

## Well towards wellness

Shivkuvar, village Salka, Sarguja district, Jharkhand belongs to a very poor family with a landholding of 2.7 acres. Major source of livelihood for the family is agriculture. With traditional methods of agriculture and lack of irrigation facilities, agriculture productivity was low and the income generated from agriculture was insufficient to meet the family's basic needs.

In 2015-16, ASA intervened in this village. ASA with the support of SWAC helped the poor families to graduate from wage employment to more self sustaining modes of income generation by creation of "sustainable were unable to do so in absence of water for irrigation. Thus providing a consistent source of income in form of agriculture and promoting it as a sustainable livelihood was the thrust of ASA's intervention in this area.

With the support SWCF a dug well was constructed. There was a huge Impact on agriculture as a livelihood option. Change in the cropping Intensity and crop cycle was observed, changes in production and productivity took place, there was a rise in irrigated area under Rabi, Kharif & summer crop. Till 2014, Shivkuvar's family was

**Vegetables, grown in the fields enhancing income and vegetable consumption in the family**

completely dependent on monsoons for irrigation.

In 2016, with increased water availability, production of Paddy was 1.5 times more in comparison to the last year. Increased water availability from the dug well led Shivkuvar to diversify in to vegetables. Vegetables were grown for the first time on the fields. There was a substantial increase in the income of the family after digging of the dug well.



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**A dug well constructed with the support of SWCF is providing irrigation facility to the family round the year**

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