

## Hope restored...!

Goth Dotar Dal is a small settlement of Union Council and Village Veera Wah, located at a distance of 18 km from Nagarparkar city. The village elders say there were only two water wells in the village since British era. Revenue village Veera Wah consists of 255 households scattered in 17 settlements.



When USAID funded Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Tahafuz project was launched for building resilience among vulnerable communities, the residents of this village also joined the project and formed a Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC). A body of 18 selected members from Veera Wah's settlements elected Muhammad Ayub Dal and Sahibzadi as President and Manager of their VDMC. The VDMC members then underwent a five-day long training on disaster risk assessment, risk management and planning. The committee developed a disaster risk management plan for their village highlighting all potential risks and measures to counter them.

As the area falls under severe drought prone zone, sufficient water supply was their top priority. They listed repair of dug-well on top of the mitigation measures. The project team visited the site and was convinced to support rehabilitation of dug-well, which was the only source of drinking water for around 100 households of settlement Kohli Paro. The residents could not afford the rehabilitation of this dug-well to make it functional again.

Considering these difficulties the scheme was approved for rehabilitation under Tahafuz Critical Community Infrastructure (CCI) component. In addition to repairing of walls, depth of this well was also increased to enhance availability of water in all seasons, particularly during summer.

This has resulted in increased storage capacity of water. Previously the villagers could only get water for drinking purposes but now water is also available for the consumption of their livestock. New raised platform and ring around the well also minimizes the risk of accidents. People happily narrated that now they can withstand drought because of having sufficient quantity of water from the new repaired dug-well.

Women of this village thanked USAID, RSPN and TRDP for restoring a vital resource of water for the underprivileged people.