

A brief note on World Bank team visit
11th ~ 12th October'2018
at
Gudha cluster, Bundi
Rajasthan Agriculture Competiveness Project (RACP)

The World Bank team visit was scheduled for two days during 11th ~ 12th October'2018 covering following objectives here:

- To review and monitoring of physical and financial progress of RACP – Gudha cluster.
- To identify learning and gaps during implementation of proposed activities under RACP – Gudha cluster.
- To explore new areas of component –wise interventions under RACP, Rajasthan.

The visit team consist World Bank officials (3) and officer In-charge from RACP – PMU (2), the name listed here below:

1. Mrs. Priti Jain –Procuring Department, World Bank, New Delhi
2. Mr. Varun Singh – Social Development Department , World Bank, New Delhi
3. Mr. Savinay Grover – Finance and Economic department , World Bank, New Delhi
4. Mr. Anand Singh Gehlot – Officer In-charge and Joint Director (Watershed department) RACP- PMU, Jaipur
5. Mr. Himmat Singh Shekhawat – Officer In-charge and Deputy Director (Horticulture department), RACP-PMU, Jaipur

The programme schedule including a brief summary of RACP – Gudha cluster and its physical financial progress update was prepared by GVT team, Bundi with consultation of line department DLOs, DPM, Bundi and RACP-PMU, Jaipur. Prior discussion was held with RACP-PMU team on 10th October'2018 (evening) involving line department District coordinators for finalization of visit schedule and progress update.

Day 1: 11th October (Thursday):

First day morning session was started @ 09:00 am ~ 11:00 am, brief round of introduction and an interactive meet with DPM, line department DLOs, District Coordinators and GVT team (Team leader and Experts) was held at deputy director office, Bundi. Each line departments presented brief of activities implemented since inception of project. GVT as a field NGO shared their involvement in social screening and community mobilization for implementation of planned activities under RACP – Gudha cluster through CBOs formed/reformed in project area viz. MTGs (528 –landholders), MTGs (198 – Goat), MTA (7 in watershed catchment area), user groups (14 in watershed catchment area) and Water user associations (19 in command area).

1. Field visit was initiated from village Rami ki Jhopadiya where following activities visited and interaction held with beneficiaries:

- Green house and Solar pump system at farmer Sh. Ramesh Chandra Nuwal of village Rami ki Jhopadiya.
 - Physical verification of pipeline given to farmer Sh. Devishankar at his field site.
 - Interaction with Goat keeper Smt. Chanda bai w/o Ramlal Gurjar and Lady link worker Smt. Radha prajapat
 - Site visit to canal structure repairing work of RMC at Rami ki jhopadiya under surface water (command area) sub-component.
2. After Rami ki Jhopadiya village visit, Agriculture and Horticulture sub-component was visited at village Bada Nayagaon where following activities were visited and held interaction with respective beneficiaries:
- Horticulture mechanization (mini tractor) at farmer Sh. Devendra Kumar
 - Post harvest management technology (Rotavator) at farmer Sh. Jasvinder singh s/o Sohan Singh
 - High density plantation (Guava) at woman farmer Smt. Ratan Ojha w/o Dinesh oJha
 - A separate meeting was held with members (farmers), Chairman and Board of Directors of Bada Nayagaon farmer producer company (FPC) at Nilkanth Mahadev temple.

Canal lining work of Holaspura branch canal was also visited during Badanayagaon village beneficiaries visit and details discussion was held with water resource department officials.

3. Watershed catchment area was visited after lunch @ 4:00 pm where following activities visited and held interaction with community, line department and GVT team:
- Site visit of Mini masonry structure (MMS of length 10 mtrs.) and interaction with user groups constituted for such water harvesting structure in drainage line as common land.
 - Visit at Goat herd (20 nos.) at Goat keeper Smt. Bharna bai w/o Rajendra meena (Bhimrao Ambedkar MTG) and associated demo of *Azolla*, electric operated chaff cutter, etc. at village Phalenda of Thana gram panchayat.

After field visit, de-briefing session was held (8:00 pm ~ 09:30 pm) with DLOs, DPM, PMU and GVT team at Circuit house. World Bank team requested to meet next day morning @ 8.30 am with all related records of farmer's share/contribution, receipt of payment, tender document, farmer's application form, etc.

Day 2: 12th October (Thursday):

Second day line department-wise related records were discussed and reviewed the physical – financial progress in details. GVT team briefed them about community mobilization and formation/reformation of CBOs including list of beneficiaries shared for last two quarters of year 2018-19. The meeting was over with vote of thanks by DPM and RACP-PMU.

Major observation / recommendation made by World Bank Team is:

- Maximum coverage of message among all MTG members for adoption of technology/large investment products like Green house, Rotavator, Solar pump, Mini tractor, etc.
- Adopt a group strategy to provide technology/large investment products maximum among small and marginal farmers rather than to large farmers as an individual.
- Develop separate training manual and module for each identified technology /product demonstration
- Provide copy of receipt to farmers for contribution made by them against subsidized products given to them.
- Develop systematic communication material of each sub-component for target beneficiaries.
- Prepare training calendar for MTG (goat) for goat management involving Lady link workers (LLW) in villages.
- Recommended proposal to involve and hire resource agency for capacity building of water user association (WUAs) established and for repairing of minor and distributaries canal system.
- Recommended proposal to include custom hiring centre (CHC) for farm mechanization with such farmer's producer company (FPC) established in the project.
- Adopt a cluster approach particularly in watershed catchment area for technology demonstration OR integration of all activities with small and marginal farmers involving user groups of water harvesting structures and common pastures, MTGs, etc. Recommended to draft MoU between watershed department, community user groups and other line departments.
- Recommended for classification of beneficiaries – Gram panchayat-wise each of activities benefitted nos. of farmers; MTG coverage. Socio-economic coverage (ST/SC/large/small/marginal farmers) , Gender coverage, etc.



Mini masonry structure (MMS) visit at Thana village



Showing watershed map and treatable area by Superintendent Engineer



On-site interaction with community and line department officials in watershed catchment area



Meeting with BadanayaGaon FPC members



Visit of high density plantation of Guava at woman farmer Smt. Ratan shringi w/o Dinesh



Green house visit at farmers Sh. Ramesh Chandra Nuwal