

## SUCCESS STORY

### RURAL WATER SUPPLY: MEETING NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE KANDHARA

The village Kandhara located under Rairakhol Block of Sambalpur District in Orissa is associated with the life history of great Oriya saint poet Bhima Bhoi well known for his rare creations of devotional songs having bearing in the famous Mahima Cult. Many devotees visit this remote village to get blessings of sadhus of Bhima Bhoi math. The population of the village Kandhara is near one thousand with many hamlets like Beldihi and Entulipada etc.

While collecting feedback on the implementation of Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme in Kandhara, we were encircled by sadhus, devotees and some village level workers. Sadhus expressed, “the worries and sufferings of the people are now over on drinking water front. Since water is life, they are quite happy by this provision. Ms. Anjali Gadtia, Sarapanch of Kadaligada Gram Panchayat says that “ we were using water from Sankerandi river. Every year many people were being affected by many seasonal diseases owing to paucity of safe drinking water.” Bilash Behera, Anganwadi Worker, Sunapanjuri Gadtia, ASHA worker and Khetish Gadtia, an opinion makers stated that we are now planning for sanitary latrines for Total Sanitation purpose. Children and old will find it convenient to use in the night. Support of the whole community is quite evident when they express in a celebrating that they do not have any problem of drinking water now.

Executed with an estimate of Rs.26.25 lakh, the Rural Piped Water Supply System at village Kandhara targets to meet the daily demand of 70972 liters of water a day. Designed to be distributed through stand posts and 4 institutional overhead tanks, the water is treated through the electro chlorination system. The method of extraction of water is being done by the submersible pump set.

Thanks to the RWSS wing of Rural Development Department for meeting the basic need of the rural mass.