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SUCCESS STORY FOR SHANGALE WATERCATCHMENT (South of Bursalax)

Project Name: Shangale Watercatchment FFA Project, 2015

Region: MUDUG

District: Galdogob

FDP: Shangale

Implementation period: February-April 2015

Shangale locates South of Bursalax Village-Galdogob District. The residents in the area majority are pastoralist. In considering the nature of land, local community priorities and availability of support Deegaan Relief and Development Organization (DRDO) and their partner of World food Programme (WFP) established water catchment in shangalle through Food for Asset Project from February to April 2015.

Before the implementation of this project the area was having only few Berkeds which were belonging to few rich people and the majority of the rural poor people were not having access to water and they should have to travel to long distance in order to get to water for their livestock and human consumption which was stressful and hardship to this community. Hence in line with the community consultations the rationale of the project was to tackle this water shortage problem. As the president of Puntland during his journey through out of Puntland after election in 2014 said Puntland needs two areas to be put

match attention that is road and water so the establishment of the water catchment was also in line with the presidential suggestion to all Non-Governmental organizations to support the rural poor pastoralist people by increasing access of water through the creation of more public water points like shallow wells, water catchments, boreholes, berkeds and etc.



Figure 1: the project site before the implimentation

Shangale water catchment is 1.5 m deep, 40 m Length and 30 m width which becomes 1800 m³. The objective of this food for asset (FFA) project was three in one which were people to be given food in order to fight malnutrition and food security for poor rural Pastoralist people, to create alternative employment to poor pastoralist households, and lastly to establish sustainable asset which beneficial to beneficiary community through supporting their standard of living.



Figure 2: During excavation



Figure 3: After the project implementation



Figure 4: After The project implementation



Figure 5: After The project implementation



Figure 6: After the Project implimentation

After the establishment of water project which come during rainy season immediately finishing the project, a heavy rain came and filled watercatchment and this becomes the EID of the rural poor people and to realise the long waited dream to get free water, efficient, effective and accessible water points at their place with match need to be travelled into long distance for their livestock and human consumption.

During our visit to assess the impact of the project we had interviewed one of the project beneficiary who was at that time using the water then i have asked his views about the project and later responded by saying we have got water which belongs to everyone both the haves and have-nots, the old and the young, the majority and the minority, the resident and the non-resident. Also we have asked why you need this water since you have in place Berkeds in the area.

The beneficiary responded by saying man don't you know the Berkeds belong to only one household who does not allow anyone to access ad in case he/she should allow you have to pay huge amount of water or you travel long distance to get water and where by this water are for free, accessible and for everyone. Further he even told me that the livestock prefer the watercatchment because of the accessibility.



Figure 7: the water catchment filled with water



Figure 8: the community using the water both for livestock and human consumption



Figure 9: A young kid who taking care the camel trying to drink the water



Figure 10: Camel drinking the water

This project has been started its implementation during dry season where the food insecurity was very high so these communities and hence they have appreciated not only the sustainable assets created but also the food distribution which boosted the morale of these communities during the difficult period.

DRDO objective is to promote lifelong self-sufficiency in these communities. With the establishment of valuable sustainable assets where by later communities can focus on sustaining their lives.

In conclusion we can say this project was successful and responded to needs of poor rural pastoralist households in the area and also it has catered the three objectives in one which we have stated above. Recently during our impact assessment of the project the residents told us that they were using for almost three month the water and even said since it was new next time it would keep the water for more than that time. Lastly they requested DRDO to continue this initiative of establishing water catchments in areas that are far from towns and people do not have access to boreholes or shallow wells. Actually the residents were happy and much more thankful to the organisation by relieving the long lasted stress and hardship. Their self steam has gone higher and even they realised that there are people on this earth who care and support to those who are not in position to care and support their lives in other words people who help those who cannot help themselves.

Regards

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