

TESTIMONY NO. 2

The testimony of the Madevesheth village women who fought collectively to get their dam repaired and the proper road to the village.



The village received the fund through village Panchayat Rs. 7, 00,000/- to build the dam in order to collect the water which could be used after rainy season. And excess road to village.

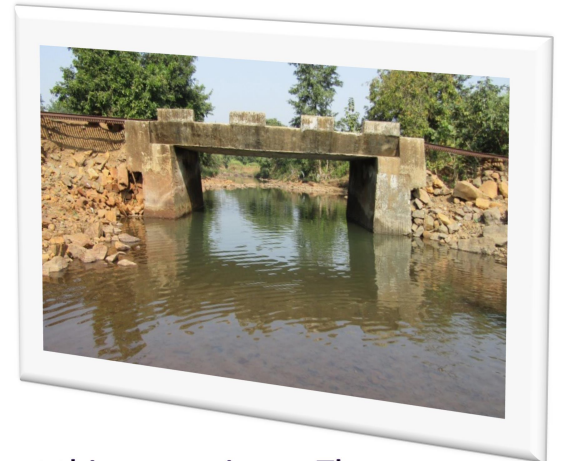
Unfortunately the material used for the construction was very low quality. Within few months it started getting cracks and one fine day it was collapsed.

Self-help group (Women's group) along with an animator decided to have a meeting and in the meeting they



discussed about this severe issue. The decision was taken to call a journalist who can bring this issue in the media, one day he came to the place to see the state of the dam, the news was carried out by the media coverage. Next day at

once the women were called by the Block development officer and asked to write another proposal with help of the institution



and submit to the Panchayat sammittee. He approved the project and granted the fund for the dam. The work will began in the month of May.

The villagers were overjoyed they felt that it was their efforts but the encouragement was from the institution. The villagers came to the limelight by this action, they also learnt the concerning department for the developmental work in the village. Hence they built tremendous confidence to take up the issues.

They expressed the gratitude towards institution and said that this winning experience was given to us by the presence of the institution in our village. In future we will dare to take up such issues because we believe that the institution will stand by us.

