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## **ACTION FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

A not for Profit Organization

**Empowering communities for sustainable development**

# **Action that MATTERS!**





# ACE AT A GLANCE

Action for Community Empowerment (ACE) is a development support organisation strengthening government systems, community institutions, and social sector programmes through participatory, evidence-based solutions.

For over two decades, ACE has worked across Bihar, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra and Gujarat, empowering children, women, and excluded communities in both rural and urban areas.

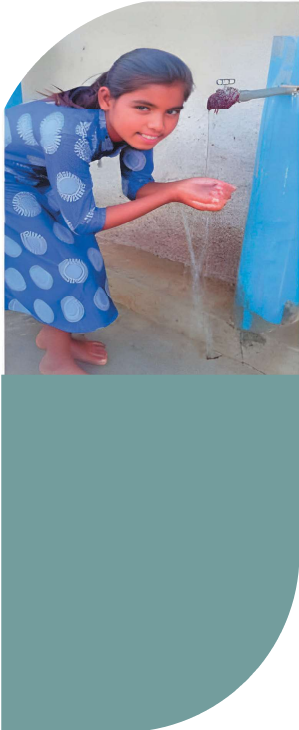


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Strengthening systems,  
empowering communities.

# WHAT WE DO

We partner with Governments, International Organizations, Corporates and grassroot organizations to deliver/strengthen the following key programmes with sustainable outcomes and lasting impact:



## WASH Programmes

- Water safety, security, conservation, quality monitoring & source sustainability
- Household, community, and institutional sanitation—Schools, Anganwadis, and public spaces
- Clean & Green Schools and Anganwadi initiatives
- WASH ecosystem development—HH toilets, water access & livelihood-linked sanitation
- Promotion of safe hygiene practices and behaviour change
- Handwashing infrastructure & innovative WASH delivery models
- Solid, liquid & plastic waste management solutions
- Operation, maintenance & system strengthening of WASH assets

## Livelihoods

- Skill development and entrepreneurship promotion
- Strengthening SHGs and community collectives for income-generation
- Community-run water purification systems & safe-water enterprises
- Dignity, safety, equity & professional skilling of sanitation workers (Safai Mitras)







## Capacity Strengthening, Mobilization & System Support

- Addressing capacity gaps across state, district & local institutions
- Large-scale training, facilitation & leadership development
- Community mobilization, ownership & participatory governance
- Programme strategy, design, pilots & scalable solutions
- Knowledge management, documentation & dissemination
- Participatory planning, implementation, monitoring & SBCC

## Research, Monitoring & Evaluation

- Baseline, midline & endline assessments
- Routine monitoring and evaluation systems
- Training needs & institutional capacity assessments
- Vulnerability, socio-economic & sectoral studies
- Impact evaluations, social audits & evidence-based insights



## Our Approach

Community-driven,  
participatory methods

Collaboration, capacity building,  
and knowledge sharing

Evidence-based planning &  
system strengthening

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# EXPERIENCE & NETWORK

**20+** years of developmental sector experience



Strong grassroots networks & partnerships with UNICEF, World Bank, Water.org, WaterAid, UK Aid, Vedanta Foundation, HZL & Government agencies



Recognised as Key Resource Centre (KRC) under National Jal Jeevan Mission



Offices in Patna, Ranchi, Udaipur, Gujarat & Bhopal with field units at programme sites



**Focus on Sustainable Development, SDGs, community empowerment, livelihoods & results-based programming. Projects implemented across multiple states with measurable social impact.**





# OUR REACH & IMPACT

**2,00,000+**

People trained - PRIs, SHGs, masons, teachers, motivators, VWSCs & frontline workers

**10,00,000+**

WASH facilities facilitated - HH & institutional toilets

**2,00,000+**

HH toilets constructed /retrofitted through WASH credit finance

**2,00,000+**

SHG households mobilized for improved WASH and hygiene behaviours

**29**

Community water purification plants serving households, schools & enterprises

**400+**

Handwashing units installed in schools & Anganwadis

**400+**

Clean & Green Schools promoted

**500+**

Climate-resilient WASH schools & AWCs

**5000+**

Soak pits

**1000+**

Compost pits

constructed for safe waste management

**...and the impact continues.**



# COMMUNITY-LED WASH & BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

We ensure that our programmes are participatory, community-led, and results-oriented. We design each intervention with a strong focus on equity, inclusiveness, convergence, community ownership, and environmental sustainability - ultimately contributing to overall well-being and an improved quality of life. Capacity building, behaviour change, and the strengthening of key stakeholders and institutions are built into every programme we implement.



## WASH IN SCHOOLS & ANGANWADIS

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) form the foundation of health, nutrition, and overall child development. Schools and Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) play a critical role in shaping early hygiene behaviours, ensuring safety, and supporting regular attendance and learning outcomes. Functional WASH facilities are essential not only for preventing disease but also for promoting dignity, improved enrolment, retention, and a healthy learning environment.

However, many schools and AWCs continue to operate with inadequate or non-functional WASH infrastructure, impacting children's attendance, learning levels, and nutritional well-being.



ACE has been actively engaged in strengthening WASH systems in schools and AWCs through:

- Construction and retrofitting of child-friendly WASH facilities
- Installation of handwashing stations for routine hygiene practices
- Implementation of safe solid and liquid waste management systems
- Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) interventions
- Promotion of Clean and Green Schools
- Capacity building of teachers, School Management Committees (SMCs), and child cabinets
- Establishment of soap banks, eco-clubs, and sanitary pad banks
- Organising child-focused competitions and activities
- Community and SMC engagement for sustained ownership



## WATER SECURITY & QUALITY

- Preparation of Water Security Plans through detailed surveys and participatory approaches for planning, implementation and monitoring
- Promotion of regular water quality testing at periodic intervals
- Strengthening women-led water supply systems and their operation and management
- Capacity building of women's groups and WASH committees for effective management of water supply systems
- Training and skill development of women hand pump mechanics



## RURAL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOODS

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## EMERGENCY & CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORK

- COVID-19 community response & hygiene kit distribution
- Flood relief, recovery & WASH rehabilitation
- Climate-resilient sanitation & LiFE communities project in Chhattisgarh
- Installation of hands-free handwashing units with soap in schools
- Training programmes on COVID-appropriate behaviours
- Capacity building of vulnerable communities in flood-affected areas
- Distribution of relief materials to affected populations
- Coordination of relief supplies for efficient distribution in flood-impacted pockets
- Chlorination of more than 3,000 water sources in affected areas



## SYSTEM STRENGTHENING AND GOVERNANCE

- Addressing capacity deficits at multiple levels through trainings, orientations and institutional meetings
- Conducting large-scale social mobilisation campaigns
- Providing Operation and Maintenance (O&M) support for sustainable management of WASH assets
- Developing guidelines, proposals, research studies and knowledge products



## GOVERNMENT, CSR & DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS

- UNICEF state-level partnerships in Rajasthan, MP, Chhattisgarh, Bihar
- CSR projects with Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Jindal Steel & Power
- Projects with DFID (BTAST), NRMCC (GSF), Water For People, World Vision India







## VISION

To create an enabling environment where every community — especially the poor and vulnerable — has equal opportunity, access to information, and the ability to make informed decisions for their development.

## MISSION

ACE strives to innovate and demonstrate replicable, cost-effective unorthodox strategies, models which facilitates sustainable participatory development process enhancing empowerment, community ownership, management and improve well-being and quality of life

## OBJECTIVES

To develop capacities of local institutions and communities for sustainable, people propelled development initiatives.

To provide technical and resource support to voluntary and development organizations in planning, implementation and monitoring of community-based development projects.

·To support organizations in developing professional cadre of rural facilitators

To strengthen community and institutional systems through WASH interventions, livelihood and skill development, and innovative models that enable sustainable and inclusive development.

·To pilot and demonstrate replicable strategies, processes and actions which can contribute to empower communities.

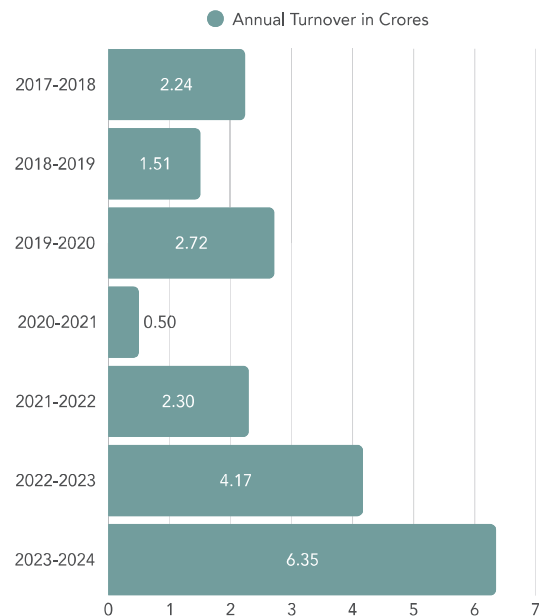
·To implement Development Sector Projects with strong focus on Water, sanitation and Hygiene in communities and Institutions

## AREA OF OPERATIONS

The organisation has its network and team working in the following states



## ANNUAL TURNOVER



## ACE LEGAL STATUS

ACE was established in the year 2001 and registered in the year 2007 under the M.P. society's registration act. The details are:

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### Registration Details

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### PAN Details

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# KEY PROJECTS





# WASH PROJECTS

## WASH Ecosystem Project

**Duration:** July 2023 - July, 2025

**Location:** 20 Districts of Madhya Pradesh

**Objective:** 150,000 WASH loans for retrofitting, upgrading or constructing new HH-level water and sanitation facilities.

**Supported by:** Water.Org

### Outcome:

- 155,000 household WASH facilities facilitated
- Capacities of more than 1.5 lakh SHG members strengthened through IEC and SBCC
- Capacities of 200 Community Resource Persons (CRPs) enhanced
- Contributed to the sustainability of Swachh Bharat Mission

## Sustainable WASH in Institutions - Rajasthan

**Duration:** January 2023 - Ongoing

**Location:** Pratapgarh and Karauli, Rajasthan

**Objective:** Promote Climate Resilient WASH in Anganwadis and Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen PHASE II

**Supported by:** UNICEF

### Outcome:

- Climate-resilient WASH systems strengthened across targeted Anganwadi Centres in Pratapgarh and Karauli
- Improved functionality of sanitation and water facilities under SBM-G Phase II
- Enhanced capacities of AWWs, PRI members, SHGs and frontline workers on climate-resilient WASH practices
- Promotion of safe hygiene behaviours among children, caregivers and communities
- Strengthened local systems for sustained ODF Plus outcomes



# WASH PROJECTS

## Vlimate resilient WASH in Institutions - Madhya Pradesh

**Duration:** April 2024 - Ongoing  
**Location:** Gwalior, Guna, Shivpuri,  
Ashok Nagar (M.P.)

**Objective:** Climate Resilient WASH  
in Anganwadis and Swachh Bharat  
Mission – Grameen PHASE II

**Supported by:** UNICEF, Bhopal

### Outcome:

- District Action Plans for Anganwadi Centres prepared in consultation with the government, identifying improvement needs and required facilities
- Capacities of 500 Anganwadi Workers and 150 district-level ICDS staff strengthened on WASH, nutrition and health
- 20 model WASH Anganwadi Centres developed as demonstration units
- 500 Janitors (Swachhta Mitras) trained on equity, safety, skills and dignity
- Health check-ups organised for janitors
- 150 plants planted in Anganwadi Centres

## Swachh Shala Project, Madhya Pradesh

**Duration:** June 2019 - Jan 2020

**Location:** Khandwa, Khargaon,  
Barwani, Alirajpur (MP)

**Objective:** Strengthen WASH in  
schools with capacity building,  
hygiene education and infrastructure

**Supported by:** UNICEF, Bhopal

### Outcome:

- District Action Plans for Anganwadi Centres prepared in consultation with the government, identifying improvement needs and required facilities
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### School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Tribal Rajasthan (SWASHT-R)

**Duration:** Sept 2014 - Sept 2016

**Location:** Rajasthan

**Objective:** Promotion of WASH in Schools

**Supported by:** UNICEF, Jaipur

**Outcome:**

- WASH facilities made functional in all 150 schools
- Child Cabinets activated in all 150 schools
- Handwashing units installed or constructed in all 150 schools
- 1,000 trees planted across the schools

### Promote Sustainable Sanitation – Rajgir Block, Nalanda (multiple phases)

**Duration:** Jan 2015 – Dec 2015 and Jan 2017 – Dec 2017

**Location:** Bihar

**Objective:** Achieve Open Defecation Free (ODF) status

**Supported by:** NRMCG-SF, New Delhi

**Outcome:**

- Achieved Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in 10 panchayats of the block
- Capacity building of more than 1,000 PRIs, masons and motivators
- Intensive IEC and community mobilisation conducted for toilet construction and eliminating open defecation through interpersonal communication and community triggering
- 3,000 trees planted in Rajgir Block







## Water & Sanitation Promotion in TATA Power Project Area

**Duration:** Jan 2015 – Dec 2015

**Location:** Jharkhand

**Objective:** Sanitation and hygiene promotion in 11 villages

**Supported by:** TATA POWER

### **Outcome:**

- Facilitated the construction of 750 individual household toilets and ensured their sustained use
- Improved safe personal hygiene practices at the household level, including safe water storage and handwashing with soap

## SACSHAM Project

**Duration:** Dec 2014 – Dec 2015

**Location:** Bihar

**Objective:** To support Aurangabad district, Bihar, in rolling out the Swachh Bharat Mission to achieve ODF status through capacity building, community triggering, monitoring and community mobilisation.

**Supported by:** UNICEF, Patna

### **Outcome:**

- Capacity building of 1,200 PRIs, Swachhta Doots and masons
- Community triggering using CLTS tools to address open defecation
- Mobilised households and facilitated achievement of ODF status
- Planted 1,500 trees across the district
- Formed Eco Clubs in 100 schools

## WASH ecosystem Project, Odisha: (ongoing)

**Duration:** Aug 2025 – March 2026

**Objective:**

- Provide technical support to SWSM and SRLM, Odisha, as the knowledge support partner for implementing WASH credit financing (“Swachh Loan”) across all districts of the state

**Supported by:** Water.org

**Outcome (Ongoing Project)**

- Facilitated 45,000 WASH loans for construction or retrofitting of toilets, water storage tanks, rainwater harvesting structures and other WASH facilities

## Community-Led Water Quality Management, Dumka

**Duration:** Aug 2019 - Oct 2019

**Location:** Kanthikund, Jharkhand

**Objective:** Operation and maintenance of WASH assets.

**Supported by:** World Vision India

## Community Water Purification Plants

**Duration:** June 2024 - March, 2026 (Ongoing)

**Location:** 20 Districts of Maharashtra and 3 districts of Madhya Pradesh

**Objective:** To establish 29 Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) under a blended financing model, managed by Self-Help Groups, to ensure access to safe drinking water.

**Supported by:** Water.Org

**Outcome:**

- 29 Community Water Purification Plants established through SHGs under a blended finance model
- 23 plants have achieved break-even
- Potable drinking water supplied to rural households and commercial institutions at an affordable cost



# CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS

## Capacity building of VWSCs and VOs/SHGs

**Duration:** May 2018 - Feb 2019

**Location:** Jharkhand

**Objective:** To build the capacities of Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs), Village Organizations and Self-Help Groups on WASH issues, enabling them to take responsibility for community mobilisation and the effective management of WASH facilities.

**Supported by:** UNICEF Ranchi

**Outcome:**

Capacities of 1,000 grassroots-level functionaries strengthened on WASH issues, contributing to the smooth implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission.

## Capacity building of key stakeholders on accelerated implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission in 11 districts of Gujarat

**Duration:** Aug 2016 - Jan 2017

**Location:** Gujarat

**Objective:** To strengthen the capacities of 11 districts in preparing and rolling out accelerated implementation plans to achieve Open Defecation Free (ODF) status through the construction of household, institutional and community toilets.

**Supported by:** World Bank

**Outcome:**

- All 11 districts achieved ODF status through intensive community triggering
- Capacities at district and block levels strengthened for effective programme management and monitoring
- 500 masons trained for the construction of quality toilets

## Community-Led Total Sanitation and Mason Training

**Duration:** Feb 2015 - April 2016

**Location:** Chhattisgarh

**Objective:** Facilitate the training of 60 trainers on Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) for community triggering and improved WASH practices and train 60 masons in the construction of quality household toilets

**Supported by:** World vision India

**Outcome:**

- 60 masons and 60 trainers successfully trained
- Increased demand for household toilets generated
- Construction of quality toilets initiated





## Training of hand pump mechanics and caretakers

**Duration:** April 2015 - March 2016

**Location:** Nalanda & Jalalgarh, Bihar

**Objective:**

- Training women hand pump mechanics for timely repair of hand pumps
- Training women caretakers for preventive maintenance of water sources

**Supported by:** BTAST (DFID)

**Outcome:**

- 30 women trained as hand pump mechanics through a 5-day residential training and 15 days of field-based hands-on practice
- 100 caretakers trained to maintain cleanliness around water sources and carry out preventive maintenance

## Technical Agency Support to WASH in Schools

**Duration:** July 2012 - March 2013

**Location:** Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand, and Mayurbhanj district, Odisha

**Objective:** To provide technical assistance through capacity building, design development and monitoring support for WASH facilities and hygiene education in schools.

**Supported by:** Plan India

**Outcome:**

- Strengthened the capacities of Plan India's partner organisations responsible for project implementation on key WASH issues, enabling effective WASH programming in schools
- Developed age-appropriate lesson plan booklets on WASH in English, Hindi and Oriya (later replicated by Plan in all countries where they operate)

## IEC and Capacity Building under SBM(G) (East Singhbhum, Saraikela-Kharsawan, Ranchi)

**Duration:** April 2019 - March 2020

**Location:** Jharkhand

**Objective:** Awareness generation on sanitation and hygiene behaviours

**Supported by:** District Water and Sanitation Committees





## CLTS Training & Implementation (Bihar & Gujarat)

**Duration:** Jan 2016 – Nov 2017

**Location:** Bihar, Gujarat

**Objective:** Community-led sanitation, handholding support, and training

**Supported by:** DRDA Gujarat, BTAST, NRMCC-GSF

## IEC & SBCC Planning – Bihar

**Duration:** Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

**Location:** Bihar

**Objective:** Technical assistance and handholding for SBM(G) implementation

**Supported by:** UNICEF Patna

# JAL JEEVAN MISSION (JJM) PROJECTS

## KRC - Jal Jeevan Mission (Multi-State)

**Duration:** July 2022 - Ongoing

**Location:** Rajasthan, M.P., U.P., Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal

**Objective:** Capacity building of community stakeholders for O&M and sustainability

**Supported by:** Ministry of Jal Shakti



## Technical Assistance to JJM PHED (Chhattisgarh)

**Duration:** Aug 2022 - Jan 2023

**Location:** Chhattisgarh

**Objective:** Strengthen PRIs and empower Jal Bahinis for O&M of water supply

**Supported by:** UNICEF Raipur



## Gender Transformative WASH - Chhattisgarh

**Duration:** March 2024 - Ongoing

**Location:** Dantewada, Bijapur, Bastar

**Objective:** Orient PRIs and key functionaries on gender & climate-resilient WASH (ODF+, LiFE)

**Supported by:** UNICEF Chhattisgarh

**Budget:** ₹44.15 Lakhs



## ISA Support for JJM Implementation

**Duration:** Nov 2021 - Ongoing

**Location:** Jharkhand

**Objective:** Handholding support to VWSCs for O&M of water supply systems

**Supported by:** Jal Jeevan Mission, Jharkhand

**Outcome:** 5,000 community-level stakeholders oriented on O&M and the sustainability of JJM assets

## Community Stakeholder Training Programs- JJM (Various States)

### Objectives

- To build the capacities of PRIs, VWSCs, SHGs and other community stakeholders across Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh for effective planning, implementation, monitoring and sustainability of Jal Jeevan Mission activities, including water quality, source protection, community mobilisation and operation and maintenance of rural water supply systems.



## जल जीवन मिशन के तहत चार दिवसीय आवासीय प्रशिक्षण जारी, 30 गांव के समुदाय स्तर के हितग्राही ले रहे हर घर जल कार्यक्रम का प्रशिक्षण

अम्बिकापुर (अम्बिकावासी समाचार)।

जल जीवन मिशन, छत्तीसगढ़ अन्तर्गत भारत सरकार से चयनित मुख्य संस्थापन केन्द्र, एक्शन फॉर कम्युनिटी एम्पावरमेंट के द्वारा लोक स्वास्थ्य यात्रिकों के अम्बिकापुर के एक निजी होटल में 24 सितम्बर तक कराया जा रहा है। यह प्रशिक्षण 22 सितम्बर से शुरू किया गया है। प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम अम्बिकापुर के मुख्य यात्रिकों के अम्बिकापुर, सहायक अभियंता एवं प. री. ई. संस्था के प्रतिनिधि द्वारा किया गया है।

ग्राम जानकारी के अनुसार इस आवासीय प्रशिक्षण में सभी प्रतिभागी जल जीवन मिशन के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर जानकारी हासिल कर रहे हैं। जल जीवन मिशन के तहत चकर घर जलक के उद्देश्य के साथ क्रियाशील घरेलू नल कनेक्शन उपलब्ध कराने हेतु केन्द्र व राज्य सरकार द्वारा व्यापक कार्यक्रम चलाया जा रहा है, जिसके तहत सभी गांवों में नल कनेक्शन के माध्यम से पेयजल उपलब्ध कराया जा रहा है। इन



चार दिनों में मुख्य रूप से जल जीवन मिशन, मिशन के विभिन्न घटक, मिशन के परिचय, सामुदायिक सहभागिता, ग्राम

आवासीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य सभी हितग्राहियों को क्षमता वर्धन करना है। प्रशिक्षण में क्लस्टर रूम के साथ-साथ, प्रेजेंटेशन, ऑडियो-वीडियो, खेल-कूद के माध्यम से प्रतिभागियों को जानकारी दी जा रही है। प्रशिक्षण के दौरान रविवार को क्षेत्र भ्रमण कर जानकारी दी गई। ग्राम कार्ययोजना निर्माण कर पानी समिति का गठन किया जायेगा, हर घर जल का सफल संचालन एवं रखरखाव की पूरी जिम्मेदारी ग्राम जल एवं स्वच्छता समिति की होगी।

ग्राम कार्य योजना बनाना, जल गुणवत्ता एवं जल जांच प्रक्रिया, ग्राम जल एवं स्वच्छता समिति के कार्य और 14वें विषय के प्रावधान आदि पर समूह कार्य पर भी चर्चा की गई। इस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में बतौली विकासखंड के 48 प्रतिभागी भाग ले रहे हैं। कार्यक्रम में प्रशिक्षक के रूप में रतनेश सिंह, महेश अग्रवाल, मुकेश कुमार, चैताली मंडल प्रशिक्षण दे रहे हैं एवं लोक स्वास्थ्य यात्रिकों के अम्बिकापुर से विभागीय अधिकारी कर्मचारियों द्वारा सक्रिय रूप से सहयोग प्रदान किया जा रहा है।

प्रशिक्षण के अंतर्गत



# SOLID & LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT (SLWM) AND SBM-U

## SLWM Plan Development – Bihar

**Duration:** March 2020

**Location:** 8 Panchayats in Bihar

**Objective:** Proposal for SLWM implementation

**Supported by:** AKRSP (India), Bihar

## IEC and Community Mobilisation under SBM(U)

**Duration:** July 2024 – August 2024

**Location:** Nagar Panchayat Sabour, Bhagalpur

**Objective:** Awareness generation on Swachhata Survekshan 2024

**Supported by:** Nagar Panchayat Sabour



# DISASTER RESILIENCE & RESEARCH PROJECTS

## Views from Front Line (VLF-19)

**Duration:** May 2019 – Ongoing

**Location:** Bihar

**Objective:** Community safety planning during disasters

**Supported by:** OSVSWA under GNDR

## National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical System

**Duration:** Nov 2019 – Mar 2020

**Location:** 32 Districts, Bihar & Jharkhand

**Objective:** Orientation of students and teachers on ICPS

**Supported by:** Haselfree Foundation, Chennai

## Quality of Life Study

**Duration:** March 2016 – April 2016

**Location:** Bihar

**Objective:** Impact assessment of AKRSP interventions

**Supported by:** AKRSP (India)

## ACE Reforestation Initiatives

**Location:** 4 Project school locations

**Objective:** To mobilize students and local communities in a school-led tree plantation drive, planting 100,000+ saplings and nurturing a culture of environmental stewardship.

## ACE Samadhan – Rural Sanitation Production Centres

**Objective:** To establish community-based sanitation production hubs offering affordable, eco-friendly toilet models and related services for rural households. The initiative supports households in accessing safe, sustainable, and affordable toilets, while strengthening local sanitation value chains.







## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

ACE has also been involved in facilitating several evaluation and research studies with various agencies in different geographies of the country. Some of them are

Study on Solid and Liquid Waste management for Agha Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) in Bihar to prepare a action plan for implementation

TNA and SWOT Analysis of Water and Sanitation Programme in Jharkhand supported by DDWS and UNICEF, Jharkhand

System Study on TSC in Bihar supported by UNICEF and BWSM

Evaluation of School sanitation and Hygiene Promotion in 18 districts of Bihar supported by UNICEF

Monitoring and Reporting of Swaccha Mahotsava, 2011 in Bihar supported by UNICEF and BWSM

Evaluation of different Toilet technological options in Bihar supported by UNICEF

Evaluation of Human Development Index in Supaul district of Bihar supported by District Administration

Social Audit of CSR interventions of Hindustan Zinc Limited

Quality of Life study for AKRSP

# DOCUMENTATION

ACE has produced several quality Knowledge Management products during the course of its long years of working. Some of the key assignments completed are:

- Age-appropriate lessons from Class I-VIII on WASH issues – For Plan India
- Teachers Manual on facilitation of age-appropriate lessons - For Plan India
- Training Module for Hand pump Mechanics and Hand Pump Caretakers – For BTASDFID -
- Preparation of Operational Guidelines on Supply Chain Management for SWSM, Rajasthan – RSWSM and UNICEF
- Preparation of Training Modules on: for different clients

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| • Training of Trainers (TOT)                | • Training of PRI members   |
| • Training of Masons                        | • Training of Participatory Planning Team                         |
| • Training of Participatory Planning Team   | • Training of Motivators on Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) |
| • Training of Hand Pump Mechanics           | • Training of Teachers and Headmasters                            |
| • Training of Anganwadi workers             | • Training module for hand pump mechanics and hand pump caretaker |
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## Financial management and control measures:

All funds received by ACE are through crossed cheques. Timely submission of accounts with utilization certificates and progress reports along with documentation is rigorously followed and executive committee reviews all financial transactions. Books of accounts are maintained separately for all the projects. All the projects accounts are audited by Chartered accountant. All vouchers are kept with us for a period of seven years.

## Ethics

ACE follows a strong set of ethical guidelines for all survey and research activities. Due permissions and informed consent are obtained from respondents and relevant stakeholders. All photographs, identities and personal information are securely stored and never shared externally. ACE does not disclose data or reports to any party other than the grantee or funding agency.

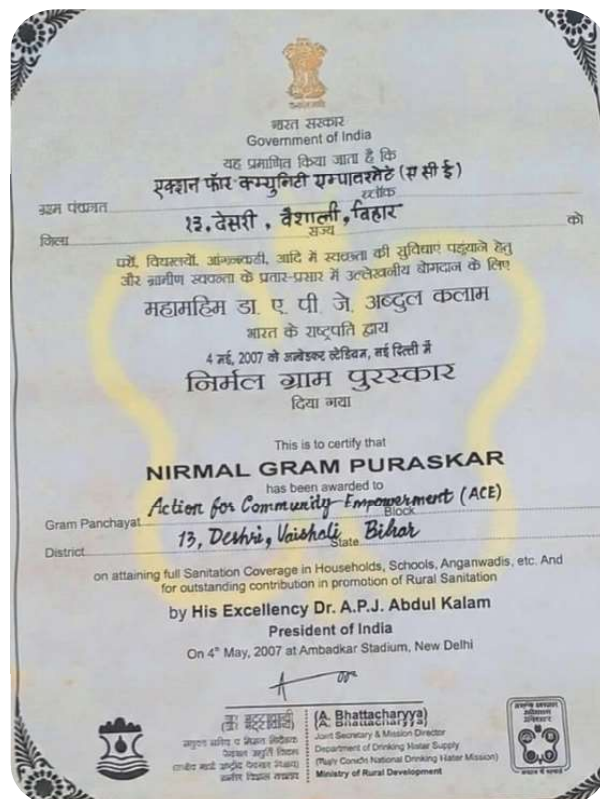
In addition, ACE is governed by a comprehensive set of organisational policies that guide the conduct of its staff and partners, including:

- HR Policy
- Financial Policy
- Procurement Policy
- POSH Policy
- PESA Policy
- And other compliance and operational guidelines



# AWARDS AND FELICITATIONS

Nirmal Gram Puraskar Award for Excellence in Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion from, The President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, in the year 2007 for facilitating the first block (Desri, district Vaishali, Bihar) as open defecation free block



Lohiya Swachata Puraskar Award for Excellence in Sanitation, Health and Hygiene Promotion in Bihar from, The Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Nitish Kumar, in the year 2009.



# Vision for next 5 Years

Our vision for the next 5 years is guided by our passion and commitment to serve humanity. We seek collaboration and support from corporates, civil society, international organisations and government agencies for our future initiatives. Drawing on nearly two decades of learning and experience, we aim to focus on the following key areas:

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Empower Communities, especially rural women through capacity enhancement, skill upgradation, improved WASH, sustainable agricultural practices and credit finance to augment their income, improved livelihood opportunities, well-being and improved quality of life

## WATER SAFETY AND SECURITY

Water Quality issues, Water conservation, Rain water harvesting, Pond and water bodies rejuvenation, Artificial ground water recharge etc.



## WASH IN SCHOOLS AND ANGANWADI CENTRES

Equip 5,000 schools and 5,000 Anganwadi Centres with functional and child-friendly water and sanitation facilities, install solid and liquid waste management systems, provide incinerators, and plant 50,000 trees. Strengthen the capacities of School Management Committees, teachers and Anganwadi workers, and establish or reinforce Eco Clubs in all schools.

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT

Work with vulnerable sections of the society for their socio-economic development and address the issues of dignity, safety, skills, disparities, rights and economic upliftment





### WASH FINANCE

Facilitate WASH Finance for construction, retrofitting, and maintenance of WASH infrastructure such as water supply systems, sewerage systems, toilets, Bathrooms etc.

### SOLID LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

Build cleaner, healthier communities through effective Solid and Liquid Waste Management and sustainable plastic waste solutions

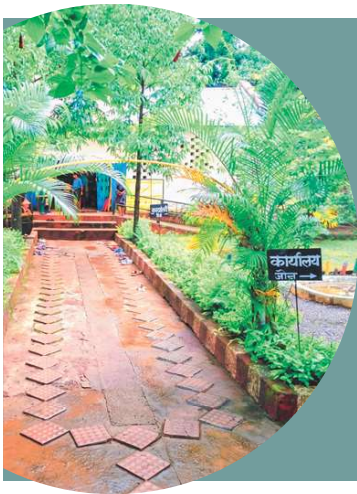


### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation and Maintenance of WASH facilities at household, Community and Institutional levels

### GREEN SCHOOLS

Clean and Green Schools and Anganwadic centres for sustainable, climate resilient and healthier children with good WASH infrastructure



### WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Empower women, specially using the vast network of SHGs, through skill building, entrepreneurship and linking with income generating and livelihoods opportunities

### ECO OXYGEN PARKS / BELTS

To address biodiversity loss, depleting groundwater levels and poor air quality, we aim to plant 1 million trees and develop Eco Oxygen Parks and green belts. These will serve as oxygen hubs in schools, open spaces and areas prone to littering, contributing to healthier and more sustainable environments.



# ACE TEAM

ACE has a multi-disciplinary team with vast experience in development sector. Their skills enable them to contribute in planning, implementation, monitoring, Innovations and documentation. Our Team have a strong blend of knowledge, practical exposure, and a deep sense of social commitment.

Mr. C.P. Kumbhat  
Executive Director and  
President

- M.A. (JNU), MBA, M.Phil.
- Former Rajasthan Administrative Services officer
- Specialist in water & sanitation with global experience

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Secretary

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MBA

Mr. Anil Singh  
Treasurer

M.A. (Psychology)



**Senior consultants**

**Strategy | Technical Expertise |  
Mentorship | Mobilisation**



**Project Professionals**

**Field Implementation | Monitoring  
| Community Mobilisation**



**Extended Expert Pool**

**Supporting specialists available for  
research, training, documentation &  
technical assistance**

ACE's multidisciplinary team integrates technical knowledge, field experience and a deep commitment to community-driven development.



# Client Base/ Partnerships

Some of the clients that ACE has been working or has worked are

## Government Partners



राजस्थान सरकार  
GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN



and various other district administration

## International Organisations



## Corporate Partners



HINDUSTAN ZINC  
Zinc & Silver of India

AGA KHAN RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (INDIA)  
A PROGRAMME OF THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

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