



**Safe Drinking Water
Strengthening Community Water Purification Projects**

**A Capitalizing Experiences Workshop
Learnings for Impact, Sustainability, Replication
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Why this Capitalizing Experiences Workshop?

In another 5 years, the international community must halve the number of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water at the beginning of the third millennium ((MDG, goal 7, target 10)

- The state's claim that the target has been already realised must be interrogated and validated by the ground realities in rural hamlets and urban slums
- Spaces must be secured where the voices of the excluded/vulnerable are heard, reflected upon, capitalized
- Learnings must inform institutions for continued convergent action, coordination across sectors and state-civil society interfaces.
- Hopefully, such people driven audits and capitalization of experiences would be replicated at local, regional, national and international levels!

Facilitating A Multi-Stakeholder Platform

BV PTDC will catalyse this “learnings for impact, sustainability and replication” by bringing together communities and multi-level stakeholders: water users, water committees, community based organisations, elected representatives of PR institutions, NGOs, corporate agencies, donor representatives, technical agencies, nodal departments, policy makers/ influencers and media.

Shift in Focus: From Gratuitous Provisioning to Enforceable Rights

The workshop will adopt a “rights discourse”. Safe drinking water is not a gratuitous provisioning. It must become a guaranteed and enforceable right:

- Assured supply of 20 lpcd of bacteriologically, chemically and physically safe water
- Within 1 Km from homes
- No community or individual to be denied equal access
- The infrastructure to be repaired and maintained in good working condition and upgraded to meet incremental needs
- Service levels, risk management, water quality standards and complementing responsibilities of service providers and users to be displayed at public places
- Performance to be reviewed and preventive, corrective, promotive actions taken
- Grievance redressal mechanisms to respond promptly and satisfactorily
- Service providers/users to be capacitated and supported through appropriate institutions
- Sensitive and vigilant CSOs and Media promote and defend access to safe drinking water as a right of the people.



Show Casing Best Practices

The workshop will show case some of the success stories and best practices under this rights based approach to safe drinking water:

- Community mobilization and responsibility sharing
- Convergence among various stakeholders and intersectoral coordination
- Appropriate technology adoption
- Inclusive and equitable access, bringing women to the central stage
- Resource mobilisation and institutions for O/M, replacements and upgradation
- Impacts and spin-off benefits into other MDG goals
- Negative externalities – addressed, lessons learnt
- Revenue models for replication and scaling
- Water quality surveillance, risk management and feed back loops
- Grievance redressal
- Multi-stakeholder convergence for facilitating, sustaining and scaling interventions and for addressing them as enforceable rights
- Media in defence and promotion of the right to safe drinking water



Case studies will trigger learnings and contribute to re-orienting policies/institutions.

The Workshop Methodology

The workshop will be a mix of plenary sessions sandwiching thematic workshops.

- The **opening plenary** will orient the entire exercise, setting the context, going over the ground covered and flagging areas where learnings can re-orient, demonstrate and clarify
- The **thematic workshops** will focus on: (1) appropriate technology, (2) Institutions at the community level and (3) larger and convergent resource supports. Pertinent case studies will illustrate and trigger interactions
- The **final plenary** will draw out learning for including those still excluded, impact, sustainability and replication



Workshop Scheduling

- Registration and Breakfast: 8.00 – 9.00 am
- Plenary: 9.30 am
- Lunch: 1.00 – 2.00 pm
- Closing: 5.30 pm

All participants would be expected to participate in and contribute to the entire proceedings and ensure continuity in the inputs and reflection/learning processes. Hence lateral entries and exits would not be desirable and permissible.

Workshop Participants

Open to persons and organisations:

- With hands on experience in safe drinking water, wish to make continued contributions, and want to take back learnings for their own interventions.
- Who understand and value convergent and collective action cutting across boundaries and differences



The workshop looks to diversity among the participants (representative capacities, nature of stakeholding and gender/social identities). The participant strength would not be more than 60, so that quality interactions and pragmatic outcomes are not compromised.

Nomination and Registration

- Persons/organisations who wish to participate may email balavikasapdtdc@gmail.com, attention Ms. Sunitha Reddy
- Track record in safe water interventions and the thematic stream in which participation is desired may be indicated in the email.
- Once nominations are confirmed, registration fee of Rs.200/- per participant may be paid through DD drawn in favour of Bala Vikasa, payable at Warangal
- Travel Reimbursements: Second Class Train and/or bus fares/local travel costs upto a maximum of Rs. 600/- and on presentation of original tickets/bills.

