

Case study of Chhage WSS

Access to safe drinking water leading to sanitation at Maili Tamang Household

Maili Tamang is a 40 year old resident of Chhage, Dhulikhel Municipality, ward no. 1 who lives with her husband and three children. Her family depends on agriculture as a major source of income. She lived a very difficult life without access to safe drinking water and toilet though the place is very near from Dhulikhel, headquarter of Kavre district. She along with other eight households used to bring water from the unprotected pond [shown in figure 1].



Figure 1 Pond where Maili Tamang along with other eight households used to drink water

She had to go various times to fetch water daily and she told us about how sometimes she had to give dirty drainage water to her domestic animals due to lack of clean water. She had to spend more than thirty minutes to fetch water from the pond. She also didn't have toilet at her home. Her family used to openly defecate nearby streams.

After our intervention of access to safe drinking water and orientation on public health



Figure 2 Maili Tamang with her husband Shanta Bahadur Lo at their tap stands at their own yard

promotion, her life has become so much easier. Now, she doesn't have to spend her time fetching water from unsafe pond. She has her own tap stands at her home for safe drinking water. Through our continuous triggering, she has now built toilet at her home and stopped the practice of open defecation. She tells, "Our life is so much easier now. No more going to the pond. We got

tap at our own yard. Now, I can contribute my time in fields growing crops. I have also dug a pit for

inorganic solid waste management and a pond for waste water collection from tap as oriented during the public health orientation program."