In a recent visit to Jodhpur, one of the intervention cities under MISAAL, a consultation with local authorities highlighted issues in conservation and restoration of water resources. These include leakage in pipes and garbage dumping,

Historically Jodhpur had an integrated network of lakes and storm water drain making the city water sufficient in the desert region. The beautiful Baoris, Jhalras and lakes exist today but are in extremely poor condition and its worsening. These include leakage in sewer pipes and garbage dumping.

Aligning with Jal Shakti Mission, MISAAL looks at revival of these water bodies in collaboration with Urban Local Bodies.



Visit to various water bodies in Jodhpur city by MISAAL team highlighting issues that are hindrances in water conservation and restoration



From everyday struggles of saving money, to forming a Self Help Group; Sushila, Gul and Ramila have started their journey to challenge their circumstances. They have registered themselves under CMMU, NULM and are abiding by the 5 rules to be followed by any SHG. In the episode 2 let's take a look on what DAY-NULM has in store for them

You can follow the journey of Sushila, Gul and Ramila from struggling to earn money to entrepreneurs on U-LEARN, a mobile and desktop application.

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