

## Case study – Canal Visual Cleanliness

This success story is about the positive transformation of 1<sup>st</sup> ward residencies of Toranagallu village. This ward lays just adjacent to the Tungabhadra canal and the residing people here are basically the migrants.

### Earlier:



Pic 1

We can see in the picture (Pic 1) that there are lot of littering of waste alongside of the canal bank. The residences near to the canal used to dump their waste here despite of collection vehicle reaching this area. Even after lot of awareness, still the situation remains same and it was difficult to convince the people here on giving waste to vehicle. The negligence continues and the waste dumping increased day by day. Also, the waste dumped here gradually fell into canal water due to breeze and rain.

When the situation became worst, it was escalated to respective local governing body (Toranagallu GP). Initially GP also not shown any interest in this issue. After several and intensive follow up, a meeting was set up by the Saahas team by calling the local elected representative, GP president and PDO of the Toranagallu village GP. The situation briefed to the representatives and took them a round of walk along canal side. During the meeting it was explained how the waste is getting into canal water and how it will contaminate the water and harmful to the soil and agriculture products, which is our food directly impacting the human life. The representative, PDO and few community people also talked about such impacts.

It was convinced them to not to litter the waste on the canal bank and waste should be given to collection vehicle. then later PDO was also addressed that even after waste collection facility provided. Anyone dump the waste, those people will be penalized, may GP can disconnect the facility and also could file a police complaint against them. Local representative told to the community to take responsible themselves by keep their home and surrounding.

For next one week, the regular visits and follow up done. Few people still littered waste. Gradually they were identified and convinced them not to throw the waste, instead keep it a bag or bin in front their house and the collection staff will collect it. If not done, will be escalated along with photo proof, the GP may take serious action against them. Gradually littering was decreased and the spot was become zero littering (Pic 2) where all the households surrounding that place, are giving waste to the collection vehicle.

**After**



Pic 2

This transition from littering waste in public place to proper waste management among the community, impacted more on canal visualization. Also, the community understanding on proper waste disposal. They change in their mindset brings a good impact on the SWM. Kudos to all those involved in making this place in Torangallu village a little free place