

A case Study of Mouza Waan Basti Chak Kalanger UC Waan Patafi, District Muzafar Garh

**Proud to be the source of positive change in my
community**

Ms Firdous a young community activist



CHALLENGE

Ms Firdous, resident of Mouza Waan Basti Chak Kalanger Union Council Waan Patafi states,

I am youngest among the 6 sisters and brothers. In my Basiti we are 40 households, mostly katcha. So the most of them collapsed and some houses were damaged in 2010 floods. The big damage was that we had drinking water pound in the village that was all contaminated as we had flood water standing for 4 months in and around the village. We were using the same water with out knowing that it has become harmful now. The whole village population was suffering from water born diseases and especially small children were badly affected. People were running to the doctor's one after the other, spending lot of money, time and energies.

INITIATIVE

Few months ago I attended a 2 days training course organized by Friend Foundation and I was nominated by my community. It was very useful training, we learnt about personal, household and community hygiene issues and discussed solution. Water purification methods were also important component of our training. We discussed and learnt that water source in our basti is no more fit for drinking without its purification. We learnt about 3 methods, 1. Boiling, 2. Use of aqua tab, 3. Solar disinfection. I was now convinced that our drinking water has to be purified. After the training I started talking about it with my family and purified my family's drinking water through solar disinfection method. Slowly and gradually my neighbors and then the other community members adopted the same method and now every one is aware of the importance of water purification before drinking and most preferred method is solar disinfection because of no cost.

RESULTS

My community is very happy as they do not have to run to doctors all the time and I am proud that I was the useful source for positive change.