

Enabling Solutions: Gender, Social Inclusion for Adaptation

Gleanings from my Journey in the Adaptation space

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The year 2001-2002:

Findings from an assessment of a Watershed Development Project in India

- Regeneration of the ecosystem; ability to withstand some impacts of climate change impacts still visible, even during years of drought
- The 'norms' established are lifted post project - Hidden gaps surface / widened in the social fabric
- Attitudinal changes have a long way to go
- In a development / adaptation project, the need to bring the entire community together - women & men, all communities – for governance, benefit sharing, and capacitate them for the same (this is always a challenge)

Gleanings from the study.....

The expected results are not fully achieved

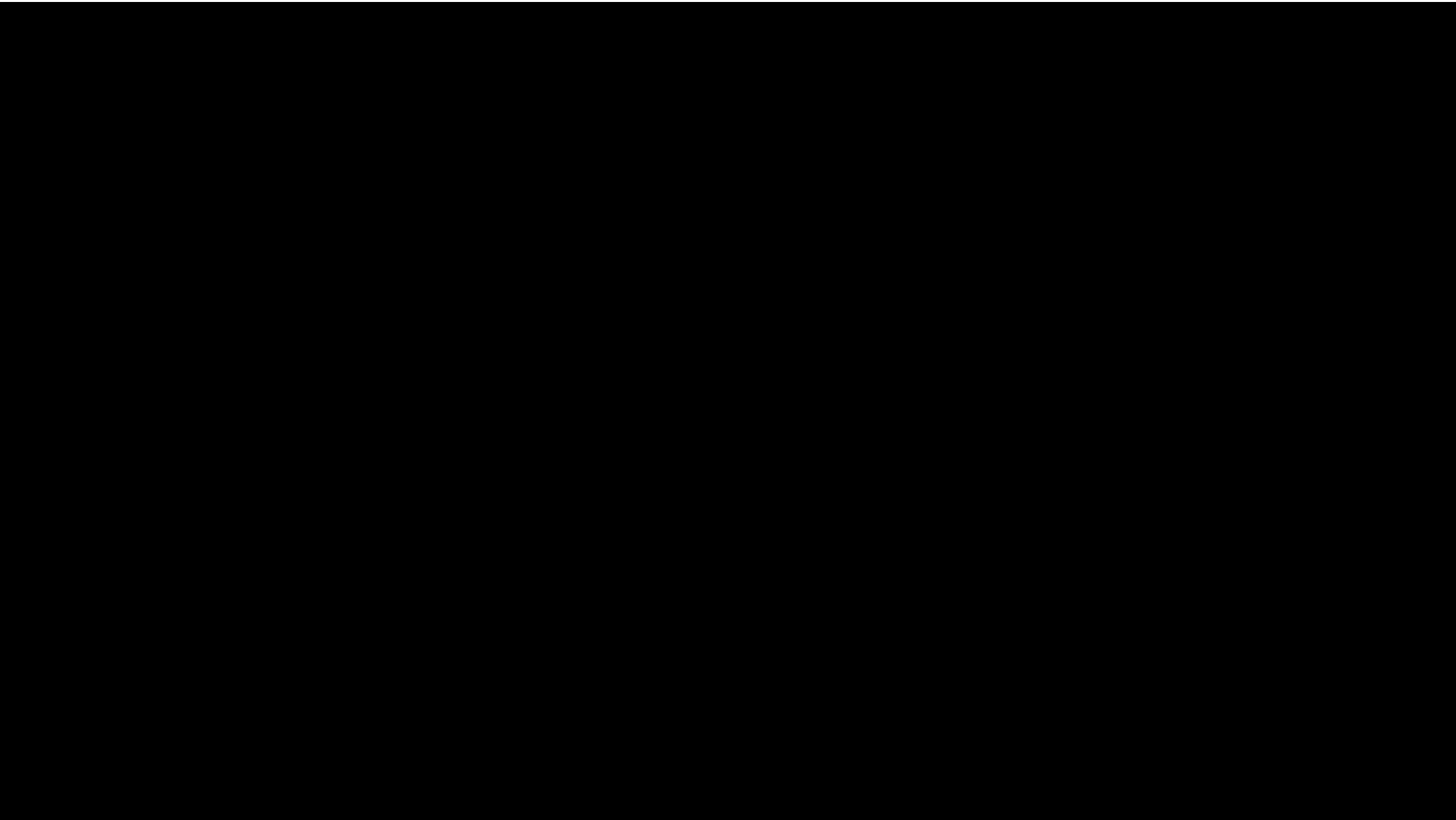
There were successes and achievements But some chinks became visible
A need to study the chinks with objectivity and in depth – the WHAT, the WHY

WOTR decided: **We'll not be afraid of looking at our 'failures'**

- If something didn't / doesn't work – CHANGE THE APPROACH
- “Best Practices” are happily documented – Are these really replicable?
Probably we need to analyze, document and share ‘THAT WHICH DID NOT SUCCEED’
- It is a FAILURE if we repeat mistakes

Ask Questions

- HAVE AN OPEN MIND: avoid assumptions; the text books give us half truths
- WILLING TO BE SURPRISED: There are bright sparks / diamonds in the dust / unplanned alternatives



Investments in Climate Change Adaptation: Are the desired outcomes obtained?

Most projects are of a 1 to 3 years period

- Quantifiable impacts are sought and expected to be sustained
- But are we getting the desired impacts?
- Investments are for 'trainings', besides other aspects.

But to adapt to this complex creature "Climate Change"

- Behavioral science tells us that Attitudinal change needs another approach
- A longer time period for sustainability (primary stakeholders face other ongoing stresses)

We need PARTNERSHIPS / ALL STAKEHOLDERS to work together to weave the solutions

Lessons continue to be learnt

If a programme / an organization has achieved success or does something well.....

Assume this will NOT continue

- The context is constantly changing
- New policies, new approaches to the emerging problems
- New people come in – each with their own life experience

Inclusiveness, Gender and Equity needs to be continuously monitored

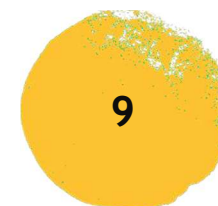
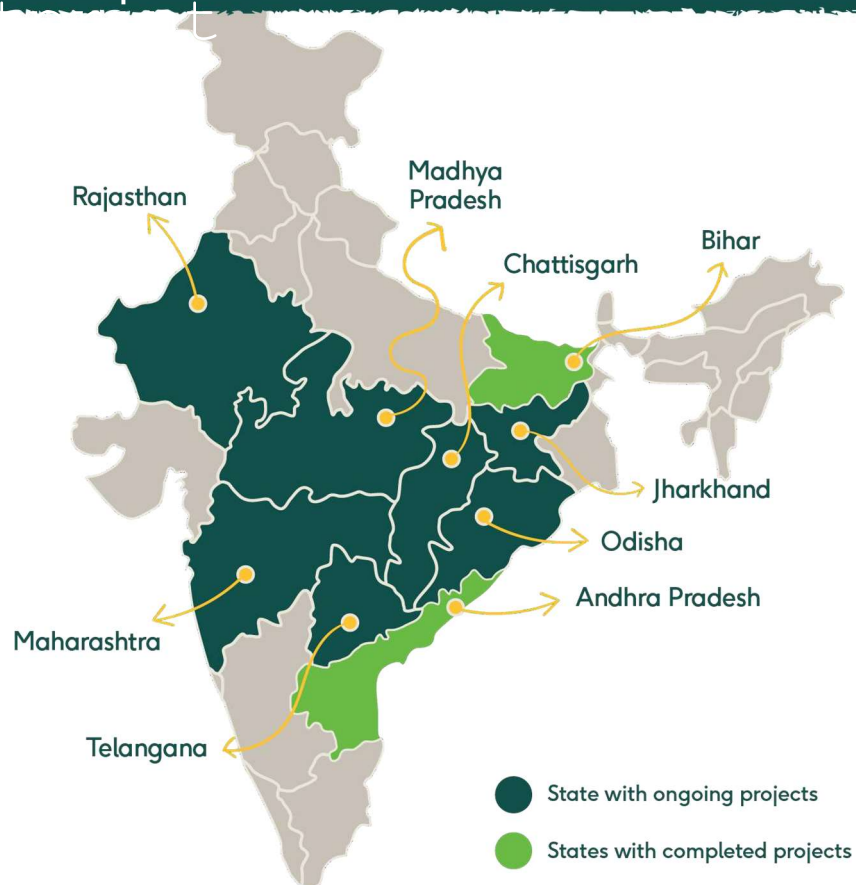
- Find an objective way to systematize it

Ask Questions; Have an observant eye and an ear to the ground

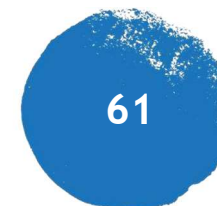
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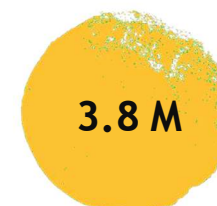
States



Districts



Communities



People

Area Treated (WSD/NRM): 1.43 million ha

Villages Reached: 2351 villages

An Ecosystem based Adaptation Approach

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

- SHG Formation & Capacity Building
- Drudgery Reduction
- Women's Enterprise Development
- Women in Decision Making



- Agriculture Productivity
- Soil Health Management
- Water Efficient Agriculture

- Agrometeorology
- Farmer Training
- Market Linkages



- Enterprise Development
- Agro-based Enterprises
- Non-Farm Enterprises
- Alternative Energy

HEALTH, SANITATION & NUTRITION

- Cadre of Health Workers
- Nutrition
- Drinking Water
- Sanitation
- Health Awareness
- Screening Camps



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