



Bore Wells

Rural water supply

Competition for Water

It has been said that the next wars will be fought over water. Increasing competition for dwindling water resources continues to pose a greater threat to India's national and international security.

Sustainable Water Management

The needs of India are unique. Nowhere else in the world does population growth and poverty play such a large role in affecting water resources. This reflects the importance of providing for basic human needs and to ensure that the livelihoods of the most vulnerable can be improved. In the case of rural India, poverty and reduced access to safe water resources has limited the ability of the poor to improve their situation, which has only served to perpetuate the poverty cycle, especially among rural populations and women. Women play a central role in the provision, management and safeguarding of water resources.

The statistics show an alarming trend for India: rapid population growth, urbanisation and industrialisation has led to a greater demand for an increasingly smaller supply of water resources across the region

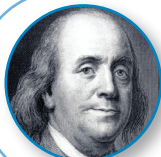
The Need

Providing clean drinking water by installation of hand pumps is seen as essential for survival in rural areas of India, where Kamla Foundation operates. This project aligns well with our goals of assisting to reduce rural poverty and improve the health of the most vulnerable.

In line with our commitment to fighting rural poverty, we are sourcing and delivering the provision of safe water to the poorest members of society. We are installing simple bore wells operated by hand pumps across rural hamlets which are in desperate need of safe clean drinking water. The most vulnerable often have to rely on contaminated rivers or open wells for meagre water supplies. In cases of extreme scarcity, State Governments supply water by tank trucks to poorer villages at an extortionate cost.

Outcomes - The project is helping beneficiaries by;

- enabling locals to get safe, dependable water close to their doorsteps, thereby reducing the drudgery of hauling water from open wells and rivers.
- halving the time it takes village women from getting daily water supplies for their households, providing more time for productive activities such as day labour or childcare.
- dramatically reducing water-related diseases once the hand pumps go into operation.
- providing simple technology, which means that the hand pumps can be easily operated and maintained by local villagers.
- locally elected governing bodies taking ownership of and maintaining the completed hand pumps.



"When the well is dry, we learn the worth of water"

Benjamin Franklin