CAG-CBO led Household level initiative for Composting

SITUATION
• The greening consultant conducted workshops in Bakkarwala on various topics like greening, waste segregation and composting.
• MHT initiated replicating these workshops in Mubarakpur village as well as Roop Vihar and Meer Vihar since September 2023.

ACTION
• In their meetings, Mubarakpur CAGs discussed and exchanged information on how composting can benefit them in maintaining their plants & disposing their kitchen waste hygienically.
• To apply the learnings, CAG & CBO members from Roop Vihar and Meer Vihar approached Councillor to provide them with dustbins for composting.
• Initially, they visited Councillor's office in October 2023 to put forth the demand for dustbins.
• After consistently following up, they received 50 dustbins within a month in November 2023 before Diwali.
Success Case Study

TIMELINE

October 2023
Initial meeting with councillor

October & November 2023
Follow-up by CAG

November 2023
50 dustbins received

RESULTS

- Out of the 50 bins received, 36 were distributed in Meer Vihar and Roop Vihar for composting, including 1 HH with disabled member, while the remaining 14 were given to HHs for waste collection.
- For the purpose of composting, 18 HHs received 2 bins each for segregating dry and wet kitchen waste.
- Moving forward, practical implementation of composting will be done with the beneficiaries.
- This request was addressed within a month although it was a festive season; representing a positive working relationship between the CAGs and government stakeholders.

WAY FORWARD

- Going forward, strategies can be developed for scaling up HH composting practice in both Mubarakpur and Bakkarwala.
- While effective solid waste management remains a community-level issue, such initiatives will lead to a behavior change at HH level.