

Spanner Films

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Spanner Films make documentaries that make a difference. Many viewers change their lives as a result of seeing these powerful films, such as one viewer who saw *Drowned Out* and headed out to India to join the protest against the Narmada Dam. Funds were sought to make a Hindi version so that the film can be distributed to the people it most severely affects.

The Hindi version of the film was completed and taken out to India in August 2003. Screenings were held at village meetings, in universities, in people's houses and huts and even in the slums of Jabalpur. The film crew also showed the film in the village the documentary features-using two sewn-together bed sheets and carrying in all the necessary mobile cinema equipment. These villagers had never seen a film before ensuring maximum audience reaction and the story of this screening features on the new DVD. This trip led to a US TV broadcast which attracted 2.5 million people who wouldn't have known about this issue otherwise. A distribution contract in India has been secured and CD's and VHS copies of the Hindi version are now available both there and in the UK.