

'I benefitted by constructing MGP'- Jathappa Gowda



Jathappa Gowda shares his experience 'My Parents are Mayeelagowda and Gangamma. I am 5th among six children. I studied upto 5th standard. My father was working as a tenant of Badinadi family. My brother and I were looking after the 1.60-acre property. After my brother's death, I am looking after the property. I cultivate paddy on 0.74 acres of land. I also cultivate paddy on another 0.70 acres on a rent basis. I grow coconut and arecanut in the rest of the land. I am married and have 3 children. A few years back there was a good source of water in our area. We could grow two crops and sometimes three crops of paddy. I use to get 8 sacks of paddy. I dug three bore wells. In one borewell I got about 20 minutes of water. We have dug a farm pond. We depend on it for our irrigation. A spring water gully flows beside our land. With the support of the Disha-AHB fund, I have built a Masonry Gully plug. The spring water collected flows to my field and I am growing paddy as a second crop. I was a member of Pingarashakthi FDG formed by us supported by Disha Trust. We are altogether 60 members of the FDG. We gather once in two months. We discuss issues related to agriculture and livelihood. After joining the group, I improved a lot. I was very much shy and was not mixing with others. I gained knowledge during the bi-monthly meetings. Now I visit panchayath and other government institutions for my requirements. Thanks to Disha and the staff for their selfless support.



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