

**Caritas Project  
Promotion and Provision of Weighing Machines  
to Farmers**



In the month of July, 2016 NSVK provided weight machine to farmers in five villages, namely, Jaldega, Tapkara, Kasira, Konekera and Koinadand of Palkot Block. It is anticipated

that the provision of weighing scales will help the farmers to measure their agricultural produce at the time of collective marketing and they will not have to depend on a broker.



**Promotion and provision for 5% Model or Field Bunding**

In the month of August, 2016, NSVK with support of Caritas India, undertook with the farmers of Jaldega, Tapkara, Kasira, Konekera and Koinadand of Palkot Block 500 meters of field farm bunding work which involved earth excavation work of a total of 250 cubic feet and paid a total of Rs. 40,000.00 to farmers at the rate of Rs.160.00 per cubic feet.

**Soil Testing and Soil Health Cards**

In the month of July, 2016 NSVK took the the initiative for undertaking soil testing for 50 farmers across Jaldega, Tapkara, Kasira, Konekera and

Koinadand of Palkot Block. The soil test was conducted at Rajlakshmi soil test Lab at Ranch. The soil test results are yet to come. Soil test was



undertaken to diagnosis the condition of soil regarding presence of various nutrients in the soil which aid in growth of certain types of crops. In case it is found that the soil lacks in certain nutrients or chemicals soil can be treated in a way which can augment those nutrients. This can involve use of organic as well as inorganic fertilizers, mixed cropping or inter cropping as per the report.

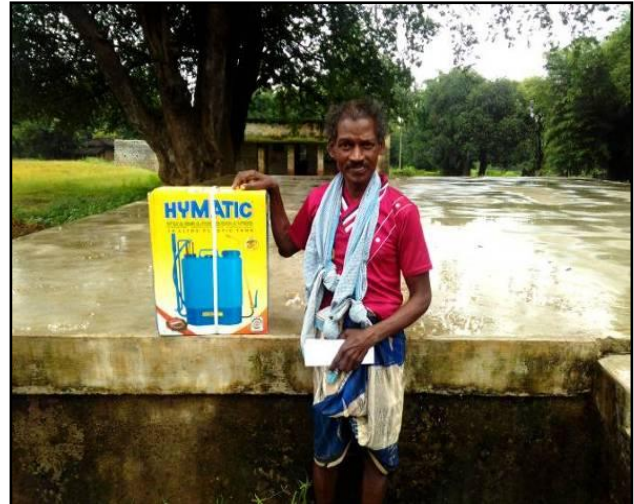
**Convergence with line departments  
Janani Suraksha Yojna (JSY)**



Sunita Devi, of Tetertoli and Kamla Devi, Somari Devi of Kondekera, benefited through the JSY scheme of Palkot Block. Both of them received Rs.1400 for post natal care her new born baby and for herself. JSY is a central level scheme for pregnant women during delivery. The project attempts to encourage institutional delivery instead of home delivery in order to reduce maternal and infant mortality in the villages of the State.



### Sprayer Machine



In the month of August, 2016 our concern for the betterment of farmers came with a good result. 22 farmers of Orbenga, Tapkara, Kasira and Kurum villages received spray machine from ATMA, Palkot at 50% subsidised rate. Therefore, effectively each farmer paid only Rs. 650.00 for the sprayer machine.

### Widow Pension Scheme



Our endeavour towards their rights here came with a satisfactory result when Asari Devi and Birani Devi of Kondekera village started receiving old age pension certificate in the month of August,2016 through advocacy with concerned line department. This is a matter of Joy for both beneficiary henceforth every month Asari Devi and Birani Devi will be getting Rs. 400 per month in order to meet their basic needs.



### Health Issues



During and after monsoon the season is appropriate for breeding of mosquitoes due to growth of wild vegetation and formation of numerous puddles which become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The area where we work is infested with mosquitoes which spread Malaria among the people. NSVK is concerned about prevention of this dreaded disease in its project villages. As a part of its preventive strategy, people are made aware about various ways in which they can ensure that water does not stagnate near their home as well as destroy wild vegetation which can form breeding ground for mosquitoes. Another preventive step is to use medicated mosquito nets while sleeping. In the month of August, 25 individuals of our targeted villages received “Medicated Mosquito Net” from the Health Department of Palkot Block through networking and advocacy with the concerned officials.



**Case Story**

In the month of May, 2016 NSVK organized exposure visit to 10 farmers of our interventional area. These farmers were from our five new operational villages, two farmers from each of the five villages. The farmers got an opportunity to visit Navadanya Bio Diversity farm of Dehradun, Uttarakhand. As per the feedback received from the farmers, it was a good experience for the farmers as they learnt regarding organic farming, seed production, plant protection, bio fertilizer and pesticide preparation. The lecture on these subjects was very interesting and something new for farmers.



The farmers learnt about the impact of organic farming and they were surprised to know about the bad impact of non-organic farming. After coming back from the training cum exposure visit all the farmers decided to adhere with the organic farming as they understand it is high time to switch towards organic farming and if not there will be nothing left for next generations to cultivate. These days farmers are taking deep enthusiasm towards organic farming and whatever they have learnt during the training cum exposure visit at Navadanya they have started preparing. At the same time they are teaching other farmers to prepare different bio fertilizers and pesticide and use it in their respective farming land.



**Harit Prayas (funded by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative)**

In the month July and August the team of Harit Prayas was involved in training farmers and women

group members. In these two months the team members were intensively involved in formation of Forest Rights Committee in project villages, making them aware about the process of making individual and community forest right claims, supporting the community to undertake filing and submission of claims. In the month of July convergence with government departments ensured distribution of seeds of pulses to around 60 farmers in the project villages who have undertaken cultivation of pulses in around 11 acres.

**Training on method practises and provisions of improved agricultural implements to adopt modern technology (SRI, SWI, Mixed Cropping) for small and marginal farmers -**

In the month of July a training for members of farmers committee was conducted under the project to make the farmers aware about the benefits of undertaking system of rice and wheat intensification and use of various modern techniques and implement to improve efficiency in work and increase productivity. The discussion was facilitated by Mr. Gossner who himself is a farmer from one of the NSVK project villages in Gumla. Mr. Gossner is a story from rags to riches. When NSVK started working in his village he was hardly able to make both ends meet. The production from his field was barely enough to sustain him and his family. But he participated in the various training sessions of the organization and started adopting the various methods he learned during the trainings. Over a period of time his production increased and he was one of the most successful farmers in the village. He took to SRI and SWI alongwith organic farming. He was awarded both nationally and internationally. During the training Mr. Gossner discussed with the farmers from the Harit Prayas project villages on the method of undertaking SRI and SWI. He also discussed about the various techniques and methods in farming and use of equipments which can reduce labour, make farming efficient and increase

productivity. The ‘classroom’ session was followed with on-field demonstration of SRI. He also briefed the farmers on the precautions they needed to take while undertaking SRI/SWI. The farmers provided their feedback that the interaction was motivational and provided them with necessary information about improvement in agriculture as practised in the area.

Training and Orientation on issue based social and tribal livelihood schemes and government services (MGNREGS, ATMA, KVK, IWY, JSY, Antyodaya, Old Age Pension, Disable Pension, KCC, ICDS, PDS, Mid Day Meal) – A one day training was



organized in the month of July for the gram sabha, ward sabha and gram panchayat members who represented all the 25 villages under the Harit Prayas Project. The resource person for the training was Ms. Laxmi who has hands-on experience in the field of MGNREGS and Forests Rights. The trainees were also shown many audio visual clips on leadership, government schemes and on model panchayat. The trainees particularly liked the movie clip on ‘Hiwre Bazaar’ gram panchayat. Hiwre Bazaar gram panchayat is one of the many ideal villages in India. The trainees were encouraged to ask questions in order to know more about the various government schemes and to clear their doubts about these schemes. The trainees were motivated to attend gram sabha regularly and to undertake discussion on various issues of concern in the gram sabha and also work out solutions during the discussions.

Capacity building of community leaders on role and responsibility of Gram Sabha inclusive of lost, last and least and organizing hamlet-wise micro-planning for all hamlets with PRA



Development of village-wise micro-plan is pivotal to implementation of project activities. Understanding the needs of the community, planning activities with the community and then implementing the planned activities will ensure overall development in the villages, convergence in programmes, optimum resource utilization and greater buy-in from the community based. Participatory planning methods such as resource mapping, transect walk, seasonality mapping and well-being ranking were used to understand the needs of the communities and to plan solutions with them. The next step will be put the plans in the form of wall painting so that the community members can use the painting as a basis for their discussion on implementation, community based monitoring of implementation of activities

and also for further planning. The process undertaken for micro-planning is capacity building of gram sabha members on the process of micro-planning and involving them in the process. The activity is 3-4 days activity which involves use of PRA tools and techniques and the output is in the form of a visual map of the village with planned solutions. Detailed note of the meetings is taken which would be further analyzed to complete village-wise micro-plans.



**Individual and Community Forest Rights**



Due to intensive work of the Harit Prayas team a total of 200 IFR and 3 CFR were completed and submitted to the District Administration of Ranchi District during the month of July and August. As per the District Administration, only NSVK submitted IFR and CFR claims for Ranchi District.



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