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CONTEXT

- World Water Day is celebrated on 22nd March every year.
- As the AIWASI project is directly associated with water security, MHT organized a few water-centric activities on this day with the community.
- These activities were undertaken at both intervention areas – Mubarakpur Dabas and Bakkarwala, with a combined participation of about 40-45 members across both sites, including 2 disabled and 2 men.



World Water Day celebration at Mubarakpur MHT Center

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- The first activity consisted of raising awareness related to the usage of water, where community members populated a chart paper with sticky notes on how they use water in their daily lives.
- The activity also included discussing the usage of water obtained from different sources like DJB tankers, water from taps, and groundwater obtained from hand pumps.



Chart populated by participants

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- The other activity was based on raising awareness for the conservation of water.
- Participants were asked to carry vessels containing water on their heads and walk from point A to B.
- The intention was to conserve as much water as they could, within a certain time, whilst moving from A to B.
- After the activity, it was discussed that used water from kitchen can be re-used for other purposes like watering plants, rather than completely discarding it.



Community members participating in the water conservation activity

CONCLUSION

- After completion of all activities, MHT distributed tokens of appreciation to winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd places) in the form of water overflow alarm, clay water bottles, seeds, and compost.
- These tokens were chosen keeping water as its central theme.
- The day concluded with participants pledging to use water consciously and conserving it, as it is a limited resource.



Tokens of appreciation presented to winners