

JWF Fund 2020: Outlines of the project

3. Installation of hand-washing facilities in Thapathali slum, Nepal

- Organization: 'We' for Change (#181)
- Cost: 1,170 USD (JWF Fund 1,000 USD, contribution from the 'We' for Change 110 USD, and slum association 60 USD)
- Number of direct beneficiaries: 777 people
- Background:
- 'We' for Change carried out community-based research and found that people in the slum of Thapathali are exposed to major water-borne diseases. They live in poor conditions, lack knowledge on WASH and have no water for maintaining regular hand washing practices. There are frequent outbreaks of cholera and dysentery.



Thapathali slum



Site for installing the hand-washing facilities

- Main contents of the project: Installation of 2 eco-friendly hand-washing stations and conducting 3 workshops on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)
- Sustainability: Thapathali will refill the water in the handwashing stations, provide access for community members to liquid soap, and take responsibility for periodic maintenance of the handwashing stations. The water collected in the sand filter could be reused to water nearby flowers and vegetables.

Through improvement of hygiene, a better living environment for the community is expected.

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During the project



WASH Awareness Workshop



Voice from the beneficiaries (Excerpts)



Ms. Maya Devi Thakuri,
45 years old, Participant in 1st
WASH Awareness Workshop

My family and I used to wash our hands with used water, as we were always taught by our elders that it was the best way to clean our hands, but I didn't know that this was not the correct way for healthy handwashing. Through the program organized by 'We' for Change I learned the dos and don'ts of hand hygiene that will help my family and keep them safe from diseases like diarrhea, jaundice and cholera from which we frequently suffered.

After the project



Completed
handwashing facility



People washing
their hands



Ms. Deepa Prasai, 22 years old,
vulnerable woman/girls group
living in Thapathali slum area

We understood that COVID-19 is a highly transmissible disease, but we didn't know the correct steps of handwashing, or the proper usage of masks that could limit the transmission chain and reduce the fatality rate. No one had ever taught us about the importance of WASH and healthy hand washing. But I am glad I now know the proper WASH techniques and feel good, as I can give back to my community the lessons I have learned from the workshop.