Poor can afford Safe Water!

Location:
Squatter Settlements of Dhaka City, Bangladesh

Responsible Organization:
Water Aid partners (local urban NGOs DSK, WAMPA, ARSAN, ASID, PISC, Pши, and PSH)

Project Partners:
Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (DWASA), Dhaka City Corporation, NGOs and Community groups

Financing:
Water Aid, BDC, and Participation Development Fund of World Bank

Beneficiaries:
Summarizes details of beneficiaries and their direct benefits from the project.

Project Period:
Since 1995, ongoing

Project Activity:
In this model of water supply, community groups take a loan from a Water Aid partner NGO usually for between Tk. 20,000-25,000 (US $265-331.25). A multi-functional tap stand 1.8 x 2.8m (6 ft x 9 ft) is installed in the area. The platform is raised with bamboo stilts. The tap is for all users, but the community works within guidelines agreed with NGOs. The cost of the DWASA bills, installation, and capital cost are carried by the community. Some community members pay monthly rates, some on a per-use basis, while others use a combination of monthly rates, regular users, and per-use rates for non-regular users. Water rates are well within the city's income. The present monthly rate is Tk. 50 (US $0.625) per month for a 4-member household and an additional Tk. 10 (US $0.0125) per person for each additional household member. Alternatively, the rate can be Tk. 50 (US $0.625) for 2 liters of water per bucket (pitcher), and Tk. 1 - 2 (US $0.0125 - US $0.025) for washing and bathing. Some of the water points have tap facilities for each user, but not all. Water is delivered by the NGO.

Before intervention:

After intervention:

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