

Minutes on village level meeting

Date: 02.03.06

Place: Pushpavanam

Time: 7.15 to 9.35 p.m

Introduction:

The Pushpavanam VIC has organized a village level meeting on 02.03.06 at Pushpavanam govt. high school. The agricultural team and Mr.V.Srinivasan participated in this meeting, made introduction about themselves and NCRC. And Srinivasan introduced himself and small explanation about VIC and its functions then we had interaction with community to get progress on NGO implementing activities last year and planning for next season.

Agenda points:

There are four major agenda points discussed in this meeting as given below

- Review on last two taluk level meeting
- Planning for next season
- Training
- Issues

Participants:

In this village meeting fourteen progressive farmers participated. Among these participants two TFSHG leaders and secretary participated. And one leader of the Dhan's group, one ward member also participated.

Review:

We asked farmers about last two taluk level meeting and how many people participated both meeting. Farmers said that most of the farmers in this meeting participated both taluk and district level meeting. Then question raised to farmers what happened both meetings.

In first taluk level meeting organized at Mariappan Thirumana Mandapam participation of all government departments, NGOs, and farmers attended in that meeting briefly explained effect of tsunami and land reclamation package activities and NGOs surviving areas and allocation of working organizations.

In second meeting discussed about NGOs implementing activities, any uncovered area in those areas and issues related to reclamation activities. And sharing of immediate, short and long term land reclamation activities. And impact of flood damage.

Allotted NGOs:

- ❖ CYDA
- ❖ TMSSS
- ❖ Bharathi
- ❖ CASA

Review of NGOs implementing activities:

* In this village, Thumachi Kadu hamlet, CYDA entered with 20 farmers working along with 40 acres, ploughing, supply of farm yard manure, and cleaning of farm ponds. Bharathi had done Sand cast removal only in this area.

Issue: in this hamlet few farmers are left out.

* The second hamlet on 'Pethukutti theru' the CASA organisation observed the sand cast and,

- **Bit Tsunami** removed the sand cast.
- Bharathi formed one SHG in that had 20 farmers membership. They has done ploughing work, supply of farm yard manure two load per acre, and supply of 40 kg saline tolerant seeds. And help age scheme they distributed 20 cows. All the implementing activities done by above the 55 age groups.
- TMSSS had did 130 farm ponds cleaning work and supply fertilizers on DAP. Potassium.

We are asked any left out area there in this area. Farmers said that not much of putta lands but few common lands farmers cultivated that's left out.

* Third hamlet is 'Kanchamalaikkadu' in this area first entered by CYDA they discussed farmers about their felt needs and requirement then formulated rules and regulation on farmers' contribution, using labors for same wage basics and everything in strict manner. Farmers agreed all formalities then they did ploughing work, supply of manure and supply of seeds.

Other activities:

The CYDA and Bit tsunami had done three school buildings and distributed bench and chairs in the estimation of 25 lacs budget.

Which NGOs still continue their work here?

CASA build permanent shelters

DHAN is planning to give loan 80% for cleaning of channels in future.

World Vision came last week to get details for farmers required training programees.

Farmers felt that in this area lot of coconut trees are affected by 'Red spider'. They have asked the NGO how to manage the red spider mite. Horticulture crops on mango, cashew nut plants growth and production process. And also production process of bio diesel plants and facilitation marketing. And give training on producing herbal chase in 'Karu Nochi, Kathalai, procedure of export to other countries. Then they were planning to make exposure trips on institutional visit for two members in each SHG.

Suggestion:

Mr.Srinivasan asked are you hope bio diesel plants match in this area. Farmers said yes surely said that crop much better on this area. Then he said I had good relation with bio diesel specialists in Chennai I asked to visit this area then to do something.

Paddy harvest:

Farmers told in this year crop yield is we got one bags per acre. Some top of places yielding little better.

We asked reason for reducing yielding whether tsunami or flood effect?

Farmers said that we surely not able to compare tsunami and flood but before four years the same flood occur during that time we got 50% of the yielding. Now after tsunami disaster we spread over the seeds crops well perform but after flood the crops are totally destroyed. After tsunami 50% crop performance is surviving but paddy grain is not well perform.

In future how many NGOs should work the same area?

Farmers said that has plan to work reclamation work in next season and World Vision collected data for restructuring drainage channels but we don't know whether they worked or not.

What are the alternative methods should use removal of remaining salinity:

Farmers felt that we plant mangrove crops on paddy cultivation lands.
We put bund sand on half feet level in cultivable lands.
After harvest we plan to cultivate alternative plants

The sector head delivered very brief explanation about integrated agricultural cultivation method and long term activities on importance of bio mass tree plantation and growing of cattle's and maintaining of soil structure.

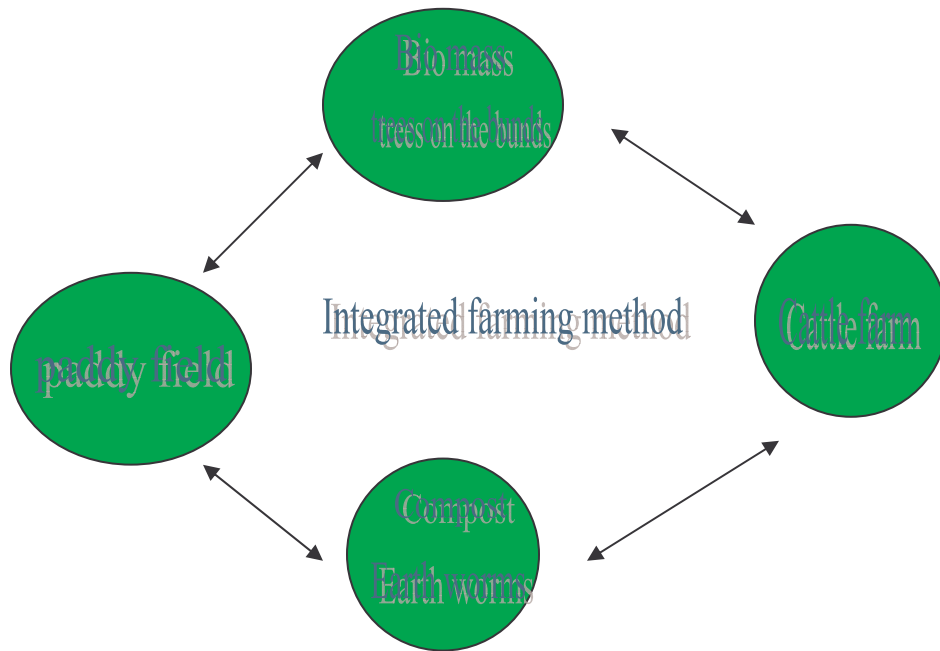
Farmer's participation:

In next year we don't how many NGO should work in the same villages. First year voluntary organizations have done all the reclamation activities. But coming season farmers participant is very import ant that can planning or farmers contribution any thing. And also next season mostly depends up on training based activities its comes under class room training or exposure trip visit any thing. So farmers not expect any package from NGOs you should develop learning behavior its help long period.
Farmers should make 'Udupair Thittam' and continuous cultivation habit then only salinity can change.

Farmer's feelings:

Farmers wondering that all are happened but agriculture department keep on silent manner. They organized one meeting that also money collected by farmers. They saw coconut trees are dead that time also not doing any thing.

Planning for next season:



These four factors are mingled with each one. Bio mass trees leaves and paddy strew used feeding material of cattle. And cattle wastage used manure of cultivated lands. Suppose farmers take loss for paddy field they got income on remaining factors. So farmers should develop plantation habit of bio mass trees and fodder grassling seeds on the bunds and around the farm ponds. Then only improve the cattle farm in farmer's houses. After the improvement on integrated farming method agriculture lands should changed good structure.