

SUCCESS STORY

Beneficiary Details:

Name - Kailash S/o Babra
Village- Mundri, Panchayat- Mundri, Block-
Anandpuri, Dist- Banswara

Kailash, 50, is a resident of village Mundri of Mundri Panchayat of Anandpuri block of Banswara District. He has a big family of 10 including 6 children (5 sons and 1 daughter, out of which 2 sons are married) and has 10 bighas land and a well.

Until 2011, Kailash and his family used to migrate to Ahmedabad every year for wage employment (agriculture labor). They would return to home only during sowing/harvesting season or for some social/religious functions. Their patch of land used to produce enough for their household needs throughout the year. However, it was difficult to get 'Rabi' crop from it.



Kailash got to know about VAAGDHARA's wadi project (which was being implemented with the help of NABARD) only in when he came back for sowing of 'Kharif' crop. He says that he had seen this concept in Gujarat and was already impressed with it. Coincidentally, VAAGDHARA called a public meeting in the village to promote wadi development, which Kailash attend out of his curiosity. In the year 2012, kailash started developing a wadi on his spare land. He also got an opportunity to go for a educational tour and learned many new things, including preparing seeds, fodder, equipment etc. He was also paid in cash for whatever work he did during the training. Continuous handholding from VAAGDHARA for wadi development motivated Kailash to not to migrate for wage employment, and to earn his living from his farm only.

Kailash recalls that though he had his own land and a well, he did not have an engine/submersible pump to irrigate the land. Since, irrigation became a necessity as he was now practicing vegetable cultivation; he bought an engine from his saving. However, lack of pipes (and resources to buy the same) was still a big hurdle in the way of



fetching water from the well. But he was fortunate enough to get 130 ft pipes under the project and to start irrigation wadi and his regular crops.

He also got vegetable seeds under the scheme which eventually fetched him around 6000 Rs. per year through vegetable selling. Besides, irrigation facility helped him produce 1300 Kg additional wheat. He was now also able to take 'Rabi' crops (maize and gram) from his farm.

In these days Kailash has started pulses cultivation and is hopeful for good returns. He now stays in his village only and has earned good repute in the society. His children/grand children are linked with mainstream education. He proudly helps others to develop 'wadi' and identifies it as a factor that changed his life.