

Interviewee Name: Navanghanbhai Thakore
Interviewee gender: Male
Using Bhungroo Yes/No: Yes

Q1. Age?

A1. 40 years old.

Q2. What work do you do?

A2. Farming and I also sell milk

Q3. How much land do you have?

A3. 25 vega in a partnership with other villagers.

Q4. Who's in your family?

A4. 2 sons and their wife and my wife. One of the sons have 1 son and the older one has 1 daughter and 1 son.

Q5. What do you do all day?

A5. I work at the fields/farm. I water and plant the crops.

Q6. What do you plant?

A6. Caster, cumin and wheat.

Q7. Who makes the decision in the family?

A7. I do.

Q8. How many animals do you have?

A8. 6 buffaloes.

Q9. Who works in the fields with you?

A9. Me and my sons work at the farm and our wives stay at home and take care of the animals.

Q10. When did you get Bhungroo?

A10. 20 years ago.

Q11. What was it like before Bhungroo?

A11. Before, we could only plant when it rained, when we had water.

Q12. Where did you get water before Bhungroo?

A12. We had to walk to other places to get water. We worked on other people's land to farm. I did farm before too.

Q13. Who told you about Bhungroo?

A13. People came to our village, like you did. And told us about it.

Q14. Do you do any prayers at the farm?

A14. Yes, I pray to goddesses.

Q15. How did you install Bhungroo?

A15. It was a family decision. Our relatives gave us the advice to build it too.

Q16. How has Bhungroo helped and changed your life?

A16. Now we are doing much better now. Our income has increased- I even bought a tractor.

Q17. Did your children study before?

A17. Yes, they did before. But now they work at the farm with us.

Q18. Did you plant trees?

A18. Yes- Neem trees. But we didn't plant them. They grew themselves.

Q19. What do you plant at the farm?

A19. Arenda and Cumin (jeera).

Q20. Did you help anyone else in the village?

A20. [N/A – didn't reply]

Q21. Do people respect you more because of Bhungroo?

A21. Yes, they do. Our income is good too, that's why too.

Q22. What else do you do?

A22. Nothing. We just work at home.

Q23. Are you part of any organization?

A23. No.

Q24. Did you take any loans?

A24. Yes, from the relatives.

Q25. Was there any interest?

A25. Yes, there was 2% interest rate. But now they charge 15% interest rate.

Q26. After the flood, what happened?

A26. There was too much water. But it was good for us because we have 25 vegas of land that was watered, and we were able to plant on it after the flood.

Q27. How did Bhungroo help?

A27. Bhungroo helped us to lower our debt and we made a house. We even had enough money to marry my sons.

Q28. Do you participate in any elections?

A28. No.

Q29. Did you tell anyone else about it?

A29. We told everyone- all our relatives. We discussed it. They saw our progress and then they felt that they should do it too.

Q30. Did it increase your respect in the society?

A30. Yes, because Bhungroo was so beneficial.

Q31. Did it help the environment around you?

A31. Yes, we have more trees around now. It makes the village look fresh.