# ARID COMMUNITIES AND TECHNOLOGIES: CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

Three levels of programmes are offered:

- 1. 1st Step Para Professional Para Water engineer
- 2. 2nd Step Advance Training in water resource development
- 3. 3rd Step Internship Program on geo-hydrology study and groundwater management Young Technologist (graduate, masters from geology & agriculture sector, civil engineers) for water resource development and management

# Curriculum of para engineer training

# Module 1: Understanding Kachch

Methodology: Self-learning through literature review i.e., proposals, reports, reference books and consultation with experts in NRM sector.

Objectives: 1. How to understand Kachch, its different aspects i.e., natural resources, women's role, socio-economic condition, occupations and role of NGOs in its development; 2. How to collect knowledge/information from literature and resource people

#### Module 2: Impact of drought

Identify the impact of drought on rainfed farming, animal husbandry, drinking water, agriculture and over-exploitation of groundwater and salinity in coastal and the Rann areas

Methodology: Self-learning by visiting the village and consulting villagers. The trainees have studies the relevant issues of two but reports and presentations are done individually

Objectives: How to understand regional level issues and compile information

#### Module 3: Integrated approach towards sustainable development in Kachch

Methodology: Self-learning by visiting the villages, consulting with the villagers and discussing with the people and how they are involved in the sustainable development of villages. The trainees are to understand issues, problems (from the past to the present), their solutions and take an integrated approach towards development. The trainees have studied in teams and sent to a village to understand sustainable approaches. To supplement their understanding, they are sent to another village where substantial work has already been done. They discuss their experiences among themselves and make individual reports

Objectives: To understand the process of sustainable development and how it can make villages selfdependent, including equity; how the activities from one village can be applied to others

# Module 4: Rock type and identification

Methodology: Exposure on geology and related problems on Kachch

Objectives: To understand the Kachch with their different geology, this helps in NRM planning.

#### Module 5: Prepare thematic maps

Methodology: Collect revenue maps and topographical sheets, trace and superimpose features, mark known points in consultation with villagers on the maps to prepare the base map and add on additional layers in consultation with the villagers. Conduct a well inventory

Objectives: Learn to compile information on maps and establish linkages between different geohydrological parameters for planning. These maps include base map, land use map, geo-morphological, surface geology map, geo-hydrological map, watershed map and watershed planning map



Module 6: Understand sustainable approaches and different watershed related activity

Methodology: Self learning by visiting study villages

Objectives: To understand aspects of sustainability useful for villages to become self-reliant regarding equity point of view and how to relate activities of different area and learning on required modification as per our characteristic of working area and to understand forest ecology.

# Module 7: Water harvesting strategies and technologies

Methodology: Identify the types of structures through in site selection and engineering survey used for design, estimation and consultation in NRM

Objectives: To identify appropriate sites for different structures, conduct engineering surveys for these structures, make hydrological designs for the structures, learn to make estimates for the structures, how to work with different organizations in NRM sector and what points to consider while planning water harvesting structures

# Module 8: Grassland development and agriculture development

Methodology: Exposure in one village, consultation with NGO for grassland development and practical training and theory class on farm bunding for agriculture

Objectives: To identify suitable proper sites for different structures to promote grassland and agriculture.

After each module, every participant makes an individual report.

# Annexure 2: Curriculum of internship

# Module: 1 Introduction

- Orientation Internship Programme
  - Mission
  - Aim and objectives
  - Working sector
  - Methodology
  - Program Outcome
  - Role of interns
- Project Introduction
  - Groundwater monitoring in Mundra region
  - Village wise Drinking water Source Protection Guideline in Abadasa taluka
  - Groundwater in Urban Watershed Management
- Geographical Information of Kachch
  - Demographic information of district and study area
    - Population
    - Basic amenities
  - Natural Resources based Occupation of Kachch
    - Agriculture: potential and problems
    - Animal husbandry: potential and problems
    - Fisheries: potential and problems
  - Climate of Kachch and its relation with water resource
    - Rainfall and rain cycle
    - Temperature, evaporation and Eva-transpiration
    - Wind
  - Geographical Division Kachch
    - Characteristics of each division

# Module: 2 Computer Applications

- Basic Knowledge of Computer- MS office
- GIS skill for mapping
  - Carta links
  - Arc View

#### Module: 3 Introduction to Geology

#### Geology of Kachch and study area

- What is geology
  - Definition and Geology
  - Geological evaluation of Kachch
  - Origin of different types of rock (i.e., Igneous, Metamorphic and sedimentary)
  - Salinity and its Sources
  - Tectonic aspects, Structure and its impact on water resources
- Rock identification Criteria/Tips
  - Igneous

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- Metamorphic
- Sedimentary
- Exposure on geology and related problems in Kachchh
  - Constraints and potential with respect to geology
    - Water Resource Availability
    - Problems of Groundwater Quality
    - Prospects of Groundwater Recharge

#### Understand Geo-morphology of the area and its influence on water resource

- Type of landform and their origin
- Geomorphic processes e.g. weathering, erosion, deposition.
- Landform identification
- Drainage pattern and characteristics
- Concepts on Watershed Basin
- Geomorphology as Tool in Water Resource Investigation

#### Module: 4 Geo-hydrology

- What is geo-hydrology
- Fundamental of geo-hydrology
  - Groundwater Occurrence & Distribution
  - Porosity
  - Permeability
  - Transmissibility

- Specific Yield and Specific Retention
- Geo-hydrological Aspect of Kachch
  - Aquifer properties
  - Groundwater Potential and Problems
  - Salinity types and its effect
- Aquifer Categorization based on
  - Spread- vertical and horizontal
  - Porosity and permeability
  - Specific yield
  - Zone of influence
  - Recharge and discharge estimation and Boundary Conditions
  - Water balance

# Module: 5 Methodology for Geo-hydrological Study

#### Data collection of groundwater through Well Inventory

- How to understand groundwater resources through well inventory
  - Groundwater occurrence
  - Identification of aquifer and its properties
    - Groundwater level
    - Groundwater quality
    - Changes and fluctuation in water level and quality

#### Introduction to Geophysical Exploration Techniques

- Principle of Electrical Resistivity Survey
- Field procedure
- Qualitative & Quantitative Interpretation

#### **Pumping Test**

- Field Procedure
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis

#### Module: 6 Understanding on Groundwater Chemistry

- Water quality standards
  - Source of chemical
  - Impact on health
- Water sample analysis
  - Exercise
- Data Analysis
- Report writing

# Module: 7 Mapping

- Map reading
  - What is a map
  - Type of maps revenue map, Topo sheet
  - Scale and Coordinates
  - Information reading like Bench Mark, Spot Heights & Contours
- Basic understanding on GIS (Geographic Information System)
- Preparation of Thematic Maps
  - Geological map
  - Geomorphology map
  - Drainage map
  - Water level contour map
  - TDS contour map

#### Module: 8 Role of Geo-hydrology in Planning

- Exposure of well-planned activity in villages of Kachch and Gujarat
- Consultation with local experts and developmental agencies
- Exercise on village level water resource planning and protection
- Rural Water Management