

Sanjivani

Sanjivani Project will be implemented in 10 tribal villages of Dhar Districts of Dharampuri Block coming under Dhani Centre, situated on the western side of Agra Mumbai National Highway. The location of the villages is about 100 Kms away from Indore. The selected villages are inhabited by tribal communities of Bhil, Bhilala, Banjara and Girwal tribes who are small and marginal farmers. The target communities are yet to recover from the adverse consequences of Covid -19 pandemic.

The proposed 10 villages were included during the implementation period of Saksham project earlier. During that time, the community was mobilized and groups were formed to participate in development programmes. SHGs for women, Farmers Clubs and Youth Groups were formed and strengthened for participating in community activities. They were given trainings on organic agriculture, millets cultivation, preparation of compost manure and pest repellents. The youth were mobilized to take part in cultural programmes, sports and community activities. Information was shared with the farmers about the danger of using chemical fertilizers/pesticides and high -yielding varieties of seeds which could harm the soil, water and environment. Large numbers of small farmers have given up the practice of using agro chemicals and H.Y.Vs of seeds due to heavy expenditures and other inputs.

The local farmers depend on rain fed agriculture during the monsoon season starting from June to September; it is known as Kharif crops which consist of maize, millets, Jowar, bajra, soya bean, cotton and vegetables. During the winter season the main crops are wheat, chana, potatoes, and vegetables. The winter crops are called Rabi cultivation. Water for the Rabi cultivation is taken from bore wells and ponds. The yield from the crops is very meagre and insufficient for an average family of six members to consume for a year. Due to this reason large numbers of tribal households migrate to other places searching for labour and income for livelihood during the off season.

Activities

- **Village level Orientation**
- **Demonstration based training**
- **Exposure visit**
- **Trainings on Mixed & Integrated Farming**
- **Training on millet cultivation**
- **Preparation of protein powder**
- **Promotion of Nutrition Garden**
- **Family Based mini nursery development of nutritionally important trees**
- **Liaising with Govt. & Agriculture department**
- **Training of community volunteers (Paani-Mitr, Krishi-mitr and Yojana-Mitr)**
- **Trainings on governance and schemes/programmes related to agriculture, FNS and livelihoods**
- **Food festivals and farm fests (at village clusters)**
- **Soil testing and orientation on sample reports**
- **Trainings on accountability and transparency measures**
- **Exploring market for organic food and grains in District places**