

WATER FOR EVERYONE- THE WELL OF HOPE IN VILLAGE KHANDOW

In Khandow, a well which is one kilometer away from the habitation is situated close to the pipes in agricultural fields towards the south of the well. The well serves as primary water source for the residents. More than 102 families of Gond tribe are dependent on this well for clean water resources.

But in the summer of 2012, the well dried the CPF field staff noted down the measurements of the well on 2nd May 2012 and found that it was difficult to fish out even one glass of water from the well. It was important to revive this well a multi pronged approach was undertaken under as part of the NRM activities. Water Absorption Trenches across the foot hill, ten Loose Boulder Structures and 15 Rock Fill Dams were constructed in drainage line. The NRM works initiated was worth Rs 1.5 lakhs and it was a challenge that the team undertook to complete the works fifteen days before the onset of rains.

Particulars	Date: 02-05-2012	Date: 15-05-2013
Depth of the well	5.10 meters	5.10 meteres
Ground Water Level	0	3.90 meters
Static Water Level	0	1.20 Meters (increased water levels in well)

In the year 2013, CPF team visited the location to supervise the works at Khandow where the residents caught up with the CPF team and expressed surprise about the well saying, “Our well has lot of water, thanks to you all”. The staff along with the residents went to the well on 15th May 2013 and witnessed tremendous change in the water level in comparison to last year.

This well is just an illustration of the results of work carried out; there five more wells are in



same status in the Khandow IMWP watershed area.