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Events in first Quarter

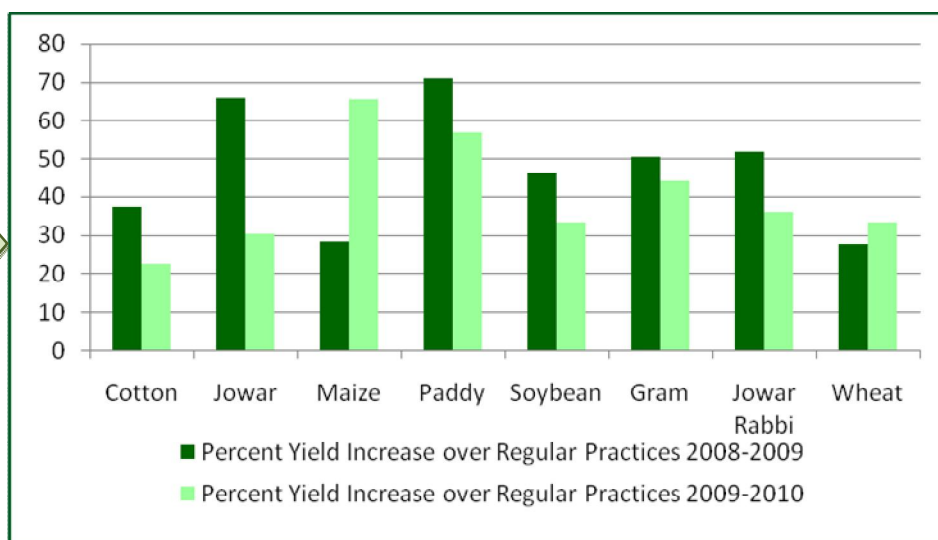
- Procurement Review; NAIP and World Bank
- NAIP Annual Audit
- Annual Review and Planning Meeting with Cluster leaders
- Participation in NAIP Technological Meet



Events in second Quarter

- CIC Meeting for SRLS 3
- CMU field visits
- Quarterly Meeting of cluster in charge
- Training for business planning

Results for Improved agriculture Practices



Current Field Operations

- Adoption of improved seed and Bio- fertilizer by farmers
- Seed treatment with Bio- fertilizer and fungicide
- Sowing of improved seed
- Fertilizer application under INM activity
- Training to farmers for seed treatment with Bio-fertilizer and sowing seed with improved agriculture implement
- Weeding and hoeing



Vibrant People's institution determined to development: Nagare Experience (Nandurbar)

Nagare village in Khandbara cluster of Nandurbar district has become a hub of development activities. Dr. Hedgewar Seva Samiti, a consortium partner is implementing SRLS-NAIP in this cluster since the last two years. A strong People's institution in the form of a Farmers' Club has been established which has taken the major responsibility of streamlining the process of implementation of various development activities. The club has successfully demonstrated profitability in improving resources, production and income from farm-based livelihoods with the involvement of participant farmers. The impact of these activities has caught the attention of various voluntary organisations for further enhancement of various development initiatives.



Strong Institutions: The Shetkari Mandals (farmers' clubs) in this cluster are involved in the programme right from evolution of priorities to crisis solution at the local level. Primary groups such as water users' groups are empowered with proper facilitation and monitoring rights over use of water sources for irrigation. These groups also have their revenue generation and institution sustainability models in place.

Convergence of Support Agencies: NAIP staff along with technical support from KVK, conducted a Participatory Rural Appraisal in Nagare and Palipada clusters on May 8 and 9, 2009. The PRA culminated in a Gram Sabha where the community approved its Integrated Watershed Development Plan. The plan was accepted by the District Collector as the Gram Sabha proposal for Maharashtra Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MREGS). With a sanctioned amount of Rs. 18.50 lakhs, land leveling activity on 2.98 ha and farm bunding on 85 ha worth Rs. 6.72 lakh, 27 work days, engaging 293 labourers and 6408 work days, 11 new wells on private land were sanctioned with a budget of Rs. 13.64 lakhs.

The involvement of the community has also assured the role of volunteers (*Jaldoot*) for recording the rainfall. GSDA has adopted a system of promoting these volunteers and has also provided a rain gauge for measuring the rainfall. It has approved the records for rainfall and will include this data in the district statistics. GSDA has also taken up strengthening of drinking water source measures in Nagare village worth Rs. 45,000. Under the integrated tribal development project, three water user groups established under the NAIP Project have received support for installation of pipe lines.



The Department of Animal Husbandry organised a vaccination camp in Nagare village on November 23. A total of 114 animals were vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease.

The farmers' club also took the initiative of organising an eye check up camp in the village in collaboration with Kantalaxmi Eye Hospital. 329 patients were screened of whom 80 tested positive for spectacles and 14 were operated for cataract free of cost.

With these significant initiatives, Nagare cluster is on its way to sustainable development.

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