




Project Background

Water for Women is Australia's flagship water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) program supporting improved health, equality and wellbeing in Asian and Pacific communities through socially inclusive and sustainable WASH projects. Water for Women is delivering 18 WASH projects in 15 countries together with 11 research projects (2018-2022).



As part of the Australian Government's Water for Women Fund, SNV is currently wrapping up a collaboration with the governments of Nepal, Bhutan and Lao PDR, and the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF). The partnership has sought equitable and universal access to safely-managed sanitation and hygiene in seven districts in Bhutan and Lao PDR, and to sustain rural water supply services in a further two districts in Nepal; setting in place the mechanisms needed to look "Beyond the Finish Line."

In Bhutan, SNV has been supporting the Ministry of Health's national Rural Sustainable Sanitation and Hygiene Programme (RSAHP) since 2008. Focused on four underserved districts, the program has aimed to strengthen government and our partners' focus on quality and attention to disadvantaged groups in leveraging political commitments, and introducing decentralised and cost-sharing mechanisms. Responding to emerging issues, RSAHP looks beyond the finish line by safely managing sanitation services and universal access for all, strengthening emerging civil society organisations' (CSOs) capacity in the WASH sector, and investing in women's leadership and institutional change.



Prompt: What is the impact of climate on WASH for yourself and your community?

Impacts were collected using **photovoice**.

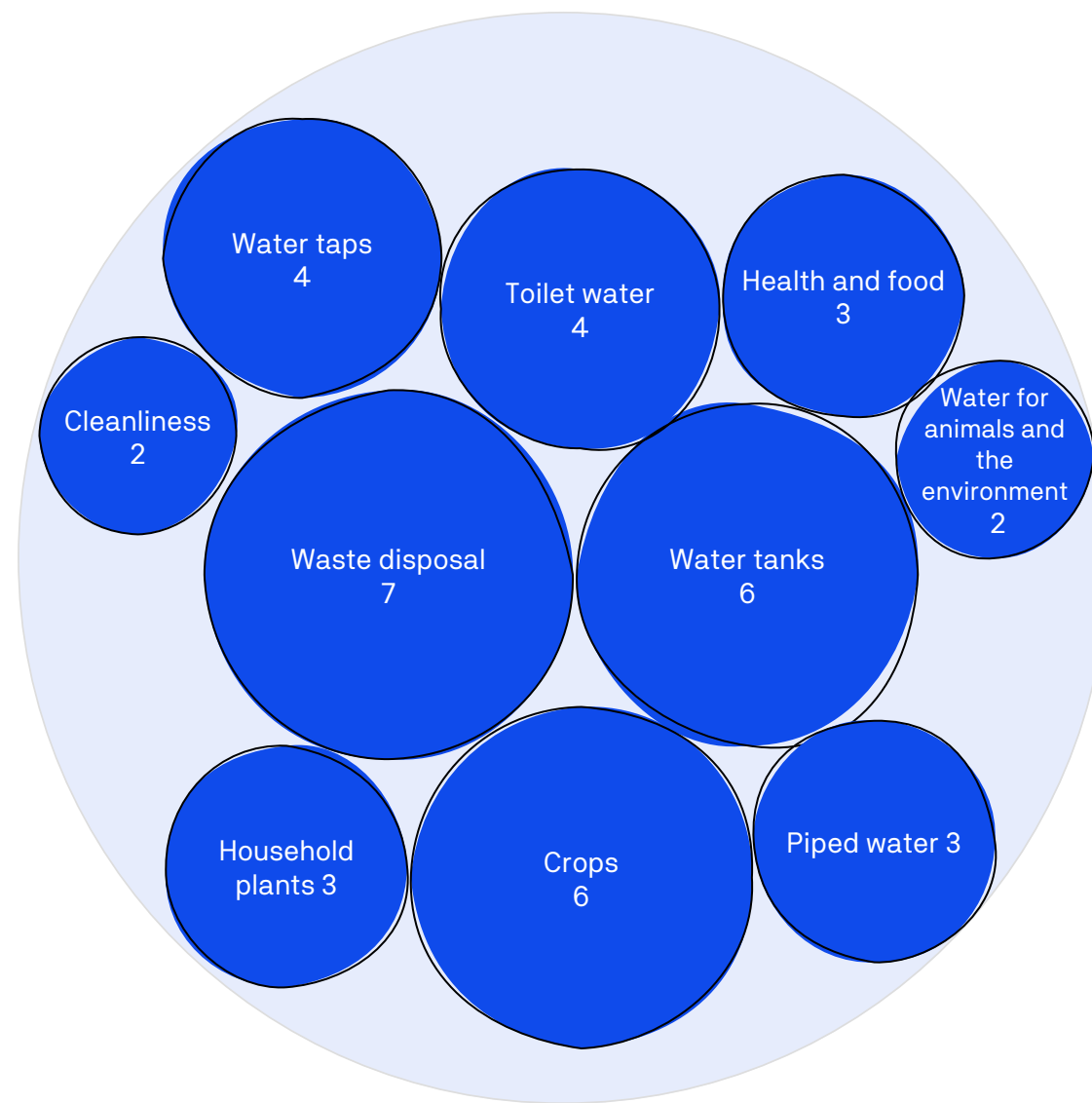
Photovoice is a participatory photography approach, which encourages participants to take photos through their own 'lens'.

Ten potential participants were selected by the local leaders who shared these names with the SNV program team. All ten potential participants were invited to the workshop and eight people opted in. Potential participants were from a variety of local villages with different levels of water and sanitation access.

The participants included two men and six women. One man was a local plumber who provided rich insights on the status of the water systems in the area. The other man was a local monk who provided spiritual descriptions on the impacts of climate. One of the women was the mother of a disabled child. Other women participants included a single mother and a mother with two children.

8 rural Bhutanese community members participated in the research.
40 photo-stories were submitted





The photographs were clustered into 10 thematic areas.



Pretty red waste bin, the most important thing in the community.

Theme: Waste disposal
Changes in what people do

By: Aita Maya Titung
Female

How does this photo make you feel?
It makes me happy.

This waste bin was given to the Gewong Center by the government. It is very useful to use because having a waste bin in the community, we can dispose of the waste in the bin rather than burning it. Waste management should be managed by everyone, despite the person's age, gender economic status or education level. Proper waste disposal will help us stop climate change to a certain point. When we had a womens-group, waste was managed better as compared to today. I chose this picture to show how important it is to dispose of our waste in the proper places, such as waste bins.



Improper waste disposal

Theme: | Waste disposal
| Changes in what people do

By: | Aita Maya Titung
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It worries me because if we keep burning our waste/garbage, one day our ozone layer will deplete.

No proper bin/place to dispose of the waste. We burn all the waste/garbage near our household, and the smoke suffocates us (which might result in lung diseases in the future). Everyone in the community is affected by this. We should conduct a cleaning campaign once every month and clean the surroundings. We should also construct waste bins in each community to dispose of certain types of waste in their respective areas. Recycle the waste too. It is not about gender equality. I as a woman cannot depend on men to clean the surrounding. It is everybody's responsibility, and in situations like this, there is no such thing as gender or only one of the genders being able to know about the importance of waste management. It is one of the biggest concerns in the villages. We don't have a place to dispose of the garbage, so we just burn them. I understand today that the smoke from burning this waste will deplete the ozone layer.

Caring for our own trash

Theme: Waste disposal
Changes in what people do

By: Mon Bdr Blon
Male

How does this photo make you feel?

Makes me happy, it is better to care for my own garbage and trash.



My daughter takes responsibility for keeping the house clean and so she makes this happen at home. The only reason we burn is that we don't have proper disposal, we burn little by little. My daughter burns trash knowing that burning trash is not safe, it makes me hopeful that my community will have other alternatives. The wind makes it worse, and the garbage and trash are flown away. Therefore, we are asked to take care of our waste - to have it correctly kept and not just out in the open. Boys don't listen, this is why we tell our daughters. This is how we are taking care of waste.

Waste failed to be managed

Theme: Waste disposal
Changes in what people do

By: Poktori Maya Blon
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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If people continue throwing their garbage everywhere, they feel like then it will be bad for our environment. Not being able to manage our waste will contribute to climate change which will in hand affect us in the future. This picture best represents the uneducated people of rural Bhutan. Old farmers like us who never went to school will not know about climate change or waste management until the local government and educated people tell us. Climate change can be stopped if we know about hygiene and sanitation. Today's workshop broadened my knowledge of keeping our environment clean and green if we're to stop the changing climate. Everyone should learn to keep their surroundings clean now. If we don't take action now, it will be too late. To show my concerns/worries regarding improper waste management.

A pit that shallows the waste until its full and the waste are burned

Theme: Waste disposal
Changes in what people do

By: Tila Rupa Darjee
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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We have to dig pits and dispose of our waste. Sometimes we cover the pit with plastic waste inside them. Most of the time we burn them. We don't segregate the waste, we burn it altogether. It represents the uneducated villages who don't understand/ who are not told enough about waste management. Even though government officials come here and try to understand the waste management situation here, not so many changes are made. Both men nor women don't have options other than to burn the waste. It is the only way we can get rid of the garbage here. Improper disposal/burning of plastic waste contributes to climate change.

Waste pit used in rural Bhutan to get rid of the plastics waste

Theme: Waste disposal
Changes in what people do

By: Tila Rupa Darjee
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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When we burn plastic waste and bottles, it emits harmful smoke into the air and causes air pollution. It even destroys the environment and makes the soil infertile. But we have no option but to do this. It represents the people of rural villages because, unlike the people and their waste getting collected by waste trucks in the urban areas, we don't have such facilities here, so we burn them. The government should provide waste trucks in rural parts of Bhutan too. Or do something to manage the waste here. We cannot keep burning them, right? Both men and women burn the plastics/bottles equally in the villages because we have no option and we didn't know it is harmful until today. Burning of plastic waste depletes the ozone layer and causes air pollution.

Waste not managed at all

Theme: Waste disposal
Changes in what people know

By: Tila Rupa Darjee
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me sad.



Since the people here in the villages are uneducated, we don't seem to understand the impact plastics have on our environment and the climate. That's why we throw plastics everywhere and even burn them. This photo shows the uneducated farmers that don't understand the harmful effect plastic waste has on our environment. When we have workshops/meetings like this, we understand the consequences of not managing our waste. Today I understood the effect plastic waste has on our environment and the climate. Everyone should know about waste management despite their gender. I feel we should have more cleaning campaigns. Not being able to take care of our waste causes climate change.



The more the water tanks are full of water, the richer we feel

Theme: | Water tanks
Changes in what people think

By: | Aita Maya Titung
Female

How does this photo make you feel?
Full water tank/drum makes me happy.

It represents how important storing water is, in this place. Without water tanks/drums, we may have to walk hours/miles to fetch water, and it is tiring, especially for mothers like us who have small children. If we don't store water, everyone is affected because water is very important. Water is more important than money these days. If the government helps us build water tanks to store the rainwater then all of the villagers will be benefited. The government should issue/give us water drums to store water. Even though most of the construction is done by men, we women are more responsible for keeping the drums full, fetching water and making sure we have water in the home. If we don't store water in the tanks then when the water dries out, we'll not have any water.



Water problem and the solution to it is to store rain water

Theme: | Water tanks
| Changes in what people think

By: | Aita Maya Titung
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

This photo makes me sad because it is winter and if the rain doesn't fall then, we have no source of water.

Rainwater is stored in the drums because of water shortage. We must depend on rainwater to water crops and use it as drinking water. More water shortages in winter stop the water stored, and drums are not enough, especially when the water dries up for us for a week or more. Everyone in the village has been affected because of the water problem. Water tanks will be helpful. When I was a child, I heard the government would give us water storage units, but they haven't given them to us yet. When we have water problems in our houses women in the household have to fetch it from the nearest water source; men are primarily out at work. Due to global warming, the water in the water sources dries up, so we have to store the water in drums for emergency uses.

A drum full of water is equivalent to having gold

Theme: | Water tanks
Changes in what people have

By: | Mongali Maya Blon
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me so satisfied.



When the water dries up, and we have a water problem, we use the water stored in the drums. Sometimes we have to store the rainwater too. We use it for drinking, washing and cooking. When we have water problems, everyone is affected, especially women and mothers with small children. So, we women have to make sure we have water available in our homes all the time. We now have plastic drums, and it is very convenient for us to store water in the drums. Before we had to store in the jerrycans and it wasn't enough. The primary responsibility of women is to make water available in the house. Men may build a tap, but women store the water in the drums. So, we play a very important role in the smooth running of our household. Because of water problem, we have to store water in the drums.

Bigger the water storage units, better

Theme: | Water tanks
| Changes in what people know

By: | Poktori Maya Blon
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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Even though some people construct bigger storage units to store the water, if the running water doesn't come for weeks, then it is not enough. No matter how big the water storage unit is, it runs out of water if there is no running water to fill it up. The farmers with enough budget can easily construct cemented water storage unlike most of us who have to depend on the plastic drums given by the government or the ones we recycled. I now know the climate is changing. I knew about it today. I am concerned that these water storage units are enough/will bear enough water to sustain our livelihood in the future. No matter whether man or woman, everybody needs water. This picture best describes the water shortage problem here in Tashiding.

Half filled drums worry a village more than anything else

Theme: | Water tanks
| Changes in how people feel

By: | Tila Rupa Darjee
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It worries me.



This drum is almost empty. There is no running water in the tap right now, but it may come in a while or in a few days. If the water in the drum finishes then I have to fetch it from the nearest water source. The villagers here have to walk for at least an hour or two if the running water doesn't come in time (to fetch the water). Even the stored water finishes by the time the water comes in the tap. These drums that we used were issued by the government so some changes were brought by the government in solving the water problem here. Men hardly help in filling up the water drums. We women have to do it. Men are working outside everyday. When there is no running water in the tap, we use the stored water for our daily chores.

More bucket full of water in the toilet, better.

Theme: | Water tanks
| Changes in what people do

By: | Tshundu Wangmo
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me feel responsible and happy at the same time.



Because of climate change it rains less here as compared to before and because of the global warming, the water sources are drying up. So we have to store up the water in the drums/buckets. We make sure our toilets have water available 24/7. This photo represents the people of Tashiding. This is our regular/daily activity. To fill up our drums and buckets when the water comes. Since SNV looks after sanitation and hygiene, water problem which is a result of the changing climate is related to it. So I am sharing my concern through this workshop. Men don't even care if our toilets have water available because unlike us women, they don't need much water. Also they can go out at night to pee and poo. One of the problems here is the water shortage/drying up.

Having a green house means you're rich here

Theme: Crops
Changes in what people have

By: Mon Bdr Blon
Male



How does this photo make you feel?

Green houses make me happy, because they produce healthier crops

Green houses are very important. A greenhouse stabilizes the growing environment, and the plants grow better and healthier in the greenhouse. Even though a green house can produce less crops, it is one of the ways we can bit climate change. Green houses should be issued by the government, especially to farmers like us because we don't have budget to purchase a green house. The climate is changing, the after sources are drying up. So, it will be beneficial for us to have a green house each. The climate changes all of sudden these days, so it is time we all have a green house each. Men built the green houses, but women look after the crops. We need equal contribution for both the genders Due to climate change, we cannot predict how the climate is going to be, so some people here use green houses to grow their crops.

Climate change will damage the crops

Theme: Crops
Changes in what people do

By: Kunzang (Monk)
Male

How does this photo make you feel?

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Right now good weather and good crops and happy people. However, if we learn to change now, we will prosper. People who work in the villages will suffer because well needs. Everyone will not have any food. Right now, poeple are not learning how to save water. I feel women will have the burden. I chose this photo because our community depends on agriculture.

Nothing beats the taste of the healthy green saags

Theme: | Crops
Changes in how people feel

By: | Poktori Maya Blon
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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We grow vegetables such as saag, onions, and broccoli because they don't require much water compared to other vegetables. These days we cannot even plant paddy because of less water in the irrigation channel. This picture represents the helpless farmer who cannot even grow the vegetables he wants to grow. The vegetables wouldn't have grown this healthy if our Gups and Tshogpat did not work/find a new water source. The water source provides more water than the old one. Both the genders need to work in the field to make everything possible. Because of climate change, we only grow plants/vegetables that need less water.

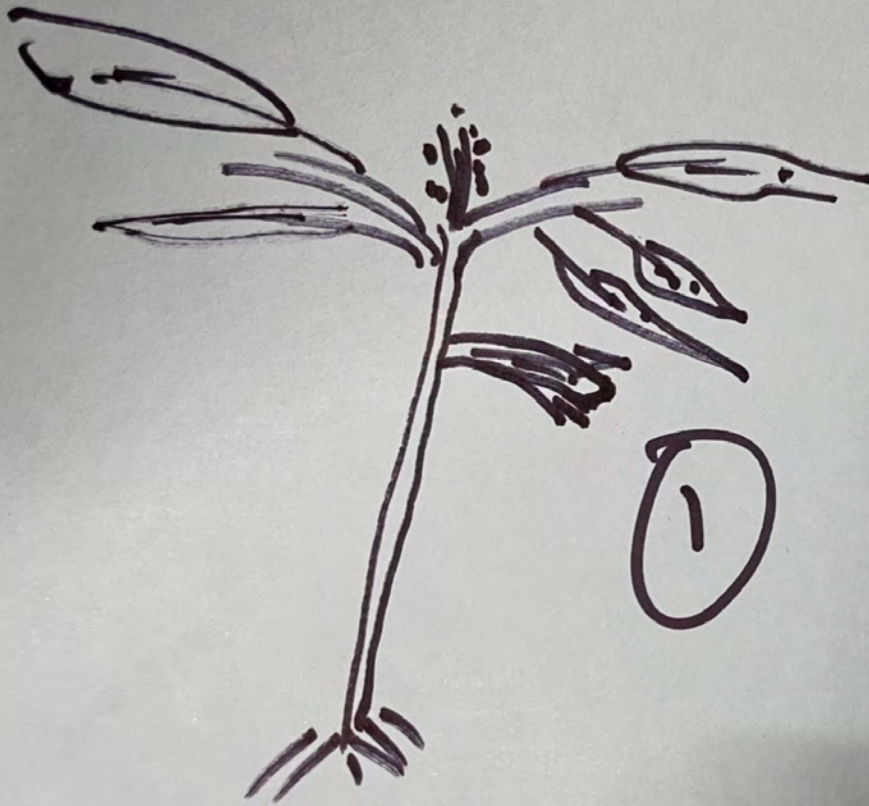
Draied maize due to water storage

Theme: Crops
Changes in how people feel

By: Singye Dem
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me sad, because nothing saddens a farmer more than a bad harvest.



This photo represents the maize dying due to water storage because of climate change. It didn't rain on time, so the maize dried. We're affected the most when our crops dried up. All the farmers who work hard in their fields to produce a good harvest are equally affected when their harvest are bad due to water shortage. We store water in drums and use them to water our crops. Sometimes we even store the rain water in drums to water our crops. Men work more in the field while we women help in the field. Sometimes we even have to fetch the water ourselves, to water the crops. It shows how the crops are dried due to less/no rainfall or water storage and it is happening because of global warming (wind).

A depressing sight to see for the farms

Theme: | Crops
| Changes in what people do

By: | Tshundu Wangmo
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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During the dry season, we have to depend on the stored water to water our crops. Sometimes though, it is not enough. So even when we water our plants, it is not enough for them to grow healthy so they dry up. No matter how much hard work we put in, when it is almost time to cultivate our crops, they start drying up and die. So, our hard work goes in vain. The problem wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for climate change which causes water problems. Both the genders are equally concerned about this problem because we have stomachs and we have to eat. We are all human beings after all. The tips of our crops are drying up because the crops hardly get water in winter.

Onion growing in a small amount that is only enough for a small family.

Theme: | Crops
Changes in how people feel

By: | Tshundu Wangmo
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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When we were small, or parents used to cultivate acres of land. but now we cannot even cultivate 1/4 of the land. It doesn't rain like before and we cannot always depend on the stored water as it is not enough for all the activities. This photo represents the helpless farmers who have no option but to cultivate only little part of their lands/leave it completely uncultivated. All this is happening because of climate change. Since we can only cultivate the crops in smaller quantity as compared to before it is only enough for self consumption. Before it was different. Even when both men and women work together in the field, there would be a labour shortage. But now, I, alone can do it. To show how the time is changing because of climate change.

Water in the toilet is a must

Theme: Toilet water
Changes in what people do

By: Mon Bdr Blon
Male

How does this photo make you feel?

More than anywhere, we need water in the toilet. I feel happy.



When there is no water, there is no cleanliness. We cannot keep our health without water. Right now we have water to drink that saves us from stomach aches. My daughter and the children need the water. When we use water daily, we must have clean water. People like boys and girls are affected, especially at this school. Water in the toilet is important to our own cleanliness.



Clean toilets, happy people

Theme: Toilet water
Changes in what people do

By: Mongali Maya Blon
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

Clean toilet and water always me the happiest.

When we have water problems, we have to make sure the water is available in our toilets. Toilets are very important so, the first thing we do when the water dries up is make the water available in the toilet. clean toilets and availability of water makes everyone happy. It should be everybody's responsibility despite their age/education background to keep the toilet clean. Our plumber says we now have a new water source and that there will be less water problems as compared to before. But since the climate is changing, I'm worried this new water source may dry up too. Women make sure there is water available in the toilets and we even make sure our toilets are clean Men are busy doing the field works so we do it without depending on them. It is rare over here to sight a toilet with water available during a dry season.

My toilet water tank

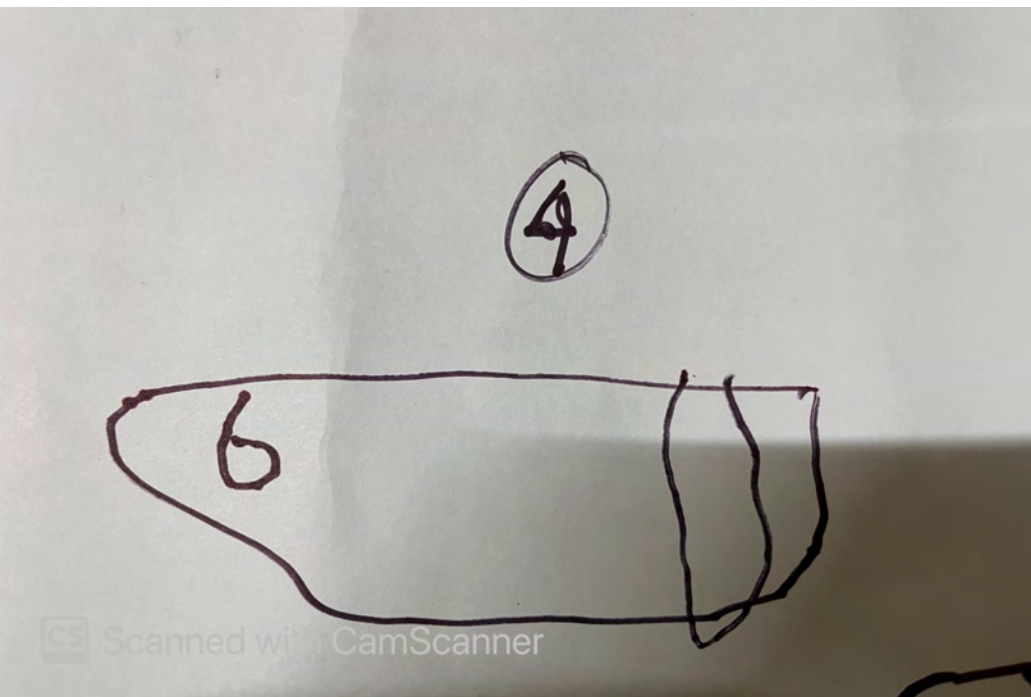
Theme: Toilet water
Changes in what people think

By: Singye Dem
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

I feel happy to see a filled tank.

This is my toilet with a tank to be filled. We use this water for all purposes. Cows, for the toilet, and for drinking and cooking. Farmers have more problems where there is no water from the source. We need a lot of water to clean ourselves and for my daughter's monthly period. We must conserve water, and with the government's support, we know how to manage by not wasting. I am grateful for the government's support. When the climate changes, and I feel changes now, what to do is become sick or eventually become deceased. I chose this photo because cleanliness is important. Without water, the toilet smells.





Dirty toilet is equal to dirty house

Theme: Toilet water
Changes in what people know

By: Tshundu Wangmo
Female

How does this photo make you feel?
Uneasy and dirty

This dirty toilet shows how important water is. Without water, nothing can be done. For instance, a toilet is like a temple, but without water, we cannot keep our toilet clean. A dirty toilet will spread disease. It shows how helpless people get when there is a water problem. Staying hygienic and clean will make you healthy. Health citizens can bring positive changes in the community. - I choose this picture to show the importance of water. We need water for everything.

Only the spirit of the 'Dead' running water roams this abandoned water tap



Theme: | Water taps
Changes in what people know

By: | Mongali Maya Blon
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me sad.

This photo shows how important water is. We have taps but what's the use of taps if there is no running water? Since there is no running water, this tap, which is full of leaves and now it just stands there like a graveyard or some sort. It represents the resources used in building the tap being wasted because this tap is useless now, it is not serving its purpose, that is to give us running water everyday. Climate change is drying up our water sources and it is worrying us day by day. Men construct the taps here but we, women also help them in carrying the bricks and cements. We need the participation of both men and women to make everything possible. Due to water problem in our place which is caused by climate change, most of the taps are abandoned.

Irresponsibility of the people will have bad consequences in the near future



Theme: | Water taps
| Changes in what people do

By: | Mongali Maya Blon
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

This picture makes me sad because the precious water is being wasted.

Since our climate is changing, we should use the water wisely. We should close it when the water tap is not in use. The new source of water may provide us with water for now, but it may dry up if we keep our taps open and the water running even when not in use. This picture shows the irresponsibility of people when the resources are plenty. There may be availability of water right now, but the climate is changing, so we should use the water wisely and not waste it. We have water taps now. So, rather than wasting water by letting it flow freely, we should by the tap and connect it to the pipe. Saving the water should be done by everyone despite their genders. If you see a water tap with running water being left flowing, you should close it. Even though the new water source is providing us with water on a daily basis, and it is enough now, we should use it wisely.

A beautiful site to see indeed a tap station serving its purpose

Theme: | Water taps
Changes in what people know

By: | Poktori Maya Blon
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

This picture makes me feel happy and very contented.



We have a water problem in Tashiding. sometimes the after comes for weeks without dying. Sometimes though, it dies for weeks. So we have to store the water in drums. There is not one household here with drums. No matter how less the budget is, the farmers in this village constructed the water taps with help from the government and some by themselves. I remember people from health coming to our village and conducting meetings which was about handwashing and importance of water taps. Ever since this we worked towards building water taps. Men may build the water taps, but we women make sure the house is never out of water. We make the water available in our homes even when the tap water ties. Today, there might be running water, but it might stop any time/any day.

A villager is impotent without the water stored in the drums

Theme: | Water taps
Changes in how people speak

By: | Tila Rupa Darjee
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me feel sad, because there is no running water in the tap



Even though we have tap stations near our houses we hardly have the water running from the tap. So we store the water in the drums. We can not always depend on running water. This picture shows how dependent we are to our drums and the water stored in them. We at least have drums to store the water now. It was very difficult before because we didn't have drums before. Women do more of the household and water storing work than men. If we don't store water in the drum when we have the running water then we'll not have any water when the water dries up in the tap.

An ugly house with nothing growing around it

Theme: | Household plants
Changes in how people feel

By: | Mongali Maya Blon
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me feel sad :(



This picture was taken outside my house. We used to grow flowers/plants here when we had plenty of water, but now we don't put anything here because of the water shortage. We only use water for the most important things here. It represents all the helpless people who have no option but to leave certain areas of their land empty because even if we plant flowers in dry soils and do not water them, they die. "Climate change is getting serious. When I was a child, my parent's house used to be surrounded by lush green plants and colorful flowers but look at mine - it is dry." Women stay back at their homes, while men do the field works. But we, women are helpless, we cannot beautify our homes with flowers due to the water problem which happens all a sudden. To show the disadvantages of not having running water in the community.



A lovely house stands there wanting to be beautified with flowers and plants

Theme: | Household plants
| Changes in how people feel

By: | Poktori Maya Blon
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

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There used to be a water problem in Tashiding since I was young. We somehow used to grow plants/flowers. It may be because of climate change that our plants/flowers dry up now even though we water them whenever we can. This photo represents climate change and how everyone cannot stop it when it is late. This picture should urge everyone to pull up their socks and work together to fight against the changing climate. We should do everything, so our children/grandchildren can see what greenery is, the plants and flowers rivers flowing. Both men and women are uneducated here. Both of the genders should be made aware of the problems such as climate change. This picture shows how the times are changing. When I was young, our houses used to have lot of plants/flowers but no more now.

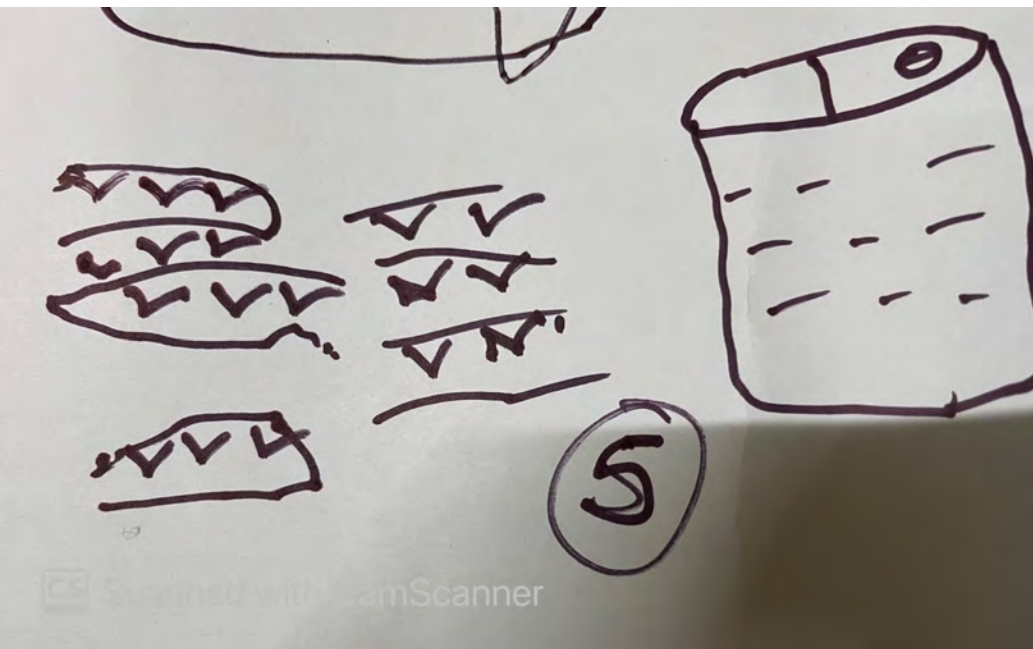
My dead chilies

Theme: Household plants
Changes in what people do

By: Singye Dem
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

I feel sad because of my dead chilies.



I planted these chilies, and they died. up I put a lot of effort, even with water at the time, but somehow they died. Everyone faces different challenges. rural vs. urban. I hope people in the offices and policy can understand our issues. Thinking of the rain and how it led to the death of my sapling plants. Sometimes the men don't know much about vegetable gardens, so it falls on me. My chilies and vegetables dried because of no water recently

A green pipe, a farmer's best friend

Theme: | Piped water
| Changes in what people know

By: | Mon Bdr Blon
| Male

How does this photo make you feel?

It makes me happy



We use water pipes to water our crops and fields. Before the pipes, we used to carry water in jerry cans all the way to our field from our home and sometimes from a nearest water sources. Even though the water is made accessible to use, because of global warming we're having weather storage problem. If we don't have water popes it because so difficult for us to carry the water from our home to the field. Sometimes it doesn't rain and the water storage unit near our farm gets empty, so in times like this, we use water pipes to water our fields. While, with the development of the country, new/modern technologies make our lives easier, we should also know where and how or what to do with the rubber popes when they wear out. We should either recycle of them or dispose them in the right place Mostly, the men of the house do the works related to the pipe connecting and all. but when the men are out of their home/on duty, women do it too. Water pipes are as important as the water itself. It makes our works easier.

Need to store water for the crops

Theme: | Piped water
| Changes in what people do

By: | Mon Bdr Blon
| Male

How does this photo make you feel?

Makes me happy knowing we have water and now have a continuous flow.



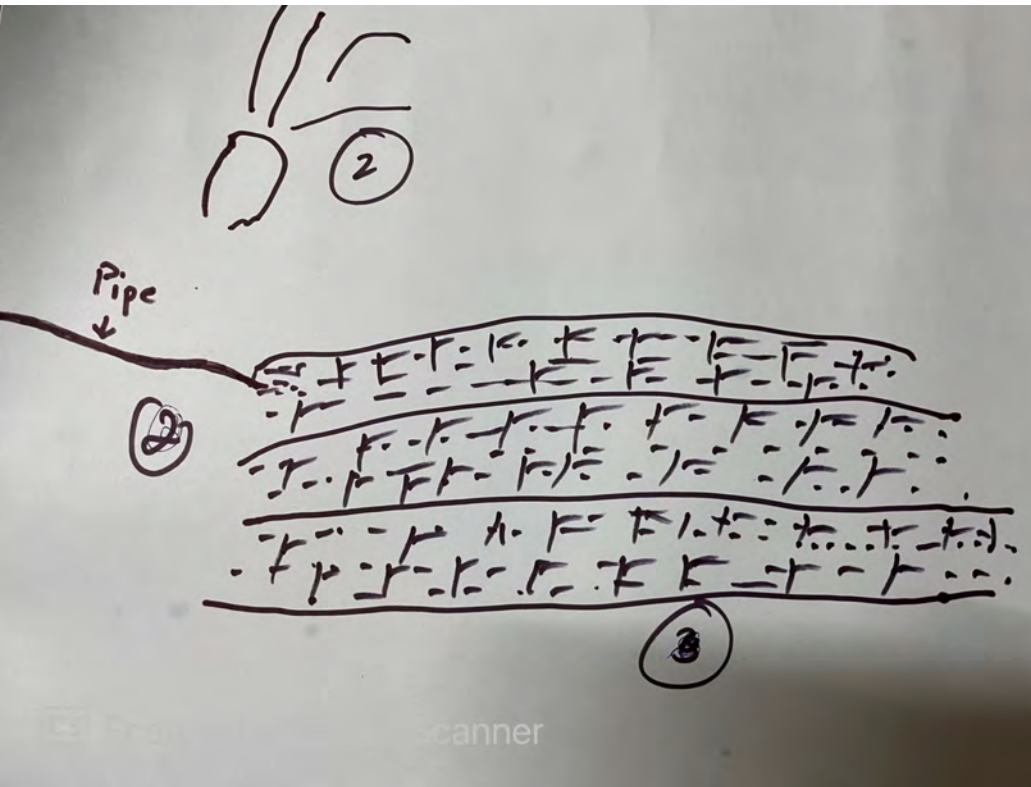
The water source is almost an hour's walk. I go three times a week when there is blockage most caused by the crabs. They are the ones who bring a lot of sand and leaves and sand into the water source. They are there throughout the year and snakes also. This job is challenging for women. Sometimes it is difficult for men also. When the water is plenty, we have to let the people learn not to waste water. The challenge is mainly for the elderly and PWD who don't have caretakers. Water reserve water for cleaning and drinking. The reserve is also for my animals - cows and chicken.

The field feeds families, if the water doesn't have enough water impact

Theme: | Piped water
| Changes in what people do

By: | Singye Dem
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?
:(When the yield is impacted I feel sad



This happens in often in our fields. Then women equally have to participate in help in getting this water. When we have water problem, To get water into the field takes time because it takes a while to gather people. It takes a lot of challenge for women because the water source is far. If we keep our water source clean and we must protect our water - Sometimes the water in the irrigation channel dries up, we have to go fetch water ourselves by walking for almost an hour. Women go when the men go into the fields

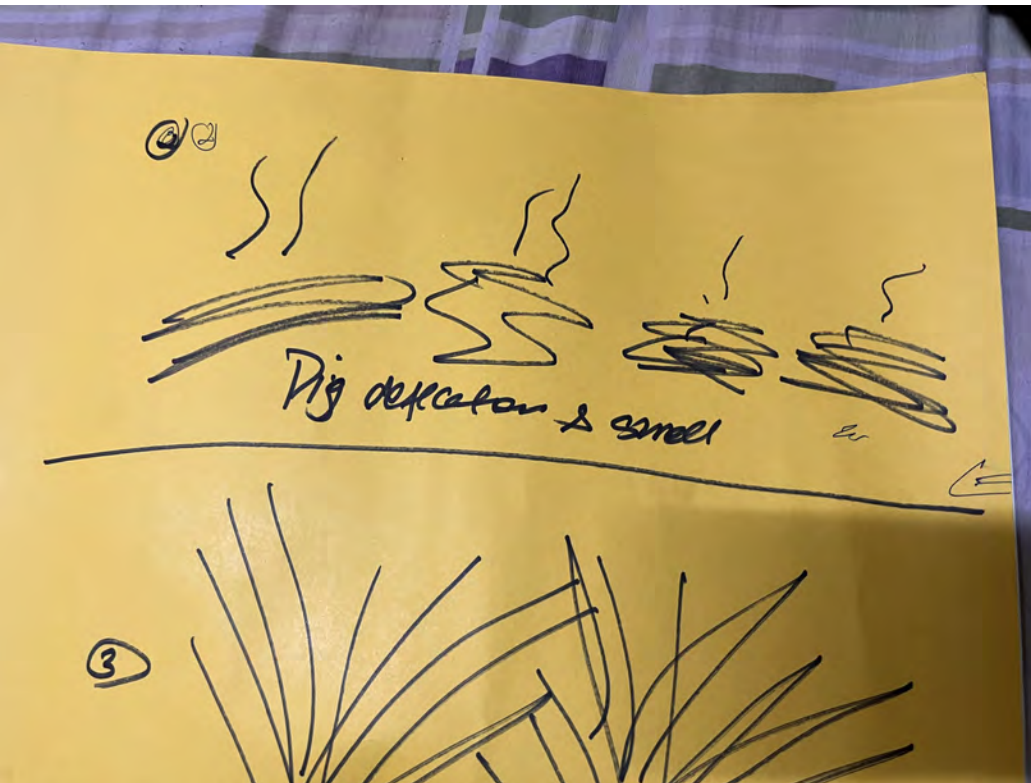
The impact of one's uncleanness is everyone's responsibility.

Theme: Health and food
Changes in what people do

By: Kunzang (Monk)
Male

How does this photo make you feel?

sad



This is my neighborhood. The other is defecation from animals. This brings a very bad smell, and it becomes hard to breathe. This is for all. However, PWDs feel more challenges. The smell affects beyond breathing. It also affects the environment, it affects everyone's health. If everyone takes on the responsibility, it affects the children, they are small and then don't know. It is our responsibility and for everyone to keep clean. If my surrounding is clean, but theirs is not, it doesn't help in being clean. It brings diseases.

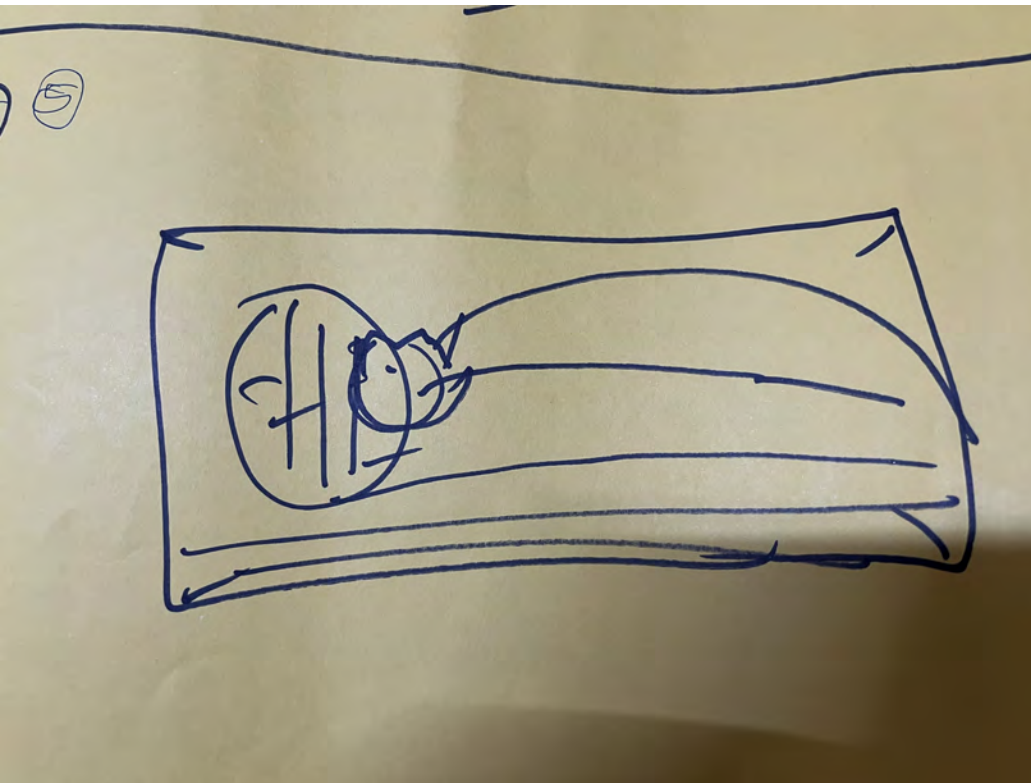
The patient's life also depends on the availability of water

Theme: Health and food
Changes in what people think

By: Kunzang (Monk)
Male

How does this photo make you feel?

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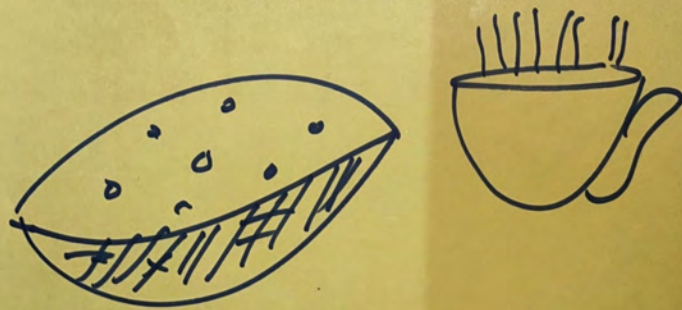
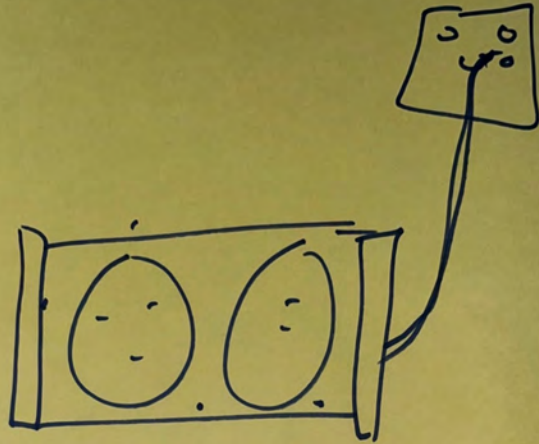
When there is no water, the people can also die because we need water. A lack of water impacts both people in the town and in the village. The impact is the same. Life depends on water, and if there is no water, rich and poor will suffer the same. This is avoidable, therefore if there is water, the person will be saved. If there is no water, the person will die. This impacts all, both man/woman/children and PWD and everyone. Because life depends on water.

Empty gas and filled cup

Theme: Health and food
Changes in what people do

By: Kunzang (Monk)
Male

How does this photo make you feel?
Empty and sad



Empty gas because if there is no water, the gas is of no use. No water, no heat. The empty pot is no use, nor is the gas. With no water, we have empty plates. Food contains water. This affects both genders. To make food we also need water. We need to have a clean tank and preserve our water source. We must take care of our water source Those PWD will feel more burdened because of their unique needs. Food is essential, it all becomes possible because of water.

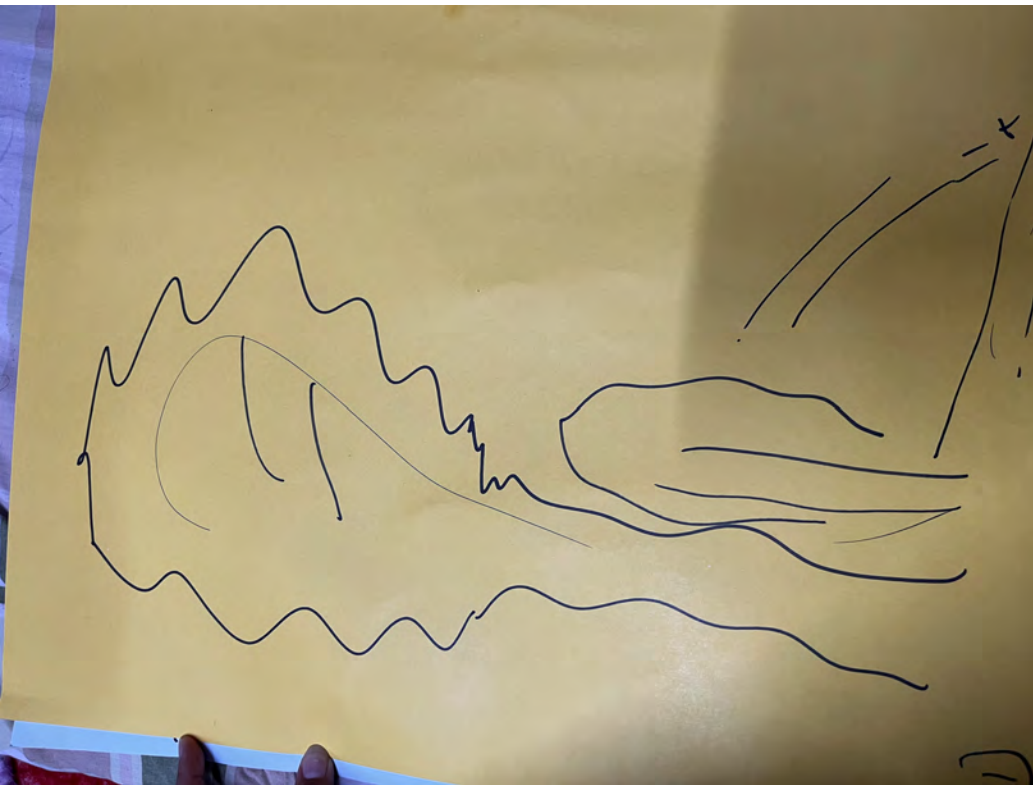
Trees and Water

Theme: | Water for animals and €
| Changes in what people know

By: | Kunzang (Monk)
| Male

How does this photo make you feel?

A little sad



The photo means trees are the major reserve for water. This disaster will happen to us if we are not careful. It makes me sad. This photograph represents the full ecosystem of the country. This photo has importance to the entire Our forest conservation is important for our sustainability of water. The department of forestry is planting more and there hopefully will be fewer landslides. There will be more challenges for women because women need more water (e.g. delivering a child and maintaining the cleanliness of the family). No trees is no water. For me, water is presented through our trees. {This respondent was a monk and was hard of hearing. He had a hearing aid as well. He shared from his daily life and spiritual perspective on climate change and its impacts}.

My cows feed

Theme: | Water for animals and €
Changes in what people think

By: | Singye Dem
Female

How does this photo make you feel?

sad



I came for my cows right now. I have to tend to my cows, and I also have other tasks beyond. I also have to manage my time to weave. My husband and my son are working away, and the most challenging part is the lack of water. I harvest rain water that helps in cooking the feed for my cows and for the garden as well. Women face the challenge the most because we must keep everything clean and need water. When there is no water at home, I must fetch water. My cows need water to be fed. We don't have enough water, especially for my cows.



Cleanliness is next to godliness

Theme: Cleanliness
Changes in how people feel

By: Aita Maya Titung
Female

How does this photo make you feel?
Very happy and satisfied

We should keep our surroundings clean and green. The main cause of the change in the climate is the littering of the environment. So we should be mindful of our waste, especially plastics/bottles. This photo represents/ calls for a good change. Just by looking at this picture we feel happy seeing how clean the drain/surrounding looks. Imagine the whole world being clean like that. Since this project is about climate change, one of its biggest concerns is sanitation and hygiene. So it is very important to keep our surroundings clean and green. Everybody should be equally responsible for keeping the environment clean. This picture shows a clean drain - a drain which has just been cleared. No litters can be seen around/in the drain.

Dirty dishes, unhappy faces

Theme: | Cleanliness
| Changes in what people do

By: | Tshundu Wangmo
| Female

How does this photo make you feel?

Nothing annoys me more than unwashed dishes



Unwashed dishes represent that the house has water storage. It happens here almost all the time. Sometimes we are left without dishes/have to reuse the dirty used utensils again, especially during dry season. People think it is a women's responsibility to do the household chores, keep the kitchen clean, the house never out of water. But in reality, it is everybody's responsibility. Over the years, the water storage problem has improved. The government have helped our community a lot. Before we had to walk miles to fetch water, but now we have water taps right outside our houses. There should be gender equality while doing household chores. I mean, men should wash dishes too. Water is important. So are the dishes.