

WQ is currently managed by Health (Bacteriological) and state department that collects data under National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Programme - <http://www.mdws.gov.in/wqms> . Chemical parameters such as Fluoride are also collected under this. The data collected on water quality at habitation level must be passed on to the Health department – Public Health Centre – ASHA worker for appropriate action. This will help identification and treatment of diseases particular to that area easier. The Health department must also provide information on health effects of contaminants so that appropriate water quality improvement can be taken by the state. . We are trying to get this departmental convergence done through one of our projects in Karnataka. UNICEF has also tried this in Maharashtra. The effort needs to be scaled up and data shared for better decision making.