

Struggling against thirst!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

“People living in cities cannot understand the value of water” these words came from a villager working on rehabilitation of their dug well in revenue village Mahlnoor Veena, District Tharparkar. “Just try to walk for miles with water pots on your head and then you will realize how precious it is”.



Livestock in search of drinking water around a well being repaired in VDMC Mundawa Tharparkar

While driving in air conditioned cars crossing the Thar Desert, one can find Tharri women carrying several pots on their heads. This is because either they do not have water in their settlement or the water available is brackish. In some settlements they have old dug wells rendered unserviceable due to damages caused through aging.



Tharri women fetching water from distance

Recent prolonged dry season over the past three years with almost no rains has aggravated the situation and local communities are in a miserable condition. The USAID OFDA funded Tahafuz project is working with communities in disaster risk management. As part of drought disaster mitigation, communities are receiving support in rehabilitation of their water sources e.g. dug wells and water reservoirs. Most of the project communities in Tharparkar have given top most priority to the rehabilitation of their water sources.



***Work in progress on repairing of a dug well in VDMC Lakhmia
District Tharparkar***

Under small Community Critical Infrastructure component of Tahafuz, large number of dug wells and water harvesting structures are planned to be rehabilitated or repaired in the villages. Rehabilitation of water sources will help the communities in easy access to drinking water for the households and their livestock. The residents are thankful to USAID, for providing this generous support for the vulnerable communities in Thar.