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A case Study of Basti Chandia Mouza Chanwala

District Muzafar Garh

This initiative really helped to save our face in Community



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Ms Kalsoon Bibi



INITIATIVE

CHALLENGE

Kalsoom Bibi, from Basti Chandia Mouza Chanwala, district Muzafargarh states in her words, We are a big family as we live all together with in-laws. In our society fetching water is women's responsibility. Our house was badly affected in last year's flood. We had a hand pump that was destroyed and broken too. Since the flood we had to fetch water from communal hand pump that is at distance and we observe purdah that means we can only fetch water in the night. That also means we are vulnerable to dangerous insects and bad people.

Our families have constructed one room for each family for sleeping but nothing else and hand pump was a last priority for our head of HH. Water we drink was not fit for drinking. Family members suffered from stomach problems especially children but what could we do. Who can boil water for 20 people, no way?

Few Months ago a team from Friends Foundation came to do the assessment regarding water and sanitation. We were not sure if they would come back as so many people have done assessment earlier, but what happened, next month they came with whole team and rehabilitated our hand pump and repaired our drainage for waste water. We are very happy; you can not imagine the change in our life after a year. We are no more worried for water and wait till the dark when we will be able to go out to fetch water

RESULTS

We now feel secure and not to worry about fetching water in the night. Our children are not sick now because we trust our water.

Now we can live with our culture free from shame and shock.