PUTTING WOMEN IN CHARGE: EXAMINING GENDER DIFFERENCES IN QUALITY OF WATER SERVICES DELIVERY

Using unique survey data and variation in quality of water service delivery induced by a tendering process, we examine whether there are gender differences in management of community handpumps in two sub-districts of Gujarat, India. We find that the quality of water service delivery in villages serviced by female handpump contractors is better compared to villages serviced by their male counterparts. We further find service quality to be negatively correlated with time spent to collect water and positively correlated with probability of women’s engagement in income generating activities. Underlying motivations for female contractors to provide better service seem to be greater sense of social responsibility and higher life satisfaction and community respect gained by managing community handpumps.

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