

Godawari-Prabalya- WASH Newsletter



PROJECT STATUS, JANUARY - APRIL 2023

The project is on track with a lot of local activities in several workflows. We see very strong commitment from the political leadership at the municipality in Godawari. Covering – among several other activities and processes – the forming of the local WASH Act as a key process for the long-term success of WASH-related work in Godawari and for our WOP.

We are on track regarding timeline and budget. The second PSG Session was held in February, with valuable input to the project management team. Also, data collection for NWSH/

GIS is about to get started, and the first remote trainings started in March. And, at Lele, the contractor for the Lele Water Project have been signed and are about to get started with for the construction work.

Regular meetings and coordination sessions are taking place within different workflows and levels, week after week, and we are very happy for the great and continuous cooperation and support from all partner's organisations.

Thank you very much!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- PSG Session, May 10
- 5th Global WOP Congress in Bonn, Germany. Our WOP is represented by Anand, Anita, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Godawari, May 22-25
- Reporting to GWOPA/UN Habitat, June 30
- Team Nepal visiting Umeå and Sweden in August.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

In Workflow 5, team Vakin has provided learning sessions on the topic Water Sampling and an instruction video with Niclas and Daniel from Vakin, covering

- Preparations
- Equipment
- Method – tap/surface water
- Documentation
- Analysis/Actions



Niclas from Team Vakin comparing water sampling bottles



On the occasion of World Poetry day, March 21, and World Water day, March 22, Godawari Prabalaya WASH organized a poetry competition.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness among students, teachers and parents about the importance of protecting drinking water, with poetry as a tool. Also to establish a school network with possibility of school information.

Godawari-Prabalaya-WASH and Godawari municipality invited all schools to the poetry competition. A selection of students got to visit the town hall for a lecture on water and poetic inspiration from National poet Dr. Nab Raj Lamsal.

The best poems were selected by a jury and awarded with diplomas and prizes. On page 3, you can read the winning poem, by student Rita Neupane, a beautiful and inspiring poem about the role of students in conservation of water resources.

- Upstream-work
- Long term communication
- Encourage creativity
- Empowering young students/young women
- School network established
- Great inspiration for other GWOP!

Event visibility:

- Meeting with Chief of Education section
- Invitation letter to public and private schools of Godawari municipality
- Selected students and teachers were invited to Godawari municipality hall, and oriented about World Water day.
- National poet Dr. Nab Raj Lamsal talked to students about importance of poetry, and how poems can increase awareness in society.
- Closing and Prize distribution by Mr. Bashistha Adhikari- Social Advisor of Godawari Municipality and Education Chief Mr. Dinnatha Panthi.
- Top news at UN Habitats website gwopa.org!



Winners of the poetry challenge



Students and teachers listening to lecture

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A Poem - By Rita Neupane

I am dedicated student, I conserve my environment
I will decorate my country by keeping rivers and streams clean.
Water is life and life is water
There is water and so am I,
and the one who preserve is also me

Let's not litter and let's not others litter as well
Let's aware about the preservation of water resources
Water is life and life is water
There is water and so am I,
and the one who preserve is also me.

Don't think about your sake, but the interest of our nation
Let's protect the water resources and the lives of all
Water is life and life is water
There is water and so am I,
and the one who preserve is also me

Let's plant trees and protect the plants
Let's initiate it by planting them with our own hands
Water is life and life is water
There is water and so am I,
and the one who preserve is also me

Our green forests are our common wealth
Has there been water sources, we exit and we flourish
Water is life and life is water
There is water and so am I,
and the one who preserve is also me

One day-one plant, another day-one more
Protecting the water resources is my responsibility
Water is life and life is water
There is water and so am I,
and the one who preserve is also me

WATERAID SWEDEN VISITS GODAWARI AND LELE

WaterAid Sweden visited Godawari municipality in April, a courtesy meeting with Mayor and the Godawari Prabalaya WASH Team.

They visited the Lele project site, interacted with Lele Users Committee and observed the intake construction work.

One of the WaterAid ambassadors, famous Swedish artist Peter Jöback, posted videos and photos from Godawari and Lele on his Instagram.



Godawari Mayor and WaterAid ambassadors

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LELE PROJECT UPDATE



Meeting with Lele Users Committee, to make a yearly plan.



Lele project, intake

A Yearly Action Plan of Lele Water and Sanitation Users Committee is established, with different action points including technical improvements, training, protection of spring sources, tariff settings, water sample collection and tests and communication activities to raise water safety awareness.

Expected result is an improved water quality of Lele, meeting the national level standard. Also, Lele Water Users Committee will have an Asset Management Plan, Business Plan, and a governance mechanism to ensure water to poor and marginalized people. They will also hire staff for operation and maintenance.



Lele project progress, intake and reservoir tank

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SANITOUR INDIA

A delegation from WaterAid, Godawari Municipality and Lahan Municipality, participated an exposure visit on Water and Sanitation in India in December 2022. Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) organized the visit in two states: Hyderabad and Udisha. Our team benefited greatly from the exposure visit, with water and sanitation related information from the policy to the implementation levels.

We are impressed of the political commitment, policy and plan documents, mobilization of women, digitalization of the system, innovative public toilets, and choice of faecal and solid waste management technology. Most of the initiative can be replicated in Nepal. Puri Water Supply System's journey to ensure safe water management was extremely benefici-

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Godawari delegation in India

al for our Lele Drinking Water Project.

Warangal has emerged as the City of Innovations in recent years, thanks to the adoption of innovative sanitation management strategies. This exposure visit demonstrated that political leadership and commitment to budget allocation and policy guidance can result in significant changes in the WASH sector that team can say confidently after this visit.

Godawari Mayor and ward Chair also went to three states of India in march/April 2023. The Godawari Mayor has committed to allocated budget on public toilet construction after this visit. He has suggested to team to expedite Co-Treatment plant. sanitation management strategies.

