

Research School Project Report

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Village Life Improvement Foundation (VLIF)

Overview

This research project report documents a field visit conducted on 9th September, 2023 by Ruhaan Sood, a grade 11 student from Vivek High School. The visit was undertaken as a volunteer effort to assess and document the development initiatives carried out by the Village Life Improvement Foundation in Guru Ki Dhab, District Faridkot, Punjab.

Purpose of Visit

The primary purpose of this field visit was threefold:

1. **Inspection of Facilities:** The team aimed to inspect the various facilities provided to the residents of Guru Ki Dhab to ensure they were in working condition.
2. **Feedback Collection:** Feedback was collected from the local residents to identify any areas of improvement or suggestions they might have regarding the existing infrastructure and services.
3. **Documentation:** The visit involved comprehensive documentation, including photographs, video footage, and interviews, to capture the impact of the development initiatives undertaken by the Village Life Improvement Foundation.

Details of Development

The following is an overview of the development initiatives undertaken by the Village Life Improvement Foundation in Guru Ki Dhab:

1. **Underground Sewage System:** A comprehensive underground sewage system covering each house in the village with an extensive area of 7500 running feet was established. This system has played a crucial role in improving sanitation and hygiene in the village.
2. **Water Supply System:** A robust water supply system spanning 4700 running feet was put in place. This initiative has provided residents with access to a clean and reliable source of drinking water, significantly enhancing their quality of life.

3. **Overhead Water Tank:** The construction of an overhead water tank has ensured a consistent and ample supply of water to the village. This has been a critical development, especially during periods of water scarcity.
4. **Baffled Tank:** The installation of a baffled tank has improved wastewater treatment, reducing environmental pollution and promoting a healthier environment in Guru Ki Dhab.

Observations

1. The feedback from the village residents brought out that the systems established by VLIF were functioning satisfactorily. There was no complaint of any kind. The interlocking tiles were in position and there was no damage anywhere.
2. The village Panchayat is taking regular action to maintain the sewerage system.

Overall, residents of the village expressed complete satisfaction about the design, execution and running/ functioning of all the systems established by VLIF and offered their heartfelt thanks to Col SS Bajwa, President of VLIF, Sh. Mohan Lal, Manager, VLIF, Smt. Karamjit Kaur, Sarpanch of village Guru Ki Dhab and Sh. Pal Singh.

Conclusion

The impact of the Village Life Improvement Foundation's development initiatives on the 561 residents of Guru Ki Dhab has been profoundly positive and beneficial. These initiatives have not only enhanced the quality of life but have also inspired the residents to take further steps towards personal and community development. For instance, many residents have transitioned from traditional, clay-based houses to more durable brick and cement structures, demonstrating a significant improvement in their living conditions.

This project underscores the importance of village development as a key priority for sustained economic growth and prosperity. The efforts of organizations like the Village Life Improvement Foundation are pivotal in bringing positive change to rural areas and improving the overall well-being of their inhabitants.

This report serves as a testament to the commendable work carried out by the Village Life Improvement Foundation in Guru Ki Dhab and highlights the importance of continued support for such initiatives to create better lives for rural communities.

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Location: Guru Ki Dhab, District Faridkot, Punjab

Total Residents Benefited: 561