

AN APPEAL TO FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT, PACHOD (IHMP)

The international media has carried accounts of the heat wave that is causing unparalleled misery in India. What has gained less attention is the paucity of drinking water. The Marathwada region of the State of Maharashtra is suffering from the third successive year of drought, which has attained crisis proportions. This picture, published by (myIndianPictures.com), epitomizes the water scarcity in the many villages where our projects are located.



There are another two and a half months of summer still to go.

The Times of India, one of the largest national newspapers, carried this front-page headline on April 19, 2016



Water level in Marathwada dams at historic low of 3%

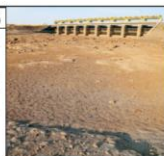
Arid Region
Faces Fourth
Drought In 5 Yrs

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RESERVOIR WOES

- > In April 2015, water levels in Marathwada's dams were 11% of capacity
- > 8 of 11 Marathwada dams at dead storage level
- > Water levels in state's dams down to 19% from 32% last year

2,745 water tankers used in Marathwada compared to 939 this time last year / Storage across India down, p7



IHMP is working in two out of the eight districts in this region where there is scarcity of drinking water

Women and adolescent girls are being exposed to the risk of injuries and sun stroke as they are the ones who have to walk for miles or descend into dangerously deep wells and scrape the bottom of the well to get a pot-full of drinking water for the family.

Article in The Time of India April 21, 2016

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TIMES I

12-yr-old Beed girl dies fetching water in 41°C

Docs Say
Sunstroke
Likely Cause
Of Death

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Aurangabad: A 12-year-old girl fainted and died while fetching drinking water from a handpump in the parched Ashti taluka of Beed district late on Tuesday afternoon. Doctors said sunstroke was the likely cause of her death.



Aditya Waikul

Thousands of villages are being supplied water by tankers that fill water from wells that are muddy and contaminated.

Article in The Time of India April 22, 2016

Tankers trigger fear of water-borne diseases

Health Dept Orders Chlorination To Ensure Quality

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Pune: The consistent climb in the number of tankers supplying water to drought-hit areas has sparked the fear of an outbreak of communicable diseases in the state.

CLEAR FACTS

- Number of villages in Maharashtra receiving tanker water: **1,697**
- No. of tankers deployed to supply water in state: **2,050**



Cases of diarrhea and dehydration have reached epidemic proportions. On 20 April 2016, The Times of India carried a lead article entitled: Diarrhoea, Exhaustion hits teens and elderly

Article in The Time of India April 20, 2016

THE TIMES OF INDIA, PUNE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

TIMES CITY

Diarrhoea, exhaustion hit teens & elderly

About 50-60% Patients Seeking Treatment In OPD Complain Of Heat-Related Ailments

Another article in the same Newspaper on 26 April 2016 reported that the problem of contaminated water is widespread as a result of depleting water sources

Article in The Time of India April 26, 2016

Study finds Marathwada water most foul

Experts Attribute Poor Quality To Depleting Level Of Source, Call For Immediate Remedial Measures

How is IHMP planning to address this problem?

1. Provide one low cost water filter to 30,000 families
2. To provide water tankers to 100 villages
3. Provide each family with a 6 month stock of Chlorine tablets for water purification at the household level
4. Identify and treat diarrhea cases
5. Refer cases of dehydration to the nearest hospital

Please help us save lives

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| Water tank at the community level costs | £ 1200 |
| Water filter at the household level costs | £ 20 |
| Chlorine tablets for use at household level cost | £ 5 |

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