

## **Champu : A Success Story Of a Community Managed PWS**

The village Champu in Soro block is today proud of their achievement and distinction for confidently developing an effective operation, maintenance and delivery mechanism of owning a PWS to ensure sustainability. After initial apprehension for contribution from peers in the community and lack of confidence to manage the responsibility, they today are strong enough to steer the achievement on to long term sustenance. The village community of Champu enthusiastically vocal to recognise, of being indebted to their true leader, MLA; Shri. Kartik Mohapatra, who besides consistently providing moral support and pursuing reforms principles, was instrumental in mobilising the community door to door for the noble cause.

The entire scheme is backed with a strong political will and determination which reflects in supervision volunteered by MLA and PRI members. To continue with, of course water provisions have paved way to a sustainable implementation of sanitary provisions and implant the desired habits. All targeted households today own the distinction of using household latrines

It all started with a special Meeting organized by the local NGO; SPEED in the presence of JE (RWS&S) engineer and other community leaders. The choice was made after weighing different options of water supply systems available and paying capacity of the community. Technical details were worked by the JE (RWS&S). The details of capital cost sharing, operation and maintenance costs were clarified to the community. It was made clear from the beginning that the assets created under sector reforms program along with existing drinking water and sanitation facilities will belong to the community. The total cost of the project is Rs 4,43,000/-. The community share was collected by VWSC for which DWSS sanctioned its share of Rs 3,98,700/-.

DWSS signed an agreement with the Champu VWSC. The VWSC was entrusted with the responsibility of procurement of pipes for the scheme and record keeping of the same. VWSC procured material from authorized dealers of the company. Provisions relating to implementation of scheme were communicated to the community by RWS&S and PRI officials in the village meeting.

The required behavioural changes and constant pursuance on the part of the VWSC, NGO and government departments. The media coverage about success of sector reform in Champu is now acting as a catalyst for implementation of this program in other villages of the district.



### **Salient Features of Rural Water Supply – Champu Village**

- Name of the Project : Champu Village Rural Water Supply.
- Estimated Cost: Rs. 4,43,000.00
- Source of Supply : 150 mm dia production well of 45 meter depth
- Method of drawing : 3 HP submersible pump set.
- Distribution Systems: 14 nos of stand posts, 27 nos of house connections with an overhead RCC Tank of 10,000 lts capacity
- Population served: General: 290  
SC : 267  
ST : Nil  
Total : 557  
Total HH: 145
- Operation and Maintenance : Champu Village WatSan Committee
- Work Executed by : Champu VWSC