

Ruchi and the Baddi Integrated Project June 2016

RUCHI

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Baddi Integrated Project

Integrated Water, Health and Agriculture Project

RUCHI has designed a need based ambitious integrated project for 30 communities in both the informal settlements and neighbouring villages adjoining Baddi township in Solan District to be implemented over a period of three years (March 2015 to February 2018). The financial support for the project is extended by MFAT through RNZWCS, New Zealand and Rotary International Foundation.

The project will deliver water, sanitation, health and community mobilisation to address the poverty and health needs of 10,000 people in 30 communities in and adjoining the industrial township of Baddi in Himachal Pradesh, India. Rainwater collection and irrigation infrastructure will increase yields for those with land, and bring clean drinking water for both the slum dwellers and nearby rural communities. Health outreach workers will address serious issues of TB, diabetes and other preventable and treatable disease. Communities will be helped to self-organise and participate in decision making within local governance structures, increase access to government social protection.



The project is expected to deliver the following results:

- Water infrastructure and irrigation
- Agricultural training and inputs including crop diversification
- Economic strengthening through savings and loans clubs and establishing savings habits
- Health promotion and disease prevention through Community Health Worker outreach and referrals
- Partnership with government agencies which respond to Violence against women
- Education of children through referrals to community education
- Increasing access to statutory social protection and assistance where available
- Strengthened community leadership and organisation through participation in local governance
- Promoting gender equality and women as leaders and role models

Development results and goal

Long term outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increased agricultural yields2. Reduced vulnerability to disease and increased take up of treatment3. Communities demonstrate financial management and long-term planning skills
Medium term outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Communities demonstrate more effective (productive) land and water management2. Communities have consistent access to safe drinking water all year round3. Increased awareness of and testing for TB and diabetes4. Women's self-help groups increase financial planning/management skills, engage governance structures and access social protection
Short term outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Communities trained in land and water management2. Check dams and irrigation systems completed3. Check dams irrigation systems completed4. Natural springs protected5. Community health team operating as a resource for communities6. Women's self-help groups have organised meet regularly
Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Land and water management training delivered2. Irrigation and potable water infrastructure enhanced3. Community Health Workers trained and employed4. Women's self-help groups established

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