

Overview

CARD started implementing Samruddhi project for John Deere in 5 villages of Dewas district with the objective of improving community infrastructure, increasing agricultural productivity and food security, improving education infrastructure and practices and increasing youth vocational skills and employability by carrying out various activities for the beneficiaries.

Kuvari Bai is a resident of Durga Nagar hamlet of Khatamba village. She belongs to Banjara tribe and her family is involved in the traditional work of grinding stones. There are 11 members in the family. Durga Nagar is a small hamlet consisting of 49 households without any basic amenities. Major issue faced by this community was the non-availability of water. This problem became severe in past three years after the bore well (single source of water) dried up.

Kuvari Bai's story was no different. She had to walk almost 1 km to fetch water. On an average, she had to spend 2-4 hours for getting water. Community members shared this issue with Samruddhi project staff during community meetings. In further discussions staff came to know that there is a bore-well in the community constructed by district panchayat representative and it has sufficient water but people were not able to make use of it because hand pump or motor was not installed. Based on the request of the community members and initial assessment, hand-pump was installed by Samruddhi project after acquiring written permissions from Gram panchayat and district panchayat members.

Now all the residents of this hamlet are using this facility and Kuvari bai is able to fetch water for her family in 15-20 minutes.



Village: Khatamba
Project: Samruddhi, Dewas