



National Agricultural Innovations Project
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CAC members' visit to Clusters in Nandurbar: Dr. A.G. Sawant, Chairperson consortium Advisory Committee for BAIF led consortium, along with other members visited Khandbara cluster On January 5, 2011. They visited few plots of improved agriculture intervention, crossbred calves born through livestock development programme and the sites of water resource development. Villagers expressed satisfaction on the interventions of agriculture and water resource development. They reported 2-2.5 times increase in crop yield. Members also visited mini rice

mill installed through the project. There was no such facility in the vicinity so it is useful for people in surrounding villages. Members visited temporary check dams on Nesu River. Dr. Hedgewar Sewa Samiti has facilitated series of check dams on the river which has benefited the agriculture. Interaction with members of cluster committee was organized on the banks of river. Members narrated their success in enhancement of livelihood with the help of project.



Mandane Cluster: Next day, CAC members visited Mandane cluster near Shahada. In the beginning, Himmat Pawra's farm was visited in Manmode village, whose income has increased substantially, with project support for wadi, improved agriculture and water resource development. CAC members were happy to visit Community Resource Centre at Manmode village. It is very well maintained by village committee. Nursery and vermi-compost /vermi-wash activities have been initiated at the campus. CAC members discussed with farmers about the project intervention and overall process of development. Discussion was very lively and CAC members appealed all to continue the process and further strengthen it for greater common good. Visit to village Bhulane was a highlight of the day. Members were welcomed with traditional dance. Members were delighted to see farm of Thoba Pawra who has developed orchard. Goat kids were given to new participants at the hands of Dr. A. G. Sawant. All CAC members expressed happiness about progress of Project in the clusters.

Events in Fourth
Quarter

- CIC and CAC Meeting for SRLS 3
- CAC Meeting for Linseed Value Chain Project (Component 2)



Events for First
Quarter

- Cluster In charge Meeting
- NAIP Audit





Smt. Bhavana Gavali visits NAIP area in Yeotmal District

Smt. Bhavana Gavali, Member of Parliament of the local constituency visited Community Resource Centre at Raveri in Ralegaon cluster recently. Participants and BAIF-MITTRA staff welcomed her. She was impressed with new technologies introduced under project. She was happy to see crossbred calves born through livestock development interventions. Mr. Madhavrao Choudhari, Chairperson, Cluster Committee explained National Agriculture Innovation Project. Dr. Shirsath gave information about Livestock program running in Yeotmal District by BAIF-MITTRA. While interacting with participants she expressed that BAIF-MITRAA has set an example of ideal work by NGO. She congratulated participants for adopting improved technologies for sustainable livelihood and advised to take benefit of such projects for sustainable development. She gave good wishes to BAIF-MITTRA, NAIP team for future work with same enthusiasm.

Interventions Changed Life

Himmat Pawra and his family of seven members, from Manmode village of Mandane is a tribal family. This hardworking Family has 3 acres of land which was dry land. Till year 2007, Family members used to undertake wage labour and could earn up to Rs. 9000/- per annum. Total annual income of the family was in the range of Rs. 15000/- to 20000/- including returns from production of Bajra and Jowar on 1 acre and 1.5 acre land respectively. The family got support for well deepening, Temporary Check Dam, improved agriculture practices and orchard. The hard working family contributed in cash and kind, followed all improved practices. Family is participating in construction and maintenance of TCD. Project support extended through various interventions like orchard, well deepening and improved agriculture is of Rs. 7928 while contribution of the family is of Rs. 6600/- for well deepening and purchase of sprinkler sets. With this little support, they have achieved substantial increase in family income. The family is residing on the farm now taking good care of orchard and other cultivation. This year yield of guava was 2 quintals but that was used for consumption. Now there is no need to work outside the family farm. As azolla is good nutritional source for cattle, Himmat prepared azolla bed. He is regularly feeding azolla to his cattle. Himmat has purchased sprinkler set for onion. He works as a member of Gram Vikas Samiti of Manmode.

Income from last kharif



Crop	Area	Yield (qt)	Income (Rs)
Cotton	1acre	8	27000/
Onion	1 acre	25	40000/
Brinjal	20 R	10	15000/
Mung	2 acre	2	7000/
Bajra	1acre		1600/
Groundnut	½ acre	1	For home Consumption
Total			90600/-



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