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The project works in the state of Odisha, India and is supported by Truro Local Meeting.

It aims to ensure the provision of safe drinking water in forty villages in Nuapada District, by testing the water in the villages and documenting the results. The evidence will be used by local people to campaign for their legal right to clean drinking water. The grant will fund the cost of buying the necessary water testing equipment and will pay for local inhabitants to be trained in its use.

The parent organisation, Integrated Village Development Trust, has worked in the area for eight years, campaigning about the risk of fluorosis, caused by contaminated water, and chronic kidney disease (CKD). In that time, the water supply has deteriorated, and local villagers have continued to call for the lack of clean, safe drinking water to be addressed. The evidence they plan to gather through this project will strengthen their demands for clean water; without it, it has been very difficult to argue the case.

Once the current project is completed, the skills and equipment will continue to be used to extend the area covered, or in areas in other regions.

