

Swami Basti, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

Swami Basti is located in the heart of Jaipur city, in Ward 25, Vidhyadhar Nagar Zone. The settlement is 80 years old with 230 households and 1486 population. The majority of residents belong to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (SC&STs) and some are from minority community. While men are engaged as daily wage labourers, women work as domestic help.

Water -15 (12%) out of 80 urban poor households do not have access to water supply, they depend on their neighbors for water.

Not all households are aware of safe practices both in terms of storing and retrieving water. It is evident that women belonging to the most vulnerable households face the triple burden of being caregivers, homemakers and breadwinners. In many ways they are struggling to ensure access to safe water.

Geeta Swami

Geeta Swami, is 45 years of age; after three years of marriage she separated from her husband as she could not brook the daily domestic violence she faced. Since then she lives with her father who is 72 years old, two younger brothers, their wives and their five children. Geeta works as a domestic help and is for all practical purposes dependent on her two brothers who run the business of recycling paper



Geeta fetching water from the neighbouring household and storing it in mud and steel pots