

Chief General Manager, NABARD Shri R. Sunder, DGM NABARD/IGWDP PMU Dahod In charge and DDM NABARD visited Wadi & Watershed Projects Implemented by Gramin Vikas Trust, Gujarat Regional Office



Monday, 17th August 2015. Shri R. Sunder, Chief General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Gujarat regional office, along with other officials of NABARD visited WADI and Watershed Development projects implemented by Gramin Vikas Trust's Gujarat Regional Office. As a part of this visit a meeting was organized at Pandadi village of Garbada Taluka, Dahod district. C.G.M. along with other officials of NABARD were first welcomed by GVT officials and villagers. Other officials accompanied in the visit includes Shri Rajesh Dave, Deputy General Manager NABARD AND I/c Programme Management Unit – Indo German Watershed Development Projects, Gujarat, Shri Nitin Choughule, District Development Manager, NABARD, Dahod, Shri Amit Gaumat, Consultant, IGWDP-PMU Gujarat. Smt. Savitaben Pasaya, Sarpanch Panddi was also present in the meeting. Shri H K Tomar, Regional Programme Manager, Gujarat in his welcome address and briefed about GVT and about various agriculture, rural development and skill development projects implemented in Gujarat by GVT. Mr. Mukesh Khatediya, Project Coordinator – WADI, has shared the progress of Wadi projects as well as various convergence initiatives undertaken in these projects.



Dignitaries distributed agriculture tools beneficiaries and Smokeless Chulha to women beneficiaries. Shri Rupsingh Parmar, one of the project beneficiary shared that he has earned Rs. Above 70000/- as income from mandva (two tier creeper vegetable cultivation model) so far. The project has also helped him to learn and adopt scientific farming practices and its benefits. Chief General Manager, NABARD in his address to the village communities to adopt the modern scientific technique for economic growth and development of family as well as country. They shared that we left the traditional technique of farming. C.G.M shared to community for encouraging savings, better credit linkages and financial inclusion in rural areas. He also

emphasized on the development of education, health, nutrition and sanitation in villages. He appreciated the efforts made by GVT for successful implementation and achieving 100% bank linkages in project villages. He extended thanks to village community for their proactive involvement in the project. Shri Rajesh Dave, D.G.M., NABARD in his address made an appeal to women to come forward and take lead role in holistic development of villages.

The meeting was followed by field visit of WADI interventions in Pandadi and Abhlood villages, where officials interacted with WADI farmers in the project area.



Proceeded by WADI project the officials also made site visit to Indo-German Watershed Development Project – Minakyar Patoazole where they are again welcomed by GVT Watershed Team along with Office bearers of Village Watershed Committee and Women SHG Federation on the site. Mr. Shubham Mehta, Team Leader - Watershed Development, GVT briefed about various Watershed Development projects implemented by GVT – Gujarat. He also explained about various Soil and Water conservation work, crop diversification initiatives, innovations and other watershed development interventions undertaken by GVT in the project.

The farmers present on the site shared their experiences and impact of Watershed Development in the project



village. Members of women Self Help Groups and Women SHG federation also shared about various social and women development interventions undertaken by them in the project. They shared that they now feel more empowered and self reliant and are punctual in savings and inter-loaning. They explained how various trainings imparted to them in the projects have helped them in strengthening themselves and enterprising. Smt. Nainaben, President, Mahila Swashaktikaran Sanyakta Mahasangh, (women SHG Federation formed under the project) presented a handicraft made by them as a token of respect and thanks to C.G.M.

Later the officials visited to newly constructed Check Dam in Chandla village under the project where C.G.M. NABARD inaugurated the recently constructed Check Dam. He congratulated GVT and Village Watershed committee for their commendable works. The other officials present also appreciated the work and extended their best wishes to GVT and village community. The visit was concluded by extending vote of thanks to the dignitaries by Shubham Mehta, Team Leader Watershed, GVT, Dahod.

