



## Written Inputs by India Water Foundation

India Water Foundation, established in 2008 as a non-profit civil society & think tank, is engaged in enhancing public awareness about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and major components of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, in Asia-Pacific region in general and India in particular. It also emphasizes on familiarizing the people regarding the vital role water, energy and environment play in human lives, their impact on health, economic growth, livelihoods of the people and calamities that wreak havoc due to non-judicious harnessing of these natural resources. IWF works towards localizing and implementing SDG's, affirms towards environment conservation and fosters enhancing community resilience through 'Putting People First' approach so they lead a more secure, prosperous, and dignified life. We have a committed team of experts and volunteers who work collectively to provide vital support to communities through network of organizations, by sharing knowledge, expertise, best practices and fostering local, national, regional and international partnerships for development. We have included approaches like Integrated Water Resources Management, Water-Energy-Food nexus, Ecosystem based Adaptation, Environment plus model in our projects in Indian states of Meghalaya, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand etc. working among indigenous & local communities to improve livelihoods, alleviate poverty, strengthen entrepreneurship culture and bridge various Sustainable Development Goals aspirations. Together with commitments from multi-stakeholders, we are executing implementation of SDG 6 acceleration and aligning it with climate actions and the Kunming Montreal Biodiversity framework in all our activities and projects by combination of awareness, knowledge exchange, policy advocacy, integration of environment & social sustainability through participatory governance.

We Believe not one young person should be left behind and the amplification of the impact of all our actions are guided by this mission to holistically equip the communities, youth, and women. We create champions of change with ample knowledge of resource and good practice examples so then they can advocate for environment protection as well as practice sustainable living that doesn't harm the planet and promote health and development. It has to be highlighted that 'the ones left behind' such as vulnerable communities are prioritized. The human-centred approach in planning and implementation **encourages resilience** through knowledge transfer in their local context. Added impact and benefits in terms of development program is ensuring alignment with SDG 6 throughout its implementation. Since our program are facilitated for communities, basic rights of women are ensured through provision of safe water to drink, menstrual hygiene management and sanitation facilities are in focus. The communities have been made aware of environment sustainability, ecosystem protection, climate change and water security among others and to assure sustainability in future work and shared goals are expanded and reproduced to more communities.