

Case Story-1 Drinking Water Issue Resolved

Rajkiyakrit Madhya Vidyalaya, Bongram
Village -Bongram, Panchayat-Rainsia,
Block-Kolebira, District -Simdega

Bongram Village is one of the 53 villages of Kolebira block of Simdega district. It inhabits a total of 236 households and a population of 1187 consisting of 604 male and 583 females. This village has 5 ward members and is situated in Rainsia Panchayat. The name of Mukhia is Mahima Lakra.

Rajkiyakrit Madhya Vidyalaya is situated at Bongram Village. It imparts education to a total of 175 students which includes 93 boys and 82 girls. Pushpa Baage is the headmaster of the school. There are 2 government teachers and 2 para teacher in the school. This school plays vital role in imparting quality education among the students of Bongram village.



Earlier, Rajkiyakrit Madhya Vidyalaya had just one hand pump for a total 175 students of school which was the only source for drinking, cooking, hand washing etc. It was very difficult for school as well as students to manage their needs with just one hand pump. Overuse resulted into mechanical failures and the pump used to stay defunct for a significant amount of time. Thus, students had to travel approximately 0.5km away from school to get water from an open well. This not just hampered their study hours but the unhygienic water of the well resulted into their ill health and other health issues like regular diarrhoea which again resulted into increased absentees and therefore, studies.

In this critical situation, Pushpa Baage, headmaster and David Baage, primary teacher decided to make an intervention and they shared the prevailing situation with the SMC of school and together they met with Mahima Lakra, mukhia and brought the issue to her notice and requested to enrol for Solar Water Tank scheme. This attempt culminated into Solar Water Tank at the school with the support of mukhia with the cost of 2,50,000/- by 14th FFC. Now, school and students are happy and this tank fulfils the drinking, cooking, hand washing and other needs of the school. Students don't fall sick to water borne diseases and their attendance in school has also significantly improved.

