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## **FOREWORD**

We are happy to share the Annual Report of AVISHKAR NGO, Tumkur, for the year 2017-18. The NGO has got an opportunity to serve rural communities in the talukas of Koratagere, Gubbi, Kunigal Madhugiri, Sira, Pavagada and Tumkur talukas of Tumkur district through various projects. The NABARD sponsored FPO, Watershed Development, FSPF, JLGs and Farmers Clubs projects have performed well during 2017-18.

The organization has started the CBP activities in Shivanagere sub watershed area covering five villages in Dodderi hobli, Madhugiri taluka of Tumkur district. Activities like formation of village watershed committee, exposure visits, net planning, voluntary Shramadhan of repair of existing gokatte, Desilting of tanks and implementation of watershed works in 112 ha. The organization is selected for NABARD supported Jal Jeevan Hai Campaign in 2017 and successfully completed the campaign in 250 villages of in Koratagere and Tumkur talukas of Tumkur district. AVISHKAR is selected as associate project consultant agency for NABCONS, for third party evaluation of farm ponds excavated under krishi bhagya project.

The farmers clubs are actively engaged in development programmes at village level. These clubs are playing active role in the implementation of development projects with the support from line department. The two FPOs promoted at Yelarampura Grama panchayath of Koratagere taluka and Aregujjanahalli Grama panchayath of Tumkur taluka are progressing well. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the NABARD, Tumkur for support and cooperation extended to the organization.

The NGO has provided training and consultancy services to local NGOs in Tumkur and other districts. Hand holding services to watershed communities, organized capacity building activities for the SHGs etc. Provided the monitoring and consultancy services for NABARD sponsored projects in the Karnataka State. We express our gratitude for all organizations who have supported AVISHKAR.

We sincerely thank the members of FPOs, SHGs, farmers clubs and JLGs and other community based organizations, who have extended support and cooperation in the effective and smooth implementation of all the projects during the year.

It is our pleasure to sincerely acknowledge the determined and dedicated services of our employees who have put in sincere and hard efforts to achieve the results. We extend our sincere gratitude for the well wishers of the organization for their generous support and cooperation.

## 1. FIELD EXTENSION PROGRAMMES:

**1.1. FARMERS PRODUCERS ORGANIZATIONS (FPO) PROJECT:** AVISHKAR is implementing Farmers Producer Organization Project (FPO) at Yelampura Grama panchayath of Koratagere taluka and Aregujanahalli Gramapanchayath of Tumkur taluka of Tumkur district. The project has sponsored by NABARD, Bangalore. The FPO project is covering 800 farmers in nine villages of Yelampura Grama panchayath, Koratagere taluka Tumkur district and 1000 farmers in ten villages of Aregujanahalli Grama panchayath, Tumkur taluka of Tumkur district.

### FPO PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ To organize the farmers and bring them into the institutional set up (FPO).
- ❖ To provide inputs and services related to agriculture.
- ❖ Facilitate bulk sale and procurement of inputs for agriculture
- ❖ To develop market linkages with wholesale traders, companies, production units and avoid the middlemen interference.
- ❖ To train the farmers on improved agriculture technologies and practices.
- ❖ To establish linkages with formal and informal institutions to mobilize the resources.
- ❖ To encourage farmers for value addition for agricultural produces.
- ❖ To support the farmers to produce bi-products from the agricultural produces.



### NGO activities:

- Mobilize the farmers in to farmer's interest groups (FIG) at the village level and build FPOs to plan and implement product specific cluster/ commercial crop cycles.
- Training and capacity building of farmers for productivity enhancement
- Production and marketing –design ,support and market linkages
- Ensure appropriate systems and support to ensure compliance with statutory authorities, donors, banking and internal governance systems
- Ensure access to and usage of quality inputs and services for intensive agriculture enhancing cluster competitiveness
- Facilitate access to fair and remunerative markets including linking producer groups to marketing opportunities by market aggregators

**PROGRESS AS ON MARCH-2018:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Achievement	
		Sri Marikamba Farmers Producers Company Limited	Gramachethana Farmers Producers Company Limited.
1.	Awareness meetings/ village meetings	12	10
2.	Farmers share collection	<b>Rs 259600</b>	<b>Rs 245300</b>
3.	FPO farmers training programme conducted	02	02
4.	BOD meetings conducted	09	08
5.	BOD trainings conducted	01	01
6.	CEO trainings conducted	01	01
7.	FPO- farmers digitalization	256	256
8.	Exposure visits conducted	01	01
9.	Convergence activities/ demonstrations with KVK, Hirehalli	32 farmers	39 farmers
10.	Business activities	Supply of agriculture seeds, fertilizers cattle feed, tarpaulin business. Procurement of Ragi and other agriculture produces.	Jack fruit processing, supply of agriculture seeds, fertilizers cattle feed, procurement of amla, beans seeds and tarpaulin business.



**1.2. NABARD- WDF WATERSHED PROJECT:** AVISHKAR organization is implementing Shivanagere sub watershed development in five villages in Dodderi hobli, Madhugiri taluka of Tumkur district. The NGO is responsible for motivating and involving the village community in planning and implementing the watershed development project through village watershed committee (VWC). The current year the project is in the capacity building phase (CBP). Activities are started for creating awareness about the project, formation of village watershed committee (VWC), exposure visits, net planning, voluntary Shramadhan of repair of existing gokatte, delisting of tanks and implementation of watershed works in 112 ha.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:**

- ❖ To increase the productivity of land by suitable conservation measures and management of rain water, soil and biodiversity.
- ❖ To build capacity of watershed community to ensure their participation in watershed development activities.
- ❖ To increase the agricultural production by providing suitable agricultural technology, trainings and crop demonstrations
- ❖ To improve the economic level of vulnerable families by creating suitable employment opportunities.
- ❖ To ensure quality, equality and transparency by encouraging community participation in watershed works.



**Cumulative progress as March 2018:**

SL.NO.	ACTIVITIES	UNIT	ACHIEVEMENT
1.	Villages covered	Nos	05
2.	Watershed Area	Ha	1356
3.	Village meetings conducted	Nos	09
4.	Existing SHG meetings	Nos	16
5.	Base line survey conducted	Families	250
6.	No of Exposure visit conducted	Nos	01
7.	No of watershed committee formed	Nos	01
8.	No of days shramadaan conducted	Days	26
9.	Family agreements taken	Nos	230
10.	CBP- Net planning completed	Farmers	96
11.	Number of families involved in Shramadhan	Families	508
12.	Desilting of tanks/ gokattes through shramadaan	Nos	05

**1.3. NABARD- FSPF PROJECT:** FSPF- Productivity enhancement in Finger millet and promotion of minor millets is under implementation in three villages of Sethakallu gramapanchayath of Tumkur taluka of Tumkur district. The project was sponsored by NABARD, Bangalore. Under this project the activities initiated in the project villages are community mobilization activities, collecting the base line data, attending village meetings, training and capacity building programmes, soil testing, crop demonstrations and construction of vermicompost pits.

**Objectives of project:**

- To enhance the productivity of Ragi (Finger millet) through innovative technologies
- To create awareness about importance of minor millets and promotion of minor millets
- To build the capacity of millet producers to successfully manage the farming systems
- Establish market linkages for minor millets and other produces.





**PROGRESS AS ON 31.03.2018:**

Sl.No	Activities	Units	Progress as on 31.3.2018
1	Villages covered	Numbers	03
2	Farmers supported	Numbers	30
3	Village meetings	Numbers	03
4	Baseline data	Farmers	93
5	Training on productivity enhancement	Numbers	02
6	Training on soil testing	Numbers	01
7	Training on soil health cards distribution	Numbers	01
8	Construction of vermicomposting units	Numbers	02
9	Earthworms for Vermicomposting	Farmers	02
10	Demonstrations of new varieties	farmers	06

**1.4. NABARD- SAVE THE WATER CAMPAIGN:** The organization has been selected for **NABARD launched Jal Jeevan Hai Campaign in 2017**. The Campaign focuses on the important theme of water and agriculture with emphasis on the need for water conservation, preservation and its efficient management. The key themes include rain water harvesting, ground water recharge, efficient technologies and practices for water management, agronomic practices and community level techniques and technologies. In this regard, the organization has conducted save the water campaign programmes in 250 villages in Koratagere and Tumkur talukas of Tumkur district. The following activities were carried out.



- Identification of Jaladoots in project villages
- Training and capacity building programme for Jaladoots
- Preparation for village wise action plans with Jaladoots
- Preparation for IEC materials for save the water campaign programme
- Organizing day in a village programmes for save the water campaign.
- Resource mapping and jalsamvad with farmers, SHGs and youth groups
- Focus group discussion (FGD) with SHGs and farmers groups regarding water and its importance in agriculture
- Walkathon with school children's and villagers regarding to create awareness among villagers about the water conservation.



#### PROJECT PROGRESS AS MARCH 2018:

SL.NO.	ACTIVITIES	UNIT	ACHIEVEMENT
1.	Talukas covered	Nos	2
2.	Villages covered	Nos	250
3.	Training on Save the Water Campaign for Jaladoots	Nos	03
4.	Village meetings conducted	Nos	236
5.	Walkathon conducted	Villages	250
6.	Agriculture & water Resource mapping	Nos	250
7.	Focus Group Discussion with farmers	Nos	243
8.	Focus Group Discussion with SHGs	Nos	162
9.	Jal Samvaad with village volunteers & farmers	Nos	250
10.	Convergence with line departments schemes	Farmers	34

### Impact of the programme:

- Awareness about the need for soil and water conservation
- Community participation in the campaign was good and response of community was excellent,
- Created importance of natural resources, traditional knowledge techniques and scope available for water conservation.
- After the campaign around 56 farmers have submitted application to Grama Panchayath for soil and water conservation works under MGNREGA scheme.
- Women SHGs were actively participated in campaign Jalsamvad and resource mapping activities.
- All the Jaldoots are taking responsibility in village development programmes and convergence with line departments
- School children's were actively participated in the walkathon.

**2. FARMER CLUB PROGRAMME:** The organization has continued its services for strengthening of farmers clubs. During the current year effort is being made to upgrade the skills and capacities of the farmers through training and capacity building. Presently 19 farmers clubs are actively engaged in various village and agriculture development activities. During the current year, the NGO has facilitated the farmers clubs to avail various services and benefits from the line departments, Banks and KVKs etc.

- 59 farmers from Thanganahalli and D.Nagenahalli have got field level demonstrations support for seeds, planting material and fertilizers under NICRA project. KVK Hirehalli.
- BRG-4 varieties of Red gram seeds were supplied to 16 small and marginal farmers in Kadaranahalli and Janupanahalli village for sowing during the monsoon season. Farmers have experienced good yield and now the demand for the seeds has increased.
- 12 farmers have adopted seed treatment in Red gram crop with bio fertilizer Rizobium.
- 25 farmers have applied trichoderma viride with farm yard manure before sowing the different crops
- 13 farmers have used new Ragi variety ML365 this has resulted in good yield.
- Five farmers got support for farm ponds under Krishi bhagya project
- Three farmers got vermicompost units with the convergence from Agriculture department



### PROGRESS AS ON MARCH 2018:

SL.NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVEMENT
1.	No of Farmer clubs formed	10
2.	Membership	158
3.	Training on organic farming & composting techniques	35
4.	Farmers supported for soil testing services	57
5.	Farmers linked to Agriculture and Horticulture department	54
6.	Farmers linked to Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Hirehalli	40
7.	Farmers linked to Banks	32
8.	Farmers provided support under organic farming techniques	16
9.	Farmers clubs digitalization	10

**3. JOINT LIABILITY GROUPS (JLG):** The organization has continued its services on formation of new JLGs and strengthening of JLGs through training and capacity building programmes. The project for the formation of Joint Liability Groups (JLG) is under implementation in Tumkur and Koratagere talukas of Tumkur district covering 38 villages.

The project was sponsored by NABARD, Tumkur. The staff has motivated the JLG members to audit the group books by project staff regularly. The organization has trained group representatives on book keeping and financial management and leadership qualities. Internal lending was started in all the groups. All JLG members have started income generation activities like agriculture development, rearing of dairy animals, hotel business, vegetable vending, tamarind business and petty shops. All the JLGs are functioning well with regular meetings.



### Progress as on 31.03.2018:

Sl.No	Activities	Units	Achievement
1	Taluka covered	No	02
2	Villages covered	No	38
3	JLGs formed	No	107
4	Number of JLGs bank linked	No	73
5	Total amount of loan availed	Rs	1.12 crore
6	Repayment	%	89
7	Number of JLGs bank linked- II linkage	No	23
8	Training on IGA activities	No	20
9	Training on book keeping	No	19

**4. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:** Women's empowerment is the key to progress in rural communities and has proved highly effective vehicle for change in all sectors. Through nurturing women's SHGs, farmers clubs and JLGs, AVISHKAR encourages women to become more active in social and political spheres and to advocate for gender equity in their community. AVISHKAR also supports agriculture based income generative training programmes. During the year the organization has focused on strengthening the women groups through training and capacity building programmes and providing bank linkage to SHGs and JLGs. During the year the following women development activities were carried out.



- 36 SHGs and 18 JLGs have been linked with Banks and other micro finance institutions for taking up various livelihood activities
- Conducted two days training programme for book keeping and financial management.
- Sensitized the members about government programmes and motivating them to involve in all the village development activities.



**5. CONSULTANCY SERVICES:** The NGO is providing consultancy and training services to the local NGOs, interested farmers and government departments. Following activities were carried out during the year.

- The organization has provided consultancy services for Tumkur-Davanagere Railway Project Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and base line survey in 10 villages of Sira taluka of Tumkur district, Karnataka.
- The organization has provided consultancy services for Yettinahole drinking Water Project Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and base line survey in 33 villages of Koratagere and Tumkur taluka of Tumkur district, Karnataka.
- Provided training and consultancy services to dept of agriculture, watershed development dept, local NGOs, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK).

**5.1. KRISHIBHAGYA FARM POND EVALUATION:** The organization has been selected as associate project consultant agency for NABCONS, Bangalore for the process and concurrent third party evaluation of Krishi Bhagya farm pond evaluation of the department of Agriculture. The project was implemented in five talukas in Tumkur district. The core activities of the assignment are,

- To conduct third party inspection of Krishi Bhagya farm ponds as per questionnaire format
- Upload the data/ photo through mobile APP at farmer's field level.
- Field Verification of works and documentation.
- Monitoring and providing necessary suggestions
- Data entry and report submission.

## **6. TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING:**

**6.1. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGY (CAT):** During the year the organization has conducted CAT- exposure visit for Farmer club members of Hiredoddawadi, Durgadahalli and Halugondanahalli villages of Tumkur taluka of Tumkur District. The exposure visit was conducted with the support from NABARD, Bangalore. Totally 22 participants from the three farmer clubs have participated in the exposure visit programme. The Exposure visit objective is to promote organic farming, sustainable agriculture and tree based farming for farmers club members.

### **Objectives of the CAT programme:**

- To expose the farmers on soil and water conservation methods mainly on, bunding, dry land farming, dry land horticulture and adoption of organic farming practices
- To provide an opportunity to interact with organic farmers and progressive farmers and learn their experience for adoption in their lands.
- To provide an opportunity to interact with dairy farmers and learn the systems
- To enable the farmer club members to understand the various aspects of integrated farming systems, soil and water conservation, horticulture plantation and fodder development.

The development approaches in general and the training programmes in particular are so designed to focus on building the skills and management capacity of the participants both

at the individual and collective levels. During the year, AVISHKAR has organized the following training programmes. Totally 318 farmers have participated in the trainings

Sl.No.	Name of the training	No of trainings conducted	No of participants participated.
1.	Integrated farming systems	2	36
2.	Soil and water conservation and Soil testing	5	74
3.	IPM and INM in vegetable crops	2	27
4.	Vermicomposting	1	23
5.	Organic farming	4	64
6	Watershed management	2	35
7	Live stock management	2	33
8.	SHG concept and Book keeping	2	26

#### 6.2. DETAILS OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO) PROMOTED:

Sl.No.	Type of the CBOs promoted	Achievement
1	Farmers producers company limited	02
2.	Vegetable growers association	04
3.	Joint liability groups (JLG)	96
4.	Women SHGs	165
5.	Farmer clubs	17
6.	Women farmer clubs	02
7.	Farmers interest groups	174
8.	Village watershed committee (VWC)	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>461</b>

**7. PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING WITH DIFFERENT AGENCIES:** The NGO has participated and facilitated in the various programmes organized by local NGOs, research organizations and government departments

- Participated in the District millet mela held on 04.03.2018 held at Gubbi Veeranna conference hall, Tumkur, organized by Agriculture department.
- Participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory committee meeting on 28.03.2017 held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Hirehalli, Tumkur district.
- Participated in the state level review workshop for farmer's Producer's organizations (FPO) held at NABARD regional office, Bangalore.

**9. SUMMARY OF ON GOING PROJECTS**

S.NO	Project name	Sponsored by	Project location	Villages covered	Families covered
1	Watershed Development project (WDF)	NABARD, Bangalore	Madhugiri taluka, Tumkur district.	05	963
2	Productivity enhancement in Finger millet ( FSPF Project)	NABARD, Bangalore	Tumkur taluka, Tumkur district.	03	300
3.	Save the water campaign (JALAVE JEEVANA)	NABARD, Bangalore	Koratagere and Tumkur talukas of Tumkur district	250	-
3	FARMERS PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION (FPO PROJECT)	NABARD, Bangalore	Tumkur and Koratagere taluka of Tumkur district.	22	1600
4	FORMATION AND STRENGTHENING OF FARMERS CLUBS AND JLGS	NABARD, Bangalore	Tumkur and Koratagere taluka of Tumkur district.	36	960
5	EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN THROUGH SHGS AND JLGS:	KVR construction, Bangalore	Tumkur and Koratagere taluka of Tumkur district	69	3890

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