

Towards Self Reliance through Convergence Model in block Kartala District- Korba

This Convergence Model was started in block Kartala in the year 2010 in 4 villages viz. Badmaar, Koi, Champa and Chorbhatti with the help of a local NGO called Gram Bartori Vikas evem Shikshan Samiti (GBVSS). In the starting phase, many rounds of thorough discussions were held with tribal BPL families of aforementioned 4 villages.

In the process of motivating the tribal BPL families, these families were taken to other blocks to show the villages/agricultural fields (Vadis) where Convergence Model had already been implemented in previous years and to meet and know the experiences of other tribal BPL families. These exercises (discussions and exposure visits) had positive impact and tribal families started coming in front to be a part of Convergence Model. In this way, total 108 families had registered their name in the list of beneficiaries and made 9 beneficiary groups and 15 Self Help Groups.

Under Vadi Development programme of NABARD, 55 fruit plants (25 mango, 15 lemon and 15 cashew) were given to each beneficiary for their 1 acre land, pulse's seeds like Urad, Arhar and Til (235 kg each) were distributed among all the 9 groups of beneficiaries, Generator set and irrigation pipes were also distributed among the beneficiary groups. While 11000 Ber plants were purchased from forest department (at the rate of Re1per plant) and 11000 Karonda plants were purchased from nursery and distributed to all the 9 beneficiary groups for the live fencing and lac production in future. While 371 pipes for irrigation were purchased on 80% subsidy from agriculture department under Shakambari scheme and 1950 kg potatoes were given by horticulture department free of cost to cultivate in the Vadis of 108 acre of land. While fencing of 108 acre land was done by beneficiaries themselves. These families took advantage of technical guidance, resources and facilities and started cultivating vegetables, pulses and fruits and yielded a large quantity in returns which they are selling in the market and getting good returns.



Mainly two types of intercropping has been done in these 4 villages under Convergence Model. First is through Vadi approach (discussed above) while the other is through Kitchen Garden with the convergence of horticulture department. Kitchen Gardens are also the part of Convergence Model with the objective to enhance the quality of nutrition among BPL tribal families by increasing the calories in their diet.