

## Meeting on Agriculture

**Date** : 7th October 2006  
**Time** : 2.30 pm to 6:35 p.m.  
**Venue** : 313, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

### Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Discussion on NGOs activities in agriculture field in Post Tsunami Phase

### Introduction

Mr. Chandra Mohan – Sector Head Agriculture Sector welcomed the representatives from different NGOs who were present. For the benefit of new comers, the process so far has been explained. In the first year following the tsunami, a comprehensive was introduced to reclaim farm from salinity. It involved immediate, short term and long term activities and common works like clearance of irrigation/drainage channels and common ponds. In the second year, apart from crop management incorporating trees and animals in the farm is also ensured in NGO plans. That is focus is given on different farming systems and on integrating farming system. Thus the activities of the NGOs mainly in terms of capacity building, and implementation s to be discussed in this forum.

## NGOs Sharing

### 1. CREATE

#### *Training*

- Milch animal and goat rearing training
- Demonstration on Vermi compost
- Azolla production
- Herbal pesticide [ demonstration unita with 5 farmers]
- Pachakavya amirtha karaisal

#### Distribution

- 2 goats per farmer, like wise for 96 farmers were given 192 goats.
- Distribution of traditional seeds

### 2. TMSSS

#### *Awareness / Training*

- Awareness creation on Organic Farming
- Cash for work – to reclamate farm ponds, in Kameshwaram and Pushpavanam.

### 3. AVVAI

#### Ploughing

#### Cash for work – farm ponds in Sirkazhi, Sembanar koil and Kollidam blocks.

#### Training on Vermi compost for 3 villages in Poompuhar, benefiting 120 farmers. They will be further doing this training for 30 villages.

#### They will be raising around 300 vermi compost units for which

they will be providing only the worms at 500 numbers per unit.

- Seed Bank to benefit 4 villages wherein the NGO will supply necessary seeds and later on the farmer has to put it back in the seed bank. So far they have distributed 15,000 Kgs such seeds.
- Horticulture – Mango, gooseberry, cashew nut, Sapota for 20 villages covering 2 blocks and benefitting 680 farmers.

#### 4. PEDDA

Their activities cover three villages Erkutanchery, Sathangudi, Manickapangu.

- Cash for work – 3km canal desilting from Erukatchery to Sathangudi.
- Increasing size, deepening and broadening of wells in Vellakollam.
- Land reclamation for 55 acres benefitting 55 farmers.

Erukatchery - 25 acres

Sathangudi - 15 acres

Manickapangu - 15 acres

- Ploughing with cultivator 4 times
- Trenching
- 40 kg seed of the variety ADT 38 and 1 Kg pricing Rs.15
- They also provide a package of the following per acre
  - Urea – 2 bags
  - MOP – 35 Kg
  - DAP – 1 bag.
- Kitchen garden training for 150 SHGs and they have deputed one gardener who will take care of it.
- 7 trees per 1 acre for 3 villages, and so 5600 trees for 800 families.

## 5. Sevalaya

The activities where in 5 villages i.e. P.R.Puram, Kameshwaram, Vizhundamavadi, Pudhupalli , Vettakaran iruppu are as follows

- Farm Ponds reclaimed – 426 no.s
- 426 Farm pond reclamation
- Ploughing twice
- Green manuring in Situ
- Distributed 2 goats for 90 farmers i.e. 180 goats totally.
- Distributed 50 cows to 50 farmers.
- Training on Mushroom cultivation.

## 6. Tofarm

They work with 9 villages Koolaiyar, Kumar peetam, Thirunagiri, Thirumalaivasal, North Palpanaicheri, South Palpanaicheri, Nagore, Mela Nagore, and Thethi. benefitting 1021 farmers.

- Constructed a model for Integrated farming system
- 100 farmers were given training on Organic farming practices.
- 100 farmers were given training on Vermi composting
- 100 farm ponds were dug benefitting 100 farmers
- Have distributed Navadhanya seeds for 100 farmers.
- They have constituted a seed bank.
- The main objective of constituting of seed banks is to stop the farmers moving away from farming.
- Bio fencing by planting Bio mas trees and fodder bunds.

## 7. VENTURE

They are working mainly in two Panchayats Pushpavanam and Periyakuthagai.

- ☑ Manual ploughing
- ☑ Provided Bio inputs
- ☑ Vermi compost pits.
- ☑ Distributed traditional seeds.
- ☑ Panchakavya
- ☑ Seed production for 40 acres.
- ☑ 66 farm ponds
- ☑ Raising nursery.
- ☑ Model farming for Nursery and for paddy cultivation.
- ☑ Training of trainers through Farmers field school for paddy cultivators, Azolla production, Panchakavya, Amirtha Karaisal.
- ☑ For Dalit Labourers they have distributed goats (NGO said they will give the details later).

#### 8. RIM

They said that they will be starting to work only from the 3rd week of October.

#### 9. CIKS

They work in Siddivinayapuram

- ☑ Ploughing of 40 acres 4 times.
- ☑ SGT testing done
- ☑ Traditional seeds of paddy the varieties are Sivarkuruvikar, Suranuruvai, Senbala, Mutukar, and Kundhali.
- ☑ 15 vermi compost [7 X 3 X1.5 (ft)]
- ☑ Bore well dug
- ☑ One skimming well in Koozhayar
- ☑ Provided Earth worms at 5 kg per tank.
- ☑ Kitchen gardening for 40 beneficiaries.

- ☑ Training on Livestock and organised a veterinary camp.
- ☑ Survey on weeds species used for medicinal purposes.
- ☑ Conducting training for other NGOs too.

To conclude Mr.Chandramohan stated that Activity formats as asked by the Government (Relief Commissioner & Director of Agriculture) have been sent to their respective NGOs and the representatives who have attended were asked ensure it be sent back to NCRC at the earliest. It was discussed that the next meeting for this will be on last week of this month.

Further he also asked the NGO s if they have taken sample for soil test and if not to take sample by 15 days time.