

Gramin Vikas Trust-West Bengal

On location training cum exposure visit programme for VPC/PIA members of TDF Project

Venue: - Hotel Akash
Date: - 06th to 08th Dec 2014
1st Day (06.12.2014)

1st session

The captioned program was organized by Gramin Vikas Trust, Purulia, West Bengal with the support from NABARD, Kolkata, wherein more than 30 participants (VPC members & PIA members) of different agencies from Bankura, East Midnapur & Purulia district participated along with the presence of Shri BC Dhal, (Manager NABARD), Shri Amitava Biswas, (DDM NABARD), Shri M Nageswar Rao (DGM- NABARD, RO-Kolkata) and Shri Subrata Sarkar (RPM GVT WB/Odisha). The program started with the self introduction of participants, followed by an agile deliberation of Shri BC Dhal NABARD R.O Kolkata through which Shri. Dhal explained the objective of the program, desired goal TDF Program, approach, features of TDF Program as per the following flow:

This was followed by the participatory discussions, facilitated by Shri Dhal and he briefly discussed about the internal monitoring system, record keeping in TDF program. Regarding internal monitoring Shri Dhal briefed the process to the VPC's who are supposed to monitor and maintain an important record under the supervision of PIA's.

2nd Session

Post lunch session was conducted with the valuable deliberation of Shri M Nageswar Rao (DGM NABARD R.O-Kolkata) on importance of TDF program implementation. Then Shri BC Dhal (Manager NABARD R.O-Kolkata) briefly described about the importance and role of CBOs/Pos for smooth maintenance and sustenance of Wadi projects. By formation of CBOs, all the WADI Committee/ WADI beneficiary will be directly benefitted, operation will be transparent, capacity building of farmers will grow up and the project will be sustainable for long term, as expressed by Shri. Dhal.

He also told that, Producer Organization can directly help the farmers by converging their inputs, production and post harvest maintenance. By providing inputs like seed, pesticide, fertilizers, equipment on custom hire, facilitate technical advice and credit + Security which will not so possible for individual farmer. PO also maintains quality and real time services in production. During post harvest period PO can help to tie up for sale, negotiate for better price and facilitate storage and processing.

This was followed by a vivacious deliberation of Shri Subrata Sarkar (RPM GVT WB/Odisha), who briefed about GVT's intervention (Birds eye view) and its thematic area, goal, objective, Mission, Vision, and its approaches and the process adapted by in TDF projects in West Bengal in enabling the resource poor farmers to take control over their Wadi/Farm products based on assured access to their resources, marketing for receiving remunerative returns of their farm produces through, PPT presentation. Besides, Shri. Sarkar also highlighted the innovative works initiated by GVT by introducing Pictorial Participatory Monitoring Chart for Wadi, SHG programmes, process documentation and documentation of best practices in the form of Planning monitoring Documents, financial inclusions (Song on Financial inclusion in Bengali, Hindi, Oriya, Alchiki, English—etc. Shri. S. K. Pradhan (Program Manager) and Shri. Sridhar Nayak (Junior Executive-Accounts) also shared their valuable experiences on different aspects like Organization building, Wadi management, accounting procedure—respectively.

After completion of technical session, participants were divided into 5 groups based on Five thematic areas (Wadi Management, Social and Non Farm activities, Record Keeping, Accounting, Loan Projects, Community based Organization and CB--) for next day (07.12.2014) field visit to WADI Project HURA area.

2nd Day (07.12.2014)

The visit was started from hotel Akash at 8.45 am and reached at WADI Project office HURA, wherein Shri. S. K. Pradhan briefed about the Hura Wadi by showing the maps of different Wadi locations under different villages of Hura Blocks. All the participants checked all the records and documents maintained there, vividly and proceeded to WADI area Mahalidih. An introductory session was organised by WADI farmers by their traditional customs/rituals and all the participants along with NABARD officials interacted with farmers regarding different aspect of WADI projects, with special focus on Organization building in Wadi areas, which was followed by visit WADI plot and interaction with farmers regarding plantation, SWC, WRD there. Delegates then paid a visit to WADI area at Nutandih village and interacted with farmers about plant growth, Soil conservation measures, Water Resource Development and intercropping etc.

During post lunch session, participants proceeded to Bagdishia village wherein the participants and delegates were spontaneously greeted and welcomed by Farmers of Bagdishia village and Producers Organizations of Manbazar and Pairachali watershed area, with song and dances on financial inclusion written by Shri Subrata Sarkar (RPM GVT WB/Odisha) and highly appreciated by the delegates/participants.

3rd Day (08.12.2014)

The session started with the deliberation of Shri BC Dhal regarding Record keeping in all TDF Program and he requested GVT and other PIA to demonstrate their Accounting/Record keeping procedure for learning to other participants (VPC/PIA leaders) present in the program. Shri Sridhar Nayak (Jr Executive Accounts GVT West Bengal) briefly discussed about the system about GVT's accounting procedure, which was supplemented and substantiated by Shri Pradipta Mukhopadhyay (Sr Executive HR GVT West Bengal), especially on loan projects by demonstrating different formats being used for loan projects by GVT under Wadi /TDF project. Other PIA's also lamented their "modus operandi" on Accounts/record keeping, loan projects—etc and followed by screening of a documentary on Wadi projects-by Palli Unnayn Santha- a PIA facilitating TDF project in Bankura district.

Shri M Nageswar Rao (DGM NABARD Ro-Kolkata) gave his overall reflection on the "On location program" including field visits and highly appreciated GVT's effort in facilitating and documenting the TDF projects in addressing all the innovative aspects of TDF projects as advised by NABARD, Kolkata.

The program was summed up by Shri B. C. Dhal by extending thanks to RPM GVT and GVT team, DGM NABARD, DDM NABARD and all the participants for making the program, a fruitful learning program.

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Few Glimpses of the Event



