

A Report on Cheque Distribution and WADI Experience sharing Program in Abhlod Village of Garbada Taluka

- **Background of WADI Program in Garbada Taluka**

GVT, in Partnership with NABARD, Ahmedabad, is implementing WADI Programme with 1000 farmers in Garbada Taluka of Dahod. GVT is implementing this programme since 2009. The Program has the component of Involving farmers in developing individual WADI (Fruit Orchard at Backyard of house). GVT has provided Technical inputs and fruits plant of 29 Mangoes, 11 Pomegranates to 1000 farmers in 14 villages. Apart from plantation there is component of Intercropping (Vegetable seeds), Border plantation and Income generation activities with landless farmers, Exposure visit to farmers, Training to farmers, Formation of SHG, federations, Village Development Committee.

- **Background of WADI in Abhlod Village**

WADI Program is being implemented by GVT in Abhlod village since 2011. There are total 337 WADIs in the village. The total population of Abhlod village is 20,000 one of the largest village in Dahod. Mr. Vir Singh Bhai is the Sarpanch of the village and is actively participating in WADI development programme.

Under the WADI programme, there is a component of developing of WADI under which following works are being done by the farmers.

1. Soil and water conservation
2. Basin formation and weeding
3. Application of insecticide and pesticide to the plants
4. Maintenance of forestry plants as border plants

For the above mentioned works, farmers of WADI are involved as labor. Total 337 farmers in Abhlod village participated and contributed their labor. GVT, as implementing agency, need to give labor payments to all farmers involved in work. Under this component, GVT transfers the labor payment to Village Development Committee accounts operated by Committee members of village.

Involving Village Development Committee in cheque distribution is done with the following objective:

1. Involvement of farmers and villages in owning the program
2. Transparency in Transfer of Money to individual farmers
3. Experience sharing of successful WADI
4. Knowledge sharing by implementing and donor agency

GVT, VDC and NABARD on 19.10.2013 distributed cheques to 337 farmers in Abhlod village. DDM NABARD was the Chief Guest and Mr. Vir Singh Bhai, Village Sarpanch was the Special Guest at the function. Experience sharing was also done by Farmers in developing WADI in the village and how farmers contributed in WADI development.

More than 200 men and 50 women of village participated in this Program.

Some photographs of the event attached as below.



Cheque being given to Lalitaben Parmar by DDM



Cheque being given to Parmar Mathur Bhai by Sarpanch



Farmers in the Programme



DDM NABARD addressing the farmers