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BEFORE & AFTER Cleaner Water, Healthier Lives

Water supply system improves community life

The gradual breakdown and ultimate failure of the Soviet-era water supply system forced villagers of the Somoniyon township of the Rudaki District of Tajikistan to rely on open irrigation canals for drinking water. Although everyone boiled the water before use, many of the villagers, especially young children, suffered from high incidences of gastroenteritis diseases.

With technical and financial assistance from USAID, the local government began renovating the dilapidated water systems. New high-capacity pumps were installed, wells cleaned up, and leaking pipes repaired. Additionally, USAID trained personnel from the municipal utility company how to maintain and repair the water system in the future. The USAID project also helped educate the residents on water conservation methods, health, and hygiene.

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BEFORE

After retrieving water from an irrigation canal, a resident boils water in a large container to eliminate water-borne contaminants.



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AFTER

Village residents retrieve clean, potable water from accessible points, thereby ensuring healthier lives.