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### CLEAN FRESH WATER COMES TO THE HIGH MOUNTAIN VILLAGES OF NEPAL

#### VIDEO

WOMEN AT WATER PUMP

MAYA ADHIKARI, MEMBER OF  
WOMEN TECHNICAL SUPPORT  
GROUP, ON CAMERA

WOMEN WITH WATER, WATER  
JUGS, PUMP

#### AUDIO

##### NARRATION

These women living in Serachaur Village in western Nepal used to spend their entire day collecting clean water. Maya Adhikari said she had to walk several kilometers each way to reach one of four water taps, shared by the village's one hundred and fifty-two households. (16")

MAYA ADHIKARI: (Nepalese) **F**

*"We used to get up at three o'clock in the morning to go to collect the water during the winter. We had to travel quite a distance carrying laundry in a basket. But now we are able to help our children with studies while we are washing the clothes at home."* (12")

##### NARRATION

Now, the villagers share 27 water taps – all within a few minutes' walking distance.

The new, closer taps are part of a World Bank-supported rural water supply and sanitation programme. The programme is managed –and the

decisions are made by the villagers themselves. For example, this group in Sathuhane village is discussing how best to fix a broken water pipe. When Sathuhane joined the water programme, villagers contributed 40 percent of the cost. Laxmi Sapkota is secretary of Consumer's Group Working Committee. (35)

LAXMI SAPKOTA, SECRETARY OF  
CONSUMER'S GROUP WORKING  
COMMITTEE, ON CAMERA

LAXMI SAPKOTA: (Nepalese) F

*"People were so desperate that the villagers, including women and children, became active in laying the pipelines." (7.5")*

PEOPLE IN MEETINGS, PEOPLE  
WITH WATER

NARRATION

The programme is not just about water, it is also about including women and the poor in the decision-making. Women and lower caste groups are active in planning and managing each village's water supply. Sarada Pengeni is treasurer of Consumer's Group. (15")

SARADA PANGENI, TREASURER  
OF CONSUMER'S GROUP  
WORKING COMMITTEE, ON  
CAMERA

SARADA PENGENI: (Nepalese) F

*"Before we went to collect five to seven pitchers of water, and we would spend a lot of time. Since this project got implemented with the community initiative, women are the group that has benefited the most." (12.5")*

VILLAGE SCENES, WOMEN  
WORKING IN FIELDS

NARRATION

In rural Nepal, it is women's responsibility to manage the family water. With women spending less time fetching water, they are now free to do other things. Some are making money by farming chickens, or vegetables, or goats. Some simply

have more time for child care and household chores. The water programme is in place in most of the country. It has reached 800,000 rural Nepalese and it aims to reach hundreds of thousand more. (27")

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