

1. Months: February 2017 and March - 2017

2. Activities:

- **Vacant Land Farming and Harvesting**
- **Chicken Farming**
- **Group Goat Rearing:**
- **Card Making and Embroidery**
- **Women's Day Celebration (Skill Development Training)**
- **Training in Herbal Medicine**
- **Distribution of Ration Cards**
- **Training in Panchayati Raj**

3. Objectives:

- i. To provide alternative means of livelihood by group goat rearing, chicken farming and vacant land farming
- ii. To promote adivasi culture based on traditional food and enhance their dance and tradition
- iii. To supplement the families and members of SHG in the form of vacant land farming
- iv. To avail caste certificates and ration cards
- v. To update children in computer skills

4. Process Recording, Observation and Analysis/Learning Gains:

Vacant Land Farming and Harvesting

Eight SHGs have planted vegetables this year. It is happy to see that they are cultivating the fruit of hard work. They have planted bitter gourd, coriander, watermelon, brinjal, green beans, tomato, and chillis. The members of these eight groups are happy to see fruit of their hard work.

Since ages these adivasi people were working like bonded labourers and some of them used to make country liquor for their survival. Now they have within themselves a sense of satisfaction and contentment of having their own source of livelihood. After the constant trainings and guidance they have decided to save some money in their account. This will save them falling in vicious circle of debts from money lenders.

The beautiful result was seen in the lives of children who had sustained attendance in the school.

Chicken Farming

Chicken farming is in the blood of lives of Kathkari adivasis. Another 3 more SHGs were given one month old 4 each chicks for rearing in the back yard of the house. SHG women were happy to rear chickens. This time they are more happy because they already started getting eggs from the chickens.

Chicken farming is helping them to support family income. They do not need to purchase eggs from market for their consumption in families. This is a small effort where the tribal/adivasis learn to harvest little saving for their own families.

Group Goat Rearing:

Since ages Kathkari tribe/ adivasis are having goat rearing in their families. With the constant meeting with the Self Help Group Members we prepared three SHGs to have additional goats in their groups. The concept is very simple that these members of SHGs purchase one more each extra goats and try to multiply the number of their goats. The three SHG members were happy to rear goats as an alternative means of livelihood. Each goats bears one or two small babies every six months.

Group goat rearing is supporting the family income and the income of SHGs. This step is helping the women, family and groups financially and also helping the bond in a group.

Card Making and Embroidery

The Teachers of supplementary classes and the social workers totaling 16 participants were given training in card making and embroidery. The Kathkari Adivasis have creative mind which needs to be explored. The training helped them to find out and recognize the skills and resources they have within themselves. Gradually these teachers will be training the skill of making cards and embroidery in their respective villages.

Women's Day Celebration (Skill Development Training)

It was a small effort to celebrate women's day celebration. Only adolescent girls and women were called for the event. The event began with a prayer followed by speeches and inputs on women's empowerment. During the celebration the women were trained to make agarbatti (incense), soaps and gel candles. The result was seen immediately. The teachers purchased the material for making agarbatti, soap and candles. They will in turn teach the villagers in their respective villages.

The teachers of supplementary classes are in close like with villagers and the organization. The felt need of the adivasis are shared by the teachers.

Training in Herbal Medicine

The women of Mahagaon Adivasi hamlets are trained to make herbal medicine. Eleven women got trained in making herbal medicine and it will continue for another 2 months. These women make herbal medicine and they use for themselves and also sell the medicine. Many a times they didn't go to the hospital. When the hospitals are far from adivasi hamlets these home remedies are at the best.

Distribution of Ration Cards

Right to food security act gives them an ample of opportunity for the people of Kathkari adivasis/ tribals to get ration specially those who fall under the category of the BPL (below poverty line). We processed the forms and distributed 34 ration cards in 2 adivasi hamlets.

5. Future Plans:

- Finding scope for alternative means of livelihood
- Forming new SHGs and strengthening old SHGs
- Vegetable Cultivation
- Training in Panchyati Raj
- Chicken Farming
- Group Goat Rearing
- Computer Class
- Training in Jewelry making and embroidery