

Water Harvesting Dams

"Before this dam was built, we could only grow crops during the rains. The dam now belongs to the village, and each year, contractors bid for the water, and pay the VRMC. The contractor then sells the water to farmers for irrigation during the dry season, which has increased yields by a factor of 2.5. The landless also benefit from increased labour demand. All the village, including the landless, now share water for their daily needs. Because we have access to the financial agreement, we can monitor the profit of the contractor to make sure the system is fair for all."



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