

## **Monitoring Visit by Zonal Programme Manager-East to Arsha and Bagmundi Blocks of Purulia, West Bengal**

Shri B.B. Singh, Zonal Program Manager-East (GVT) paid a monitoring visit to Kultarnd village in Arsha block which is 28 kms from district H.Q. in Purulia and to Chatni & Bongada villages of Bagmundi Block on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013 along with Shri Subrata Sarkar, RPM (West Bengal & Orissa) and Ms. Ranjini Das, Dy. RPM (West Bengal).

Gramin Vikas Trust initiated Action Research Project in Arsha Block in the year 2011 with the financial support from NABARD, RO-Kolkata. This seven -year project would cover 750 tribal families under Hensla, Sirkabad, Hetgugui & Arsha Gram Panchayats in Arsha Block. GVT has already completed 500 WADI establishments along with other Alternative Livelihood Interventions. The WADI Project in Bagmundi Block was initiated on 9th June, 2012 with the financial support from NABARD, RO-Kolkata. This seven year project would cover 800 tribal families under six Gram Sansads and twenty villages under Ajodhya Gram Panchayat in Bagmundi Block. GVT has completed 460 WADI establishments during this year.



### **Arsha Block :**

ZPM first visited seven WADI plots of Kultarnd Village, where he interacted with the owners of the WADI plots and advised regular, systematic nurturing of the WADI plots.

He also interacted with the farmers and queried about their future plans & strategy towards holistic development. He suggested the WADI Farmers that Intercropping should be scaled up for up-

gradation of their nutritional status and income enhancement. He assured all possible support to the WADI owners within the project framework. Apart from this, he stressed upon mutual support and co-operation to strengthen joint actions through SHG movement.

**Bagmundi Block :**



ZPM-East paid his next visit to Chatni Village of Bagmundi Block where construction works on water resource development were in progress. He was satisfied to see the motivation and passion of the staff towards rural development. The visibility boards installed there was highly appreciated by him. ZPM interacted with the WADI farmers and advised them to nurture their plots with full sincerity and commitment. He also suggested Drip Irrigation while observing the condition of the soil.

The next village visited by him was Bongada, where ZPM ó East appreciated the technique of demarcation of WADI Plots by installation of small tin boards providing information about the WADI owner. He was also pleased to see the construction of water storage tank.





Intercropping with seasonal vegetables was observed. The Project in charge of Bagmundi, Shri B.K. Mazumdar was appreciated for his dedication towards changing of barren & infertile lands into productive WADI Plots.

ZPM-East conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the GVT- Bengal staff and animators to make his visit a successful one.

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