

Annual Report for the Year 2023

PREAMBLE

NIWAD Trust is very proud to present the Annual report at this pleasant occasion. We have achieved a lot with the support of Managing body, staffs, Donors and well-wishers.

PROGRAMS CARRIED OVER BY THE ORGANIZATION

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES

We have conducted Capacity Building Training, Leadership Training, Income generation training, making participation in social evils and community development works with the participation of local people in the villages. We have formed Women 221 women SHGs in Salem, Ayodhiapattinam, Kolathur Veerapandi and Panamarathupatti Mecheri blocks of Salem District.



ANIMATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING AND SHG MEMBERS' TRAINING & ENTREPRENEURS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

We conducted A&R training, EDP and SHG members training to the members and leaders of SHGs. Our community Resource persons were trained the participants on Group dynamic, Role and responsibilities of SHG members Representatives, Book keeping, Maintenance of registers, Group auditing, Bank Linkages, collective procurement and marketing techniques.



S.NO	Existing Institutions in NIWAD	No. of Units	No. of Members
1.	SHGs	221	3315
2.	JLGs /Farm and Non-Farm sector	380	3800
3	Weavers CIGs	20	200
4.	Farmers Clubs	74	1480
5.	Federation	3	540
6.	FPCL (4)	3000	3000
	Total	14635	14635

THRIFT AND CREDIT PROGRAMME

Promoted SHGs, JLGs, FIGs, WIGs CIGs are availing credit through commercial banks (The program supported by NABARD as JLGPI) as a Business correspondent of Bank of Baroda, as a sub agent of ESAF Small finance bank .we are promoted activity based groups to farm and non-farm sectors and so for 5500 beneficiaries were availed repeated credit and setup their micro enterprises.



CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING AND SKILL TRAINING PROGRAM

NIWAD facilitating skill training to SHG women and Farmers under Garments making, Agro based activities, Poultry, Milch Animals, Agriculture activity on vermi compost, Azola, Livestock Improvement, floriculture, Plant cultivation, herbal plantation, Nursery raising, Food products packages and sales and other marketing Coir products and bargaining skills. The programme being supported by NABARD, Ministry of Coir Board, Department of Tribal Welfare and Department of Agriculture / TNAU.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE TRAINING

The training given to the farmers on organic farming techniques, inputs, irrigation, Pest and Disease control, compost management, cultivation methods, crop management, Hydroponic, Apiculture, Harvesting, seeds, storage and marketing, Water and soil conservation, water management and demonstration in their model farm established by the State Government. The farmers visited the models created by the horticulture department in organic farm and learned the practices followed in their land. The models are like bunds formation, cropping pattern, composting, Liquid Manure and Pesticide Modules.



FARMERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

We formed Farmers Club with the support of NABARD in three villages all blocks of Salem District. We organized training on integrated farming system, Livestock development, fodder improvement, Alternative Local Food System, Network of Organic markets, Other commodity based trainings, community managed forest for carbon trade, improving response farming to climate changes, a blend of traditional and improved practices, Farmers Dairy. Our farmers exposed the models and learnt the practices followed in their lands.



AGRO FORESTRY PROGRAMME

- SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION TRAINING
- ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SHED PROGRAM
- AGRO FORESTRY PROGRAM

TRIBAL LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our livelihood support program means to provide sustainable livelihood and reducing vulnerability among tribal there by improving the living standards and conditions of the population in Panamarathupatty and Ayothiapattinam Block of Salem. There by encouraging them for restoration for of ecological balance in the village through sustained community action for the operation and maintenance of assets created. Assistance provided to the families of those who willing to do dairy, agriculture activity floricultures an economic activity that the people are already familiar with and due to its remunerative nature. Assistance offered to SHGs/ JLGs/ members through Linkages with Back ended schemes for better convergence.



TBGP Tamilnadu biodiversity conservation and greening Project

The Project consists of conducting socio economic survey in prescribed format supplied by the Forest Department , Participatory Rural Appraisal – PRA , Micro Planning , Formation of village Forest council , nursery raising, tree planting , formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) , promoting small saving and micro credit , income generation training for alternate livelihood , revolving loan fund and recovery , conducting line department campaigns , Water conservation activities ,Percolation pond construction, Creating of social assets , marketing the products and facilitating to implement the programs with the collaboration of forest departments , soil and water conservation, organizing farmers collectives and case study preparation and Micro plan submission.

Sustainable Agriculture programme and Solid waste management programme

It is a State Level network organized by our trust sustainable Agriculture, activity involves training support on Integrated farm management to the farmers, fodder hedges, Bio-mass production units, composting , herbal solution preparation and application, orchard forming, small animal rearing, seed banking, household garbage collection, segregation, bunding composting / vermin composting Awareness building on degradable and non-degradable watershed management, Green and environment awareness in schools, Commodity interest group formation and collectives .

NIWAD as a POPI Producers Organization Promotion Institution...

We NIWAD promoted Farmers Producers organizations with the guidelines of NABARD, in the name of Arunuthumalai Farmers Producers Organization, NIWAD Farmers Producers Organization from (APF), Salem Milk Producers Organization Company Ltd, Thuvaraka Collective Farmers Producers Company limited and working as Cluster Promotional organization in EDI for Hand loom and silk Producers Organization in our district.





MSDA - Mission on Sustainable Dry Land Agriculture

NIWAD is the facilitating organization in implementing the project in the district of Salem. The project will follow the *participatory approach*, actively involving all sections of the community at every stage with preference to women and other vulnerable groups in the society. This will facilitate sustainability by creating a feeling of ownership for resources created with project assistance. It will also demonstrate effective land use practices on common and private land. Implicit in this approach will be sharing of costs and benefits by beneficiaries. The role of project staff will be to provide technical guidance and facilitate rather than implement. Hence the staff will work towards capacity building of village level institutions to enable them to manage their resources. The project will adopt low cost and farmer friendly interventions directed towards *conservation* of soil and water. A holistic farming systems approach that suits the farm unit/ farming household will be followed. The intention is to demonstrate how appropriate low cost farming practice (land based and household based including animal husbandry interventions) and soil and moisture conservation techniques can improve the condition of marginal and small farmers under dry land condition.

The strategies in the policy for sustainable water management would include interventions such as

- Rainwater harvesting for ground water recharge to stabilize drinking water and irrigation wells in the dry land areas.
- Creation of community water harvesting structures like percolations Ponds, village ponds.
- Scientific use of water by introducing water saving irrigation methods like Drip and Sprinkler irrigation.

Tamil Nadu is one of water stressed States where per capita availability of water is only 750 cubic meters compared to all India average of 2200 cubic meter. There is no perennial river in the State. Out of

48.19 lakh hectares of net area cultivated, 27.26 lakh hectares only gets irrigation. The balance 44% area i.e., **20.93 lakh hectares is rainfed**. Dry land agriculture **refers to cultivation of crops entirely dependent on receipt of rainfall**. Dry land areas are characterized by low and erratic rainfall and no assured irrigation facilities. Most of the coarse grain crops, Pulses and Oilseeds are grown in these lands and about 40% of food grains come from dry land. Large number of farmers depends on dry land agriculture for their livelihood. Hence, sustainability in dry land farming assumes more importance for the upliftment of the farming community.

National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC)

CLIMATE PROFFING ACTIVITIES IN RAINFED WATERSHEDS” ATB ATTUR AND THALAIVASAL CLUSTERS

Sl. No	Subject Covered	Contents	Number of Beneficiaries
1	Project and Programme Information	Introduction and Situational Overview and Climate Change Scenarios- Existing Climate Risk, Impact and Probability of Occurrence- Likely Implications of Climate Change on Soil and Water Resources, crop production and productivity	4650
2	Project / Programme Objectives	Creation of awareness on climate change - adaptation and sharing the learning to wider audience- Improving adaptation to climate variability- Promoting climate resilient farming system - diversification of livelihoods engaging community and their associations- Reducing climate change vulnerability- Project / Programme Components, Projected Calendar	
3	Soil and water management activities	Improved soil and water regime for better crop productivity- various water harvest and storage structures , Specific Activities to implement the soil and water management measures	
4	Introducing new farming techniques in the water scarce situations.	High yielding and climate resilient varieties, Growing alternate crops, Inter- cropping / Mixed Cropping / Rotational Cropping, Integrated Farming System, organic agriculture, Vermicomposting, green manure and Green leaf manure, Bio fertilizers,	

5	Promotion of Horticulture n plantation	Micro irrigation- Vegetable Cultivation in poly houses - Backyard Kitchen Garden- Afforestation and Pasture land development , Plantation of fuel/fodder trees in silvipasture sites, Avenue Plantation, Pitcher irrigation, Agro-forestry	
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		for carbon sequestration,	
6	Promotion of Cattle and Poultry	Cattle rearing, Farmyard manuring and compost making, Fodder Development, Creation of pasture group and fodder bank , Grass seeding in pasture and silvipasture system - potentiality for alternate green fodder like azolla, Biogas (Application of bio-slurry) Integrating animal component with agriculture,	
7	Community activity for livelihood improvement	Increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancement and improved access to financial services - linking Self Help Groups (SHGs) women To sustainable livelihood support.	

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- Made into a thrust program, to guide and support inclusive development, women's empowerment, tribal aspiration and development, forest conservation, environment, livelihood promotion, skill development for value addition, tribal culture, eco and ethno tourism, etc.,
- To strengthen the network, the details of the tribal gatherers, primary production units and subsequent secondary and tertiary units and their operations shall be digitized on to single platform.

CONCLUSION

NIWAD Express its gratitude to the well-wishers for their contribution and support in the implementation of activities the "Just social order".