Inner Mongolia Water Project

General Introduction

Project Location: Bayannur, Inner Mongolia, China
Project Partnership: Global Health and Education Foundation, Chinese Academy of Science, Local government

Background

Global Health and Education Foundation (GHEF) and Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) initiated Safe Drinking Water Program in rural areas of China in year 2006, to address the fluoride and arsenic contamination problem in drinking water sources. The pilot project was completed in Shanxi province in September of 2007.

Recently CAS has developed two new technologies for arsenic and fluoride removal, and the two parties agree to extend the cooperation, to prevent waterborne disease, and improve the health and well-being of individuals globally with the new technologies available.

After a site investigation and water analysis carried out by the joint effort from CAS and GHEF, we chose 2 villages in Inner Mongolia that are suffering from severe problems of arsenic and fluoride contamination as the location for our project.

General introduction of project execution plan

With existing water pumping station and distribution pipe lines to each household, the parties will add water treatment system into the existing pumping system. The source water will be lifted and go through our system eliminating arsenic or fluoride, and then to be distributed to each household.

Since the village people are paying the running cost of their existing water pumping system, the extra operational cost will be also shared by the villagers.

* The extra operational cost brought by our system will be 10 RMB per household per year.

About the two benefited villages

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<th>Population</th>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>Project target level</th>
<th>After-treatment water quality analysis</th>
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<td>You Yi</td>
<td>64 households, 260 population</td>
<td>Arsenic contamination, 0.12 mg/l</td>
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<td>Huang Tu Dang</td>
<td>120 households, 400 population</td>
<td>Fluoride contamination, 1.3 mg/l</td>
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**Water treatment technology**

**Technologies.** The project will apply the two innovated technologies by CAS to remove the arsenic and fluoride from underground water. They are:

1. Metal Oxide Composite Adsorption Method (FMBO Absorption)
2. Electro – Coagulation Method (EC Module)

**Advantages.** Compared to current various technologies such as Reverse Osmosis and Ultra-Filtration, both of the two technologies are:

- Much lower electricity consumption and maintenance cost;
- Able to remove arsenic while retain ions that are good for human-being.

The two technologies are most beneficent to rural areas and mountainous areas.

Because of the high concentration of contaminants, the project will use both of the technologies as a two-step treatment.

**System operational cost**

10 RMB for each household per year!

Since the villagers are already paying for the existing pump electricity and system maintenance fee, the 10 RMB is to cover the operational cost bring by our water system.

10 RMB includes: Absorption agent cost and EC Module electricity consumption.

**Current status**

The water treatment systems at two villages had been installed by the end of June, 2009. The water quality had been analysed by local CDC and proved to be qualified. The two water stations have started to provide safe water to residence since August, 2009.

**Attachment: Introduction to Global Health and Education Foundation**

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