Peri-Urban Water Security: A Case of Hyderabad

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Growth of Hyderabad

- Hyderabad- Located in the southern part of India -capital of the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- The city started growing since the inauguration of the HITEC city in 1998 following the SAP
- 64 hectares of land acquired by the Government of Andhra Pradesh
- 6th largest Urban Agglomeration in the count



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Water Insecurity in Hyderabad

- Population 5.3 mn (2001) to 7.7 mn (2011) – growth rate 48%
- Massive development in real estate-heavy demand for water
- Severely stressed peri-urban zones-sharing a common aquifer with high-end users
- Surface water bodies usurped for development



The Real estate Project (Lanco Hills) towering upto 33 floors in Manikonda, a sought after peri-urban location for real estate growth





Shrinking Waterscapes in Hyderabad



- Cascade of tanks built 400 years ago by Nizam rulers
- About 3500 water bodies/lakes in the HMDA.
 - From 1989- 2001, about
 3245 ha of water bodies
 disappeared (constituting
 19 lakes) in 50 Sq Km area



Water users and uses



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Climate Change: Looking at Key Numbers



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Rainfall Trends 1951-2010





The cheruvu has not filled up in the last 10 years

Water Insecurity

ALIYABAD

Water level of the Shamirpet lake has reduced-high gw use



MALLAMPET

Industrial Pollution-Bollarum Industrial Area

Water Users Associations are defunct

Biological contamination of in SC colony/erratic supply –poor infrastructure ORR construction-blocking channels

Water Markets through tankers meeting industries and urban demands

Water Insecurity



Impact on women

In Aliyabad, Padmashali women suffer from joint pains due to flouride contamination.

> In **Mallampet,** women(lower economic group) living higher terrain face problems carrying water uphill



In **Raviryala**, women travel longer distances to bring water, since the number of common water stand posts are limited-leading to conflicts

Adaptation/Responses

Dependency on RO plants-Aliyabad, Mallampet and Peerancheru



Manjeera water bought from neighboring urban colonies for selling



Washerfolk in Raviryala have drilled their own borewells to manage water crisis in the event of the lake drying up



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Areas of Capacity Building/Intervention



Summing Up



