

Innovating with the Community, scaling up with the State

The AKRSP(I) Story



**AGA KHAN RURAL SUPPORT
PROGRAMME (INDIA)**

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Contaminated water, poor health

- The Musahar (Rat Eating) Community
- Medicine ineffective
- Hand Pumps tested, contaminated water
- Govt. interventions are individual/group handpumps and large village schemes
- Community discusses other options for safe drinking water



**Village woman marking
contaminated handpumps after
water testing**

Developing a low-cost, effective solution

Community contributes 10% of capital cost & monthly water charges

AKRSP(I) establishes a low-cost water testing laboratory accessible to the community

Panchayats and women self-help groups involved at all stages

AKRSP(I) then withdraws after 2 years.



And now scaling up with the Bihar Govt.

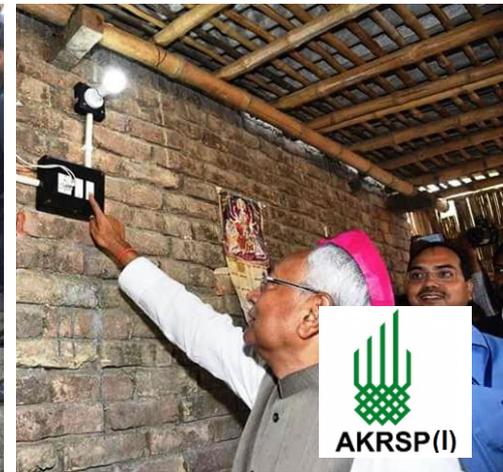
15M

People in 25000 wards of Bihar have water at doorstep

282

Wards get water tested regularly

- MoU with Bihar Govt
- Training manual on model
- Demonstration in other districts
- Training govt. staff



AKRSP(I)'s approach



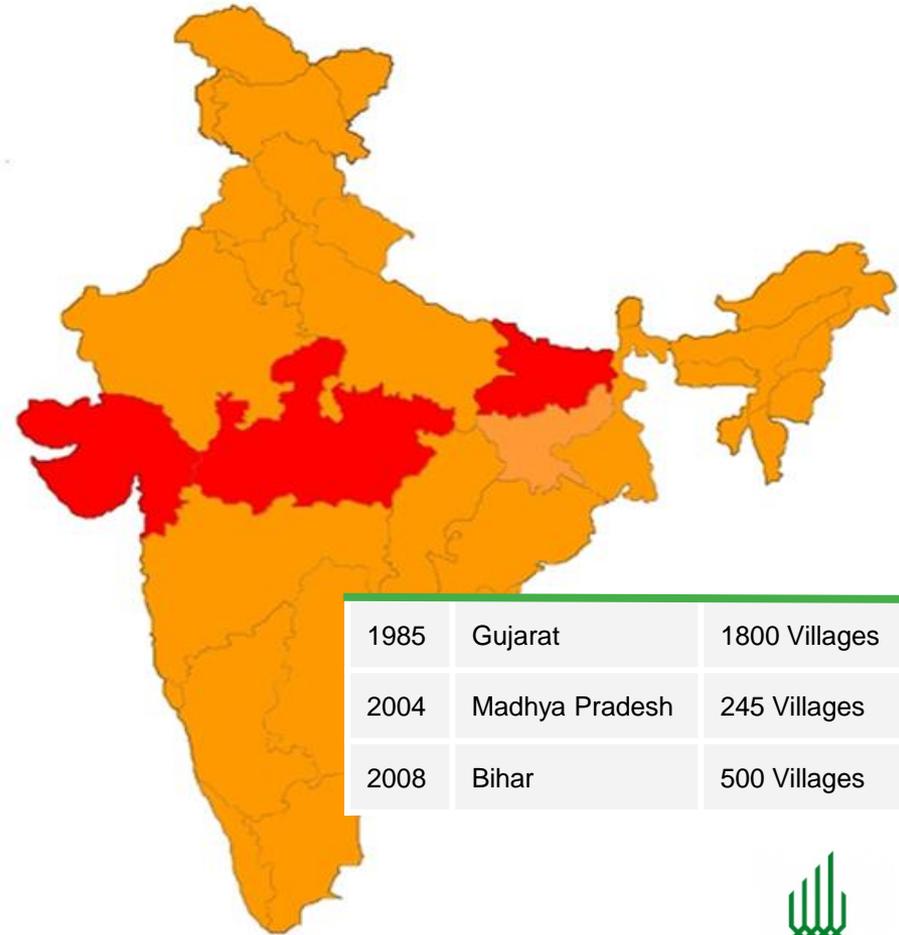
Innovative solutions with community



Emphasizing quality and access



Scaling up with government buy-in



Partner with us

Co-create low-cost community owned solutions in tribal MP/Gujarat & arsenic affected Bihar

Partnership with Govt. under Jal Shakti in Bihar, Gujarat, MP & other states

Reimagining Rural Water Quality Testing in India

Developing effective real-time community feedback systems on rural drinking water





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