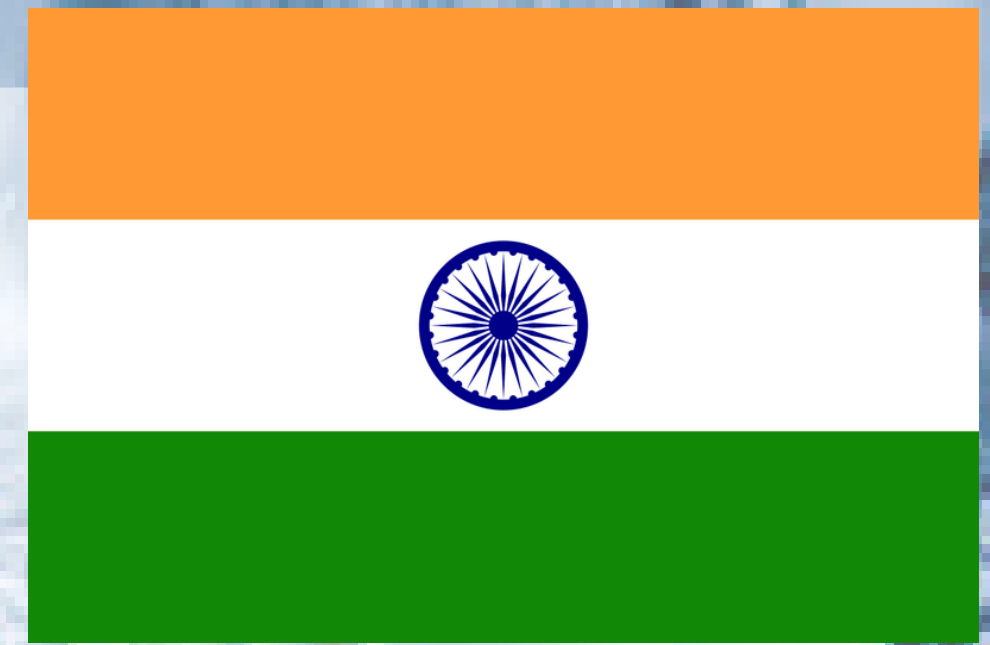


# WATER CRISIS IN INDIA



In New Delhi, India, about 91 million individuals do not have access to safe/clean drinking water. Due to irregular weather patterns and consistent droughts, water has become scarce. Some water sources are also polluted with litter and raw sewage. It especially affected the women in India who had children to care for and worked at home. "As many as 256 of 700 districts in India have reported 'critical' or 'over-exploited' groundwater levels according to the most recent Central Ground Water Board data (from 2017)." Most had to walk long distances in order to get clean water and that affects the resident's daily activities.

One of the mothers said,  
“When my husband went to work, Sumalila(her daughter) and I walked together to collect the water, It hurt my back and often made her late to school.”



# The Solution

## What is a water loan?

**WaterCredit helps bring small loans to those who need access to affordable financing and resources to have clean household water more affordable and accessible. A woman named Rehana, living in a small village in India, saw the benefits of having a water loan.**

**"For these reasons, households like Rehana's find the small loans offered by Water.org's partners in India to be affordable, practical solutions to their family's water and sanitation needs. Through her local microfinance bank, Rehana took out a loan amounting to 10,000INR which is about \$145USD to pay for the construction of a water connection on her property."**



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