

SAFE CLEAN WATER

We all need it - but what if the only water you had caused diarrhoea and carried fatal diseases?

This is reality for many in India's Tansa Valley.

Nearly 75% of all diseases in India are due to contaminated water. Diarrhoea kills many children every year. It causes weight loss and stunted growth, as well as vitamin deficiencies which cause malnutrition. Malnourished children are more likely to get sick and be sick for longer; more likely to drop out of school, earn less and live in poverty.

The good news is that many waterborne diseases are preventable. Investing in clean water and sanitation offers excellent returns that can break this cycle.

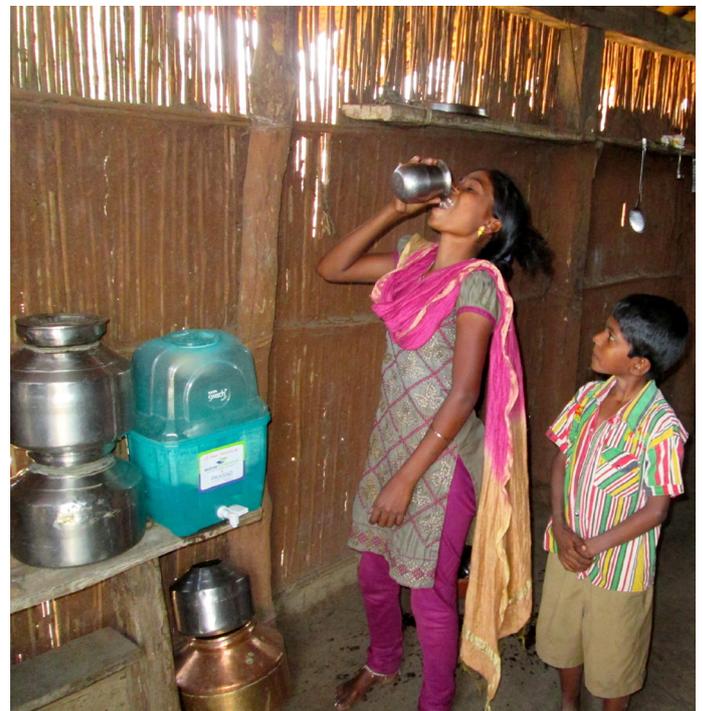
With your help, PRASAD works with communities to improve sanitation and bring them water free from filth, bacteria and parasites that carry cholera, typhoid and jaundice, and cause diarrhoea.

Point of use purification

Heavy duty Swatch filters are cheap, simple and suited to rural homes. Filter life depends on local water quality and usage. PRASAD finds one filter provides a family of five with affordable drinking water for 4 - 6 months. Villagers pay 40% of the filter's discounted cost.

Your \$12 gift can bring a family months of clean drinking water

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Kavita's children with the water filter

Mrs Kavita Adga and family from Koshimshet Village struggled to make ends meet. After rice paddy season the parents left home to work in brick factories. The children fended for themselves but often fell ill, needing a parent back to care for them.

Kavita learnt about the benefits of clean drinking water at her PRASAD Self-Help Group, and sought help. Six months access to filtered water had a dramatic effect.

The family thrived, health costs dropped, the parents were free to earn. The children attended school regularly, carrying water bottles filled from home.

Kavita said, *"Being Adivasi [tribal] we couldn't afford or even dream of buying a water filter.... Now we are free of many diseases which were very common in our family, thanks to PRASAD Chikitsa."*

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