



WEBINARS REPORT

>> Webinars organized by Sehgal Foundation

S M Sehgal Foundation (Sehgal Foundation) has provided an effective response to the COVID-19 crisis at the grassroots level and by sharing expertise in core program areas that address water security, food security, social justice, and empowering schoolchildren, by conducting and participating in a series of webinars with stakeholders, partners, and practitioners. All the webinars, which began in May, were successful and had good participation.



Sharing below a brief overview of the webinars conducted and represented by Sehgal Foundation team members.



Webinar 1: "Demystifying Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting Systems; May 15, 2020

Objective: To create mass awareness about rooftop rainwater harvesting systems (RWHS) and people's understanding on its principles, components, cost, implementation, operation and maintenance, monitoring, etc.

Topics covered:

- Water crisis in India
- Traditional RWH systems of India
- Why do we need to harvest the rain?
- Key components of RWH
- Methods of RWH
- Policies around RWH in India
- Monitoring the impact of RWH systems
- Operation and maintenance of RWH systems

Participation: Total 164 registrations, representing 5 countries, 16 states, including 10 participants from Sehgal Foundation.





Water Security



Webinar 2: WASH for Healthy Homes, May 21, 2020

Objective: In partnership with CAWST, Canada, Sehgal Foundation organized this webinar to share the increased importance of WASH, including hand-washing.

Topics covered:

- Transmission routes of waterborne diseases
- How to prevent waterborne diseases?
- Explain the different components of WASH for healthy homes
- Discuss a tool to monitor healthy home for a single family and for multiple families

Participation: 263 participants from 157 organizations across 14 countries outside India: Afghanistan, Cambodia, Canada, Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Nepal, Thailand, Uganda, USA, and UK. Indian participants had representation from 24 states, including 11 participants from the Sehgal Foundation team.



Social Security



Webinar 3: Response of PRIs and CSOs to COVID-19: Good Practices and the Way Forward, May 27, 2020

Objective: Organized jointly by National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Bihar Gram Swaraj Yojana Society (BGSYS), and Sehgal Foundation, the webinar provided a platform to elected representatives of PRIs and members of civil society organizations to share good practices that will provide ideas to other stakeholders to replicate in their contexts.

Topics covered:

- Good practices by PRIs and CSOs that have potential to be replicated
- · Challenges faced by grassroots institutions in providing relief
- Institutional strengthening of PRIs

Participation: 189 participants from 10 states (Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana) participated in the webinar. Fifteen sarpanches of gram panchayat and six resource persons from NIRDPR, BGSYS, PRADAN, and Sehgal Foundation shared their experiences and learning.





>> Speaker Invitations for external webinars



Community Media

Community media has also played a very important role in maintaining the free flow of information to rural communities during the pandemic. Community radio Alfaz-e-Mewat was invited to share its experiences at three webinars organized by Federation of Community Radio Stations (FCRS): Broadcasting from Home (May 20, 2020), and by Commonwealth Education Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) on community engagement through radio (May 26, 2020).







>> Upcoming webinars

Date	Topic
June 5, 2020	Water Management during COVID-19
June 12, 2020	Backward Migration in a Pandemic: A threat or an
	opportunity for the agrarian economy?
June 17, 2020	Safe Drinking Water and Sustainable Development Goals
TBC	Application of Behavior Change Theory for WASH
	programs

