

Interviewee Name: Rathor Udday Singh

Interviewee gender:

Using Bhungroo Yes/No: Yes

Q1. Age?

A1. 38

Q2. What is your occupation?

A2. Farmer

Q3. How many people are in your house?

A3. 12 people in the family. I have 2 kids who are in 5th and 7th grade.

Q4. Do you have any animals?

A4. 2 buffalos

Q5. Who makes the decision in the house?

A5. The elder people make the decision. Mostly, myself and I ask my wife for her opinion.

Q6. Does your wife work too?

A6. No, wife doesn't not help in farming. When I need more help, I ask people from outside in the village.

Q7. Do you pray in the fields?

A7. Yes, we do prayer in the morning

Q8. Has Bhungroo been helpful?

A8. Yes, Bhungroo has helped with the flow of water throughout the year. This increased the profits for the family.

Q9. How much money did you make before Bhungroo?

A9. 1 Lakh in sales before.

Q10. What about after?

A10. 1.5 lakh could go to 2 Lakh.

Q11. How did Bhungroo help in the farm land?

A11. Bhungroo saves the water from the monsoon season twice which provides the farms with plenty of water.

Q12. How much land do u have?

A12. 20-25 Viga (acre)

Q13. Did it help with your reputation in the village?

A13. Yes because of it my reputation increased in the society

Q14. How many seasons do you plant the crops now?

A14. 2 seasons in year now due to Bhungroo. But before it was 1 season only due to lack of water inflows.

Q15. Was there water shortage?

A15. Yes, before the rain water was the only source to water the farms. We were highly dependent on rains and monsoon season.

Q16. How far did you have to go to get water before?

A16. 4 km from home to farm.

Q17. What problems did you face before the installation of Bhungroo?

A17. We had to guess how deep the water is and water used to be really sour which would ruin the crops and land. I also lacked experience which led me to make wrong decisions

Q18. Where did you hear about Bhungroo?

A18. From the neighboring farmers.

Q19. How long have you had Bhungroo?

A19. It's been 4 years.

Q20. How has it helped?

A20. Yes, it helped us.

Q21. Does anyone come to check it?

A21. Yes, after they installed the system and they also make often visits to check if its working properly and take review

Q22. Were there any challenges you faced while installing Bhungroo?

A22. Yes, we were scared that the water will remain sour and that the land might not adapt to Bhungroo. But these fears soon changed into confidence and Bhungroo proved to be beneficial.

Q23. Did you take any loans?

A23. Yes, from the government.

Q24. Did you tell anyone else try to help you with your problems before Bhungroo?

A24. No one except bhungroo has approached me to help solve issues with water. however, I am willing to join if anyone shows up at his doorstep.

Q25. How has it benefited you?

A25. Yes, I am able to make more profit which allowed me to expand his business in other fields. I used to take side loans from friends and family which after Bhungroo I don't have to anymore.

- It helped me to pay the government loans I had taken.

Q26. Has the land improved?

A26. Land has shown positive signs after installation of Bhungroo.

Q27. During the last flood, did Bhungroo help?

A27. Yes, Bhungroo also helped with last year's flood. Farms were flooded for 30 days which could have been much worse without Bhungroo. Moreover, Bhungroo also managed to save up water which was used in the times of need.

Q28. In any other ways, Bhungroo helped?

A28. Yes, many ways it has made a positive impact on our lives. I am able to make more profit because there is more land to use. I expanded my milk business. I don't have any more loans.

Q29. Did you suggest Bhungroo to anyone else?

A29. Yes, I suggested it to plenty of people including his relatives to get Bhungroo and many are on the verge of getting it. And 1-2 families got Bhungroo after my recommendation and they benefited too.

Q30. Did you plant any trees?

A30. Yes, a few trees like limra trees were only possible to grow after Bhungroo. I also have 10 to 15 limra trees now.