

Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch

Farmers' Development through Organic Farming

Beed Tal. Beed Dist. M.S.

List of project Target Villages

1	Chakarwadi.	2	Nivdungwadi
3	Safepur	4	Waitagwadi
5	SakhreBorgaon	6	Malewadi
7	Golangri	8	Sultanpur
9	Mulukwadi	10	Devi Babhulgaon

As the title suggests, this project is focused on farmer's development through the formation of farmers groups and women's SHG's both engaged in organic farming. An important objective of the project was to put an end to the farmer's suicides in the district. A total of 550 farmers' have been organized and linked through this project. They were also trained in effective water storage and management and they have been also trained to access the benefits available to them with the State Government Department of Agriculture. Likewise the SHG women have also been trained in various self employment skills. All these have motivated the entire population in the 10 project target villages, and they themselves are coming forward and taking up developmental initiatives in the villages.

However, drought conditions in the past three years have negatively impacted the farming activities in the area. Although this year the rainfall has been good, 60% crops have been destroyed for various reasons. A majority of farmers have taken loans and there have been cases of farmers from the region committing suicide. This year alone it is reported that 162 farmers committed suicide in Beed district. Inflation, growing interest rates, ever increasing prices of seeds and fertilizers, monsoon playing havoc etc have added to the woes of the average farmer in the rural areas. This situation lends urgency to our organic farming interventions. Farmers in the area need to be guided about various government schemes, scientific farming, effective water management techniques, etc. Moreover, the women also needed to be organized and trained.

Activities

1. Availing various government schemes for the farmers' *mandals* and linking these to the banks.
2. Improving the socio-economic condition of women by training women's SHGs in various self-employment activities and assisting them in setting up these.
3. Increasing the participation of farmers in organic farming methods.
4. Motivating, training and guiding farmers in preparing and using compost manure.
5. Training farmers to access beneficial schemes including; schemes for housing, farm ponds, wells, rain water (percolation) pits, farming implements, solar pumps for farmers.
6. Motivating farmers to follow community farming.
7. Organising training programmes for men and women farmers.
8. Organising EXPOSURE VISITS for men and women farmers.

Objectives

1. To take the farmers on the path of self sustenance by organizing them through farmers' *Mandals*, by linking their micro credit groups with banks and assisting them to avail the benefits of various government schemes.
2. Improving the socio-economic condition of women by training the women's SHGs in various self employment activities and assisting them in setting up self employment activities.
3. To ensure that more farmers start organic farming and to make it a movement.
4. To promote the production of compost manure in every home whereby the farmers dependency on chemical fertilisers will decrease and their farm wastes effectively utilized.
5. To avail all the personal benefits under various government schemes for the farmers and thus increase their socio-economic and educational development.
6. To educate farmers in community farming and its benefits and motivate them to practice it and make them less dependent on farm labourers.

7. To ensure the self-sustenance of SHG women by training them in various income generating activities and assisting them to set up such income-generating activities.

**During reporting period, project activities were implemented as given below:
Motivating, training and guiding farmers in preparing and using compost manure.**

- **Increasing the participation of farmers in organic farming methods and to popularize it.**

As per project plan, efforts were made to spread information about Shivansh compost



fertilizer creation and its usage in farming among targeted farmers. While implementing this activity project staff shared information on how farmers could actually suffer losses by utilizing chemical fertilizers in their farm as their field would eventually get barren. Also farmers were taught to make Shivansh compost fertilizer

by utilizing waste available in their farm land. The project team showed them how the Shivansh compost fertilizer could be prepared within 18 days, is eco friendly, involved minimum expenses, less water for preparation and could instantly be used in farming. Now farmers in the target area are very excited to farm with Shivansh compost fertilizer and to make something concrete from their waste. The Government has backed this initiative, and is also promoting this method of fertilizer among farmers under MREGS where government is providing Rs. 12000/- fund to them. While conducting meetings with farmer's organization staff conducted demo of organic farming with local farmers and in that farmers got guidance in quicker and less expensive farming with this method. E.g. Farmers could procure an yield of mix crops in their farmland using the Pata System in which farmers sow mixed seeds and get a larger yield. Hence farmers could get more benefit from farming as well as migration of farmers and suicide ratio of farmers would be reduced.

- **To Avail personal beneficial schemes including; housing, farm ponds, irrigating wells, rain water (percolation) pits, farming implements, solar pumps to the farmers.**

During the year the project partners conducted daily meetings with targeted farmers as per need. In these meetings, farmers were informed about available Government schemes and the procedure of how to avail of these schemes. The Project team also



helped farmers to fill up their forms and to complete the required documentation to access various Government schemes.



As a result the farmers benefited from many existing schemes. 45 farmers from the target villages got Ramai and P.M. Housing Scheme, 220 women from the project villages got Ujwala Gas connection. 12 people benefited from the special element scheme, 130 people



from the target group benefitted from the Swachh Bharat Mission, 37 farmers got the benefit of the Crop Insurance scheme, 47 Farmers benefitted from agricultural department procuring farm ponds etc. and 52 farmers benefitted through CNB, MNB (Water Conservation) etc. Also 25 people from the target group were linked with pension schemes. Thus a total of 568

people, including men and women farmers from the target area benefited from various Govt. schemes .

➤ **Motivating farmers to take up Community Farming.**



During the reporting period, farmers were motivated to do group farming and as per project plan, project team conducted meetings with the target group and awakened



them to the concept of group farming, its importance, how to do joint farming and how this method could reduce their expenses and bring them extra income . Also by doing group farming, farmers could reduce their hard work pressure as well as they could get more protective and

productive farming. By doing joint farming, farmers, would also get emotional support, share their feelings and bond with each other. Now group farming is happily accepted in the 10 target villages. Farmers found that their expenses were low and joint farming gave them extra income as well as group support from other farmers, who were interested in this method. The project team also found support to implement the project effectively in 10 targeted villages.

➤ **To Improving the socio-economic condition of women by training the women's SHGs in various self employment activities and assisting them in setting up self employment activities.**



With this perspective and the objective of making women self sustaining and empowering their financial status, the project partners conducted an entrepreneurship development training program on 22nd September 2018 at Manjarsumba village of Beed block. 72 women from the 10 target villages participated in this training program. The Extension Officer from the Block Development Office Mrs. Gosavi and Project officer Mr. Jadhav from the District Business Centre, Beed, were invited for this



program and they shared detailed information about various business development related Government schemes and how their department would help the women to start their small scale business, farming allied business and home-based business in their village. At the end of training program both officers promised support to all the women who would come to their office, to access various schemes of Govt.

Sr. No.	Name of SHG	Name of Village	Formation Date	No. of members	Name of Bank	A/C no.	Internal transactions
1	Ahilyabai	Malewadi	5/01/2017	15	SBI	62494586328	19000
2	Ranubhawani	Malewadi	5/01/2017	16	SBI	62495763284	17500
3	ShetkariVikasM anch	Devibhabulgaon		18	SBI	62348436944	
4	Savitribai	Devibhabulgaon	2/01/2017	10	SBI		
5	Ramai	Borgaon	01/01/2018	11	SBI		
6	Baliraja	Sultanpur	01/01/2018	16	SBI	62417750234	
7	Gautami	Golangri	03/01/2018	10	SBI		
8	SantRohidas	Borgaon	05/03/2017	20	SBI		
9	M H M Dr.Babasaheb	Borgaon		10	SBI		
10	KrushiVidnyan	Debabulgaon	3/05/2016	20	SBI	62183246284	
11	Mahalaxmi	Sultanpur	05/01/2013	10	SBI	62345693003	

Sr. No.	Name of SHG	Name of Village	Formation Date	No. of members	Name of Bank	A/C no.	Internal transactions
1	Shivshakti	Sultanpur	01/02/2018	13	SBI	In Process	4200
2	PhuleShahu A	Sultanpur	01/01/2018	10	SBI	In Process	3100
3	Savitribai	Sultanpur	03/01/2018	10	SBI	In Process	2700
4	Ekta	Sultanpur	01/06/2018	10	SBI	In Process	2500
5	Jai Jijau	Sultanpur	03/06/2018	10	SBI	In Process	2200
6	Jai Mihar	Sultanpur	05/08/2018	11	SBI	In Process	3000
7	Tuljabhawani	Sultanpur	01/02/2018	15	SBI	In Process	4800
8	SantTukaram	Sultanpur	04/09/2018	10	SBI	In Process	2400

Benefited under Govt. Schemes as below.

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Type of Benefit	Nos. of beneficiaries	Total Amount
1	Ramai Housing Scheme	120000	16	1920000
2	Pradhanmantri Housing Scheme	130000	29	3770000
3	Ujwala Gas Connection	Free of cost	220	0
4	Special Element Scheme for Well digging	200000	8	1600000
5	Cow, Buffalo and Goat	60000	16	960000
6	Schemes of Agricultural department. Free seeds distribution.	624 kg	56	624 kg
	Shettale MTS	50000	13	650000
	PVC Pipe distribution 200 pipes.	50 Pipe for each	04	70000
7	Swatch Bharat Mission, Toilet	12000	343	4116000
8	Pension Scheme	600 per person per month	124	0
9	Crop Insurance	-	103	2800000
10	New Crop debt distribution		103	218000
11	DadasahebGaikwadSwabhiman Scheme. Lad distribution	2 acre per	5	8000000
12	Mahatma Fule Commission	50000	5	250000
	Total		1045	24354000

As shown in the above table 1045 people, farmers, men and women from targeted villages, benefited under various 12 types of schemes.

Farmer's Training Program:



A Shivansh Compost fertilizer training program was conducted for farmers on 27/11/2018 at Beed. Farmers were guided on how to make Shivansh Compost fertilizer and how useful it is to improve their farming productivity. 40 farmers from 10 targeted villages participated in this program.

Mr. Bhaskar Munde and Sanjay Haral from Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch and Shivaji Mane (Trained Farmer) from Sakhare Borgaon gave the training and demonstration of Shivansh Compost preparation. At the end of the training program, Mr. M. D. Shinha Collector Beed specially visited the demonstration of Shivansh compost fertilizer and conducted discussions with the target group.

Farmer's Exposure Visit:

Farmer's exposure visit was conducted on 26/12/2018, at Arvi Village of Shirur Kasar Block of Beed district where 20 farmers from 10 targeted villages were selected for this exposure visit. In this visit, farmers went to the common farm pond, CNB, MNB I and bore-well water harvesting system as well as mixed crop yield system etc.

As they visited and understood the pattern of farming at Arvi they started discussions on applying this pattern of group farming, common farm pond etc. in their own village and at the end of exposure visit all the participants announced that they would apply these things in their farming pattern as early as possible and get their benefit.

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Case studies are given below:

Case study -1

I am Sojarbai Bhagwan Haral residing in Sultanpur village of Beed block; I am linked with Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch Project of TDSS since from last 5 years and with support of this organization's staff I am doing organic farming in my farmland. Also I got time to time guidance to do organic farming from the project staff.

This year Mr. Sanjay Haral met with farmers in our village and he shared information about Shivansh Compost and its usage with farmers as well as he gave demo of how to use Shivansh compost, how to make Shivansh compost from waste of farm, spinach or dung.

At that time I came forward to do farming with Shivansh compost and as per organization's guidance I have sown Tur pulses crop in our farmland and started usage of Shivansh compost in it and I didn't have to utilize any chemical compost in our farmland and I found that I got more production than chemical compost as well as we didn't have to spend on any other things, hence I got more income from low expenses. Now I have decided that I'll use only Shivansh compost in my farmland and my faith on Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch and on TDSS got strong now.



Case Study -2

I am Ambadas Jogdand residing in Deviba Bhulgaon of Beed block where Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch is implementing their TDSS organic farming project for the last 5 years and from them I am getting effective participation in all the activities of the organization. Before the organization's existence in our village we were using chemical compost in our farmland which is why our soil productive level decreased.

When Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch started work in our village, at that time Mr. Sanjay Haral came at our village and called a meeting with the farmers. Haral sir gave



information about organic farming as well as how it is useful for us. From that time I and many other farmers from our village started organic farming method in our farmland. This year again Haral sir conducted a meeting with us and this time he gave demo of Shivansh compost to us. He shared how to make Shivansh compost, types of benefit of this compost and how farmers could get more production from this compost usage.

As I and all the farmers of Devibabhulgaon believed that Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch is a genuine organization and they only work for our welfare I and other farmers started the usage of Shivansh compost in our farmland.

I have sowed chilly and cotton crop in my farmland and I have only used Shivansh compost for that and I got experience that, I have spent only 50% of expenses than previous farming expenses and got extra income too. I heartily thank Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch and TDSS for time to time guidance in farming.

