



Restoring Water, Reviving Hope

Community-Led Watershed Restoration in Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh

Why invest in Community-Led Watershed Restoration?

Kabirdham's smallholder farmers are running out of water!

Unpredictable rainfall, degraded catchments, high water demanding crops and a rapid shift to borewell irrigation have created a crisis.

Surface water is vanishing as runoff and causing soil erosion.

Ground water is stressed beyond recovery.

Traditional water bodies are broken.

As a result, agriculture is collapsing in the lean season, incomes are falling, and migration is rising. Without urgent, systemic watershed repair, this rural economy will not survive climate shocks.

What Are We Proposing?

A decentralized watershed restoration program across 30 micro-watersheds — led by local communities and rooted in ecological design.

Components:

- Construction of recharge pits, ponds & recharge of existing water source
- Revival of traditional tanks and water bodies
- Promotion of micro-irrigation systems and efficient water budgeting

Why Kabirdham?

Kabirdham sits within the Maikal range, drained by three major rivers: Sakri, Maganda, and Haf.

But decades of:



Monocropping
(mainly paddy & sugarcane)



Groundwater Exploitation



Neglected River Systems

...have caused severe land degradation, with thousands of borewells now tapping empty aquifers. Kabirdham is a priority region under the CHiRP (Central Highlands Restoration Project) and presents an ideal model for scalable, integrated water resilience.



How can we create a tangible impact?

200+

Water
structures
built/revived

200+
hectares

Area under
sustainable
irrigation

5,000+

Households
directly
impacted



Why Partner With CAS?

- **18 years of expertise** in rural development and institution building.
- Deep-rooted **community trust** with strong convergence with government departments.
- Strategic partnership with **Commonland Foundation** for landscape restoration in
- Active member of the **CHiRP coalition** network and working alongside **UNICEF** and other partner organizations.
- Technical support from institutions such as **NIPHM** (National Institute of Plant Health Management) and **IGKV** (Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya).



Your Investment

- Environment Sustainability
- Water Resource Management
- Rural Development



Reporting-Ready

- Geo-tagged works
- Progress dashboards
- Success stories & field visit potential

Call to Action

We invite funders, CSR partners, and development agencies to co-invest in the Community-Led Watershed Restoration in Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh.

Let's Bring Back Water.
And With It, Dignity, Food, and Livelihoods.

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