

*SUCCESS STORY FROM K.M.SANTHAMA – NERALE POND AND CATTLE TANK WORK/ NERALE VILLAGE/ NANJANAGUDU WATERSHED/ APL-MYSURU*



K.M. Santhama, Gram Panchayat President of Nerale village says, Nerale have the population of 2350 people with the livestock population of 300 cows and nearly 1000 sheep. Our intervention in Nerale village is Pond rejuvenation and construction of cattle tank. As, she says before project intervention , there was only scanty water in pond and that also stored because of unauthorized lifting of sand from it by village people for construction works. Since, the village people are completely dependent on the livestock, they are in need of more water to maintain and feed them. One man from the same village also said, when they approached the panchayat for pond development it's been refused by them many times.

After the intervention, there is enough water stored in the pond for cattle washing and its maintenance. For one kilometer it also increased the groundwater recharge and shows its influence in bore-wells. Nearby inspection bore-well showed 420 feet depth pre-project but now shows 360 feet as depth. Due to continuous recharge of bore-wells uninterrupted pumping made possible for irrigation.

K.M.Santhama also mentioned about the cattle tank we constructed. Since, its located at the village exit, its been much useful for us to rest our cattles after grazing. At first Villagers said the cattle tanks provided by panchayats are of low quality and not durable, and even requested they don't need that type of faulty structure. Now after our cattle tank construction is over and been to usage, the people from nearby village are asking for the same in theirs.

