Maharashtra, India
Findings of a Baseline Study:
State of Water & Women’s Empowerment

Study Context and Demographic Profile

Respondent Profile
- Average Age: 39.4
- Married: 86%
- Primary Child Care Provider: 24%
- Main Food Preparer: 99%

Household Profile
- Members: 4.5
- Adults: 74%
- Children 5-18: 19%
- Children 0-3: 7%

Water Access and Satisfaction
- 18% of households do not have access to an improved water source
- 33% of households do not have a water source on premises
- 9% of households have partial year access to a main water source

9 out of 10 respondents are satisfied with their water source
2 out of 10 respondents intend to take a loan to improve water service

Water Source Seasonality
- Winter: 91.76%
- Summer: 21.18%
- Monsoon: 70.82%
- Post-Monsoon: 90.59%

Water Burden

Water Responsibility
- 80% Female
- 20% Male

Time for Water Collection
- 23 mins per trip
- 3 trips per day

Potential Wage Losses
- Female: ₹597
- Male: ₹770

Women's Empowerment
- 70% self efficacy level
- Average score: 21 out of 30
- 8 in 10 women do not practice correct handwashing

Wash Practice
- Correct: 17%
- Incorrect: 83%
- Water Treatment: 50%
- Water Storage: 50%