



Women collectives led Action towards Environment Rejuvenation (WATER)

Indigo and PRADAN proudly announce WATER, a collaborative project that targets to benefit approximately 37,000 women in as many families, directly impacting a population of at least 180,000 people across 430 project villages in 3 districts of Hazaribagh, Godda and Bokaro district (Jharkhand state). This project will continue over a span of 5 years and aims at enhancing the capabilities of women and community groups and providing environmental sustainability. By investing in an integrated natural resource management system we hope to increase the carrying capacity of natural resources. This would help to improve productivity, market linkages and create farmer/entrepreneurs from subsistence farmers which will further lead to economic growth of the districts.

The project will have three major focus areas:

- **Enabling the isolated and excluded** to build upon their skills, initiatives, resources and entitlements by mobilizing and motivating them, building capabilities and enabling mechanisms.

- **Developing contextual solutions**, to enhance the carrying capacity of the land by investing in up-gradation of natural resource to improve the productivity of farmlands by developing land and water resources.
- **Enhancing productivity** to ensure food security, enhance value and reduce risk through diversification.

Impact the marginalised with the project

Through the project we will be working with more marginalised social groups – rural (100%), women (100%), tribal and Dalit communities (70%), other backward classes(30%), and economically poor (100%).

IndiGo has supported the cause with an aspiration to create a **platform for collective action, which would help them to escape the scourge of poverty**. It would also **create approximately 0.8 million labour days**, which would benefit the landless and the poorest of the poor who are dependent on manual work. This will trigger a comprehensive change process, based on building capacities of women and their collectives; demonstrating interplay between empowered citizens, a responsive state and engaged markets. We are grateful to IndiGo for supporting capacity enhancement of community members and investments towards environmental sustainability.
