

## **Desi back yard poultry programme ( DBYP)**

Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is initiated a programme to “Strengthening Backyard Poultry for Livelihood & Nutritional Security of Tribal households in Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) areas of Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, East & West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh”

Vikasa is implementing DBYP programme in Araku valley and Dumbriguda mandals of Viskahapatnam District to address livelihood as well as to address nutritional deficiency of the tribal community in association with Department of Animal husbandry and Watershed support services and activities network (WASSAN) is the lead technical agency. Local persons mostly women selected by panchayat were trained on para-vet to conduct regular vaccination and critical care to poultry birds at village level.

This is a one year programme aimed to cover one thousand households. As part of the programme, each family will be supported to construct a night shelter and 5 Chicks. Ten breed farms promoting through entrepreneurs as part of the programme would cover 1000 families at the rate of 100 families per breed farm.

Common interest groups (CIGs) are formed in each panchayats to sustain the programme. Savings accounts are opened at bank / post offices in the nearby villages. Community contributing fund to CIG group account based on number of poultry birds per family. President and secretary of the group maintain the bank account and making payments to vaccinators based on work out-turn from the amount in bank / post office. Blue cards are maintained at family level in which data such as no. of birds, amount deposited, vaccination details, service cost of vaccination and balance fund etc... are mentioned. Accumulated amount through community contribution from 10 CIGs was in post office accounts and amount is paid to Vaccinators based on the work outturn.

As part of this programme 6 breeding units were developed with selected entrepreneurs in 6 panchayats and work is in progress in the remaining 4 breeding units. Night shelters were constructed in a scientific way at breed farmer level as well as at individual farmer level. Breed farm entrepreneurs supplied chicks to 67 families in the project area.



Desi birds in breed farm



Individual poultry night shelter



Breed farm in Maathota

Material required for construction and cost of skilled labour supported from the project to construct night shelters. Farmers contributed locally available material

and unskilled labour. Six of 10 breed farms were constructed in Maathota plots in half an acre enclosed by wire mesh. This is become one of the diversified income sources to maathota farmers in the selected panchayaths.

This programme is monitoring through web based software. Field staff / vaccinators entering field data into the mobile during field visit and upload the data to web. Non-Government organizations (NGOs), (WASSAN), LTA and Department can access the real time data and guide the programme.

Project initiation meetings, trainings to vaccinators and staff capacity building are conducted as part of the programme besides construction of night shelters during the reporting period. Vaccinators are regularly attending for vaccination of poultry birds. Whats app group promoted as part of the programme is helpful in quick communication along with photographs to attend for any urgent treatment to birds and this also helps in cross learnings. WASSAN, LTA is conducting regular trainings to staff and vaccinators involved in the programme and conducting monthly reviews besides field visits.