

Learnings from Indo-Swiss Participatory Watershed Development Project in Karnataka (ISPWDK)

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Journey of the watershed development processes in Karnataka

- Participative Integrated Development of Watersheds (PIDOW): participatory approaches for watershed development
- ISPWDK- phase 1: As a collaborative project involving government, NGOs and community
- ISPWDK-Phase II: Focus on village level institutions and linkages with PRIs



Learnings

- Paradigm Shift
 - From land-based approach to household approach
 - Emphasis on process orientation
- Result: Equal participation and involvement of all, irrespective of land, caste, economic status



Process of village level institutional development



Enhancing technical capabilities of community by explaining the science behind their experiences

- Developing Community Resource Persons, People's Technical Resource Groups
- Facilitation of micro-plans, net plans
- Implementation of watershed activities through the WMC, CRPs and PTRGs
- Mobilizing local contributions for post-project sustainability
- Community review mechanisms

Result: Sense of ownership, enhanced fund management capacity, approach for loan based watershed development at project scale



Towards equity



Awareness among the landless and resource poor about potential for wage employment within the village:

- Ban on the use of large machinery
- Compensation based on physical effort (Volumetric basis)

Result: Fair wages and awareness that contributes to improvements in the efficiency of other programs such as NREG



Towards equity and sustainability



SHGs federated into Project Level Umbrella Institutions

- Provides services (financial, legal, government schemes)
- Provides a platform for women empowerment
- Develop financial and administrative skills

Result: Well organized platform and grooming of leaders and resource persons for different services



- **End Result**

- Village Development Society
- Enhanced capacities of the community
- Integration of gender in watershed development
- Equal participation in the decision making processes
- Contribution of quality leadership into panchayat raj institutions





Thank You!

