

# Building the resilience for managing groundwater under climate change: Lessons from the Water Stewardship Initiative, India

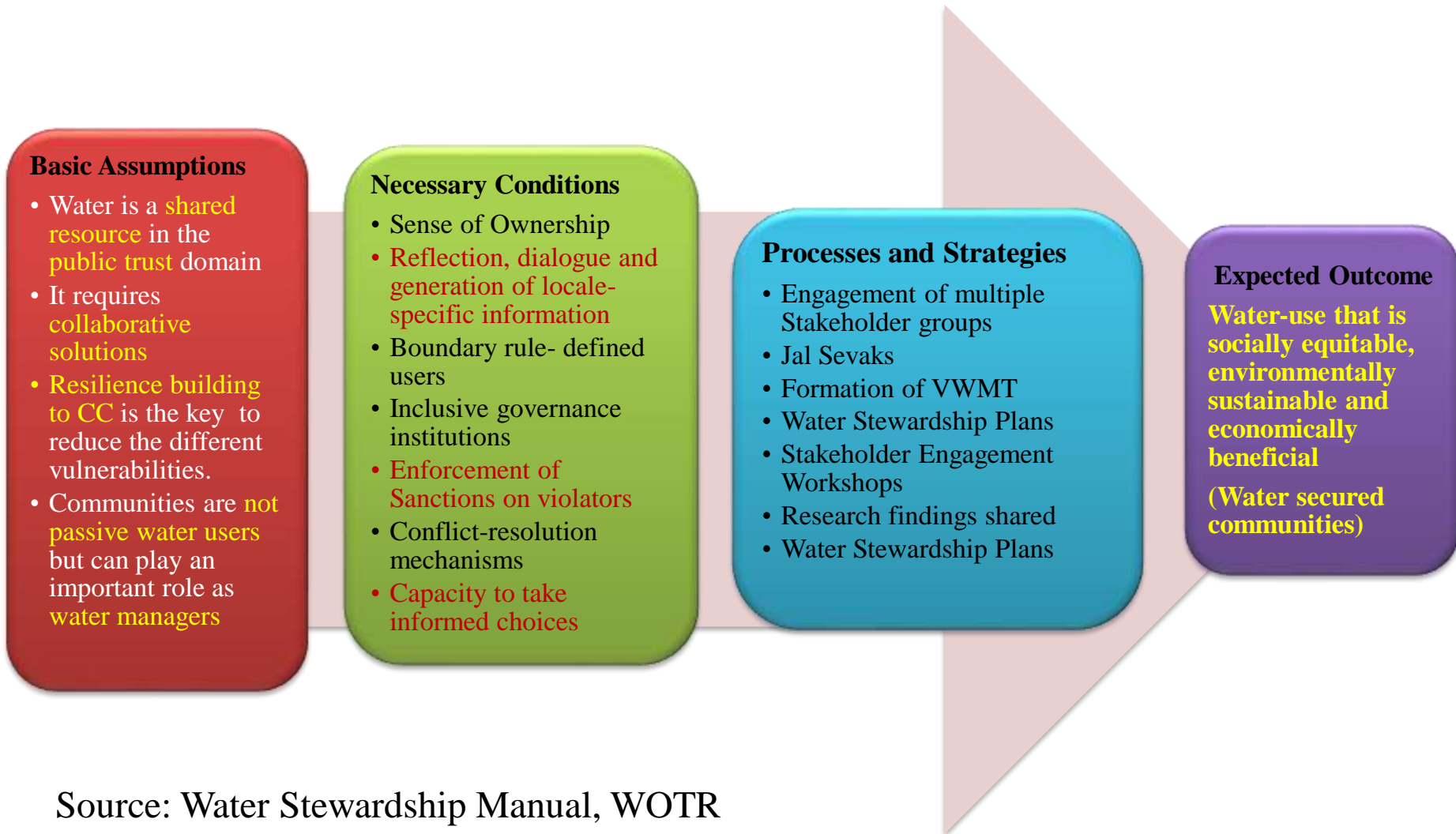
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# Water Stewardship: The Framework



Source: Water Stewardship Manual, WOTR

# Results

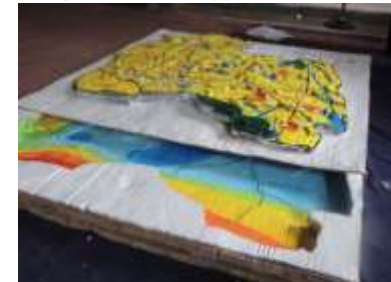
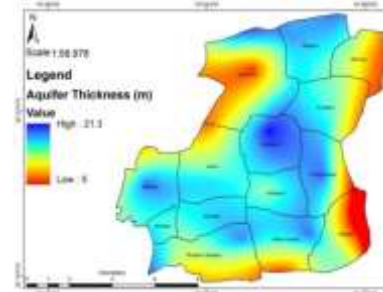
- **Communities are governing** around 38.39 billion liters of water annually
- **Additional water harvested** around 9 billion liters of during the 2016-2018
- Over 2000 farmers (54% rise) have **adopted practices of micro irrigation, mulching, vermicomposting, and organic manures** and saved 3.24 billion liters water
- Stakeholders have voluntarily collecting **daily rainfall data** through 212 rain gauge units and monitoring **water level data**
- **Water Stewardship Plans in 106 villages** and efforts are made to execute them.



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## Piloting Key Principles of Maharashtra Groundwater Act 2009

- **Groundwater as a buffer** for dealing with droughts and low rainfall
- **Institutional Governance (WWRC):** Pilot at Aquifer level and VWMT formed in 106 villages
- **Prospective crops plans:** Water Stewardship Plans
- **Ban on deep wells and mandatory permission for sinking new well:** Community makes their own rules in WSI



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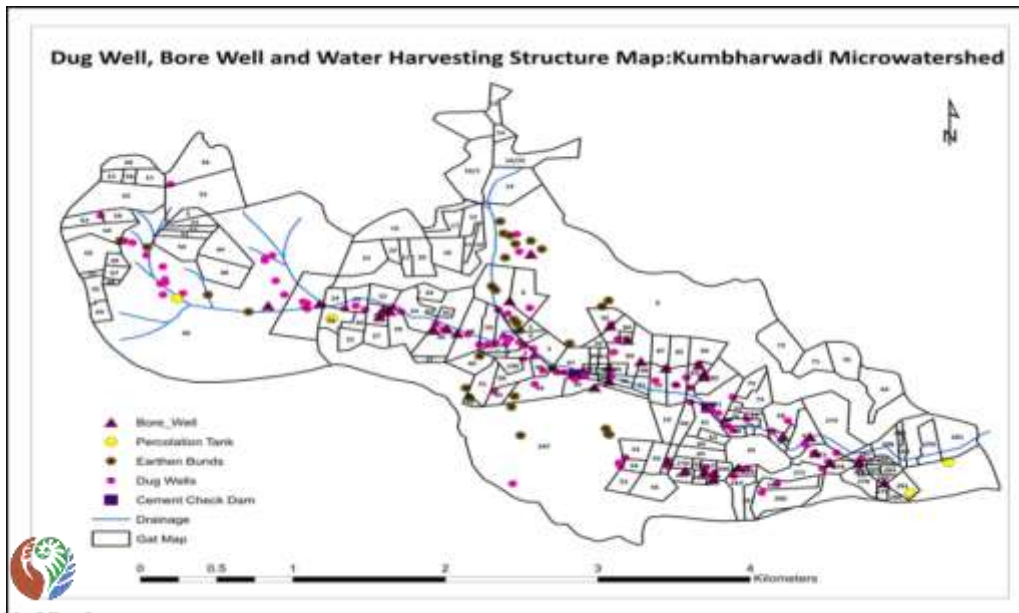
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- **Working with Government officials**

Village teams presented Water stewardship plans to government officials.

- **Registration of Abstraction structures**

Piloting in selected wells



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Further reading on WSI: <https://wotr.org/publication/a-step-towards-quenching-rural-indias-thirst-experiences-and-learnings-from-the-water-stewardship-initiative-in-maharashtra/>, <http://bit.ly/2RRNOSs>