

Ensuring sustainability

Within the past two years, the project has begun a second phase. From each of the OK participating villages, the Water Management Committees, caretakers and local leaders have gathered for training sessions on how to maintain and repair their pipe systems. These sessions are facilitated by Mr. Visi Edwin, the supervising engineer of the projects and by Sister Cathy Molloy, the project coordinator.

Each group receives a detailed manual of instructions, titled *Water Management Committee/Caretaker Guide*, designed to enhance sustainability. These groups have welcomed the opportunity to share their experiences, questions and concerns with their neighbours and to learn from one another. They have created a partnership among these villages and plan to continue to meet semi-annually to ensure that their pipe systems remain in good condition and are upgraded as needed.

Litika Boniface, Coordinator of the Rural Transformation Center, in recognition of the help that the OK Clean Water Project gave to his center in providing a sprinkling system, has donated 100 seedling trees to each of the village community projects that have already benefited through OK. These trees will help prevent soil erosion around the water catchments.