



# Renewing Himalayan Springs Through The Agency Of Youth & Communities



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Safe, sustainable water for all

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# Himalayan Communities Are Facing A Water Crisis

**50%**

of springs are  
drying up

**70%**

of springs undrinkable  
in some regions

Dry land leads to  
forest fires and impact  
on livelihoods

# Fueled By People, Catalysed by HSS

*Creating sustainable water sources by evangelising youth and communities to build ponds, check dams and sand filtration pits*

## Youth as Change Agents

Active engagement

Proactive inheritance

## Communities as custodians

Seeking a solution

Willing to act

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# Connecting with Youth to affect long-term change

Engaging the curiosity and vitality of young minds, while taking concrete action on the ground



## The power of stories

Theatre workshops,  
songs



## Experiential Learning

Site visits, witnessing  
science-in-action,  
international student  
visits



## Renewal/Conservation

Check dam creation,  
afforestation



## Transformation

Revisiting springs to  
ensure they are  
healthy,  
Returning to work in  
their fields

# Solving Problems Via Collective Action

Leveraging community resources to increase buy-in and lessen the need for external funding



## Community Support

Identification of locations,  
Granting permission,  
Powered by Women



## Giving in Kind

Voluntary Labour,  
Donating Material &  
Tools



## Monetary Contributions

Donating funds,  
Crowdfunding locally



## Government advocacy

Mobilising Panchayat funds,  
Government schemes

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# In Numbers

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>In Numbers</b>	<b>Cost per intervention</b>
<b>“Chaal” (Percolation pond)</b>	<b>565</b> (since ‘07)	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Rain water ferro cement tank</b>	<b>15</b> (since ‘17)	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Slow Sand Filter (20-30 families)</b>	<b>25</b> (since ‘10)	<b>35,000</b>
<b>Theater workshop with school children</b>	<b>08</b> (since ‘07)	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Broadleaf Saplings</b>	<b>2,80,000</b> (since ‘07)	<b>27,500</b> for 10 Hectares

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