

Barclays Chairman's Awards 2009

Team Achievement of the Year – Asia Pacific

- Man I like to say that without the assistance of Barclays Bank our organisation would not be in a position to develop this village to this extent.
- Man This project when we came across it - a village hardly 70 kilometres from Mumbai and it's not got a connection to the main road. The school needed a lot of repairs, there were no doors through the schools. They were talking of redoing the well of the village which was in a dilapidated state.
- Man We really wanted to create a difference for this place.
- Man With the help of Barclays Bank we were able to construct an approachable road to the village.
- Man After the road came in they have also put in street lights over here. Though there's no electricity in the houses as yet, that is the next part of the project which we'll be probably taking up at a later point.
- Man We also came up with the idea of repairing the well so that the water can be sustained in a hygienic way all throughout the year, and there are less number of illness in this village because of our funding and cleaning this water. Going forward, what we think of doing is adopting some water harvesting techniques so that the water which comes during the rainy season can be stored

somewhere and be used all throughout the year. Access to clean and hygienic water has helped the villagers to maintain their health.

Man We saw that children has no school to go to. We came and saw the building, now we have a school which is renovated. We have changed the flooring, we built up the walls.

Man Teachers who were not coming here before have started coming to the village. They have actually inspired all the children to come to the school.

Man Now that they're getting this education, they get these basic elements like how to behave, they are all neatly dressed in uniforms which again Barclays had provided them. So the teamwork, team spirit has developed here.

Man Because of their funding our organisation is able to do much, much more better work in the village.

Man And this has changed the total scenario of this village and this is a lifeline for this village in the form of education, in the form of water, in the form of hope and confidence among the villagers.