

Role of “Prakritik Sansadhan Prabandhan Samiti(PSPS) in four villages, Niwas Block, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh”

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Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) works towards conservation of nature and natural resources through collective action of local communities. The crux of FES efforts lie in locating forests and other natural resources within the prevailing economic, social and ecological dynamics in rural landscapes.

Objective

- Understanding roles of institutions- FES, Gram Sabha, Panchayat and PSPS for protection and conservation of commons.
- Understand closely the processes and workings of PSPS
- Analysis on improvement of Income Status of villagers.

Methodology

Tools Used: Interview schedule; Observation

Sampling Method: Purposive Sampling

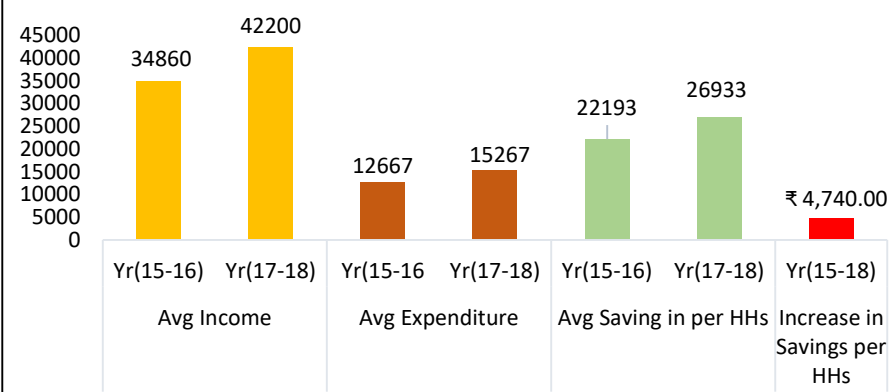
Process:

- Old intervention villages of FES
- Selected four villages- 1. Meharasivni 2.Singpur 3.Padarpani 4.Kusmi
- According to the wealth ranking of total households 10% from most vulnerable (landless and women headed households) were chosen for data collection. A total of 55 HH were surveyed.

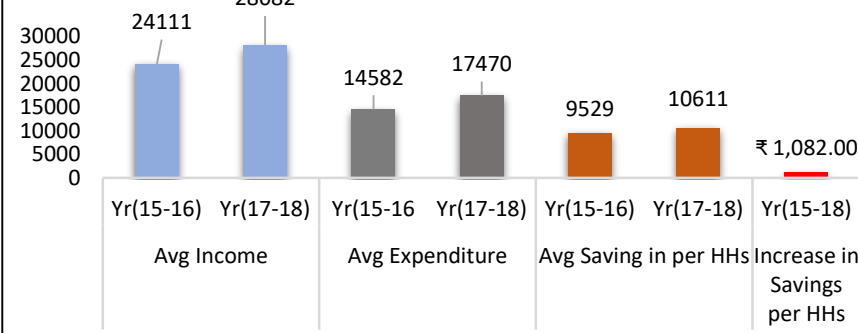
Collection of data

- Primary and secondary data collection.
- Door to door interview with the farmers

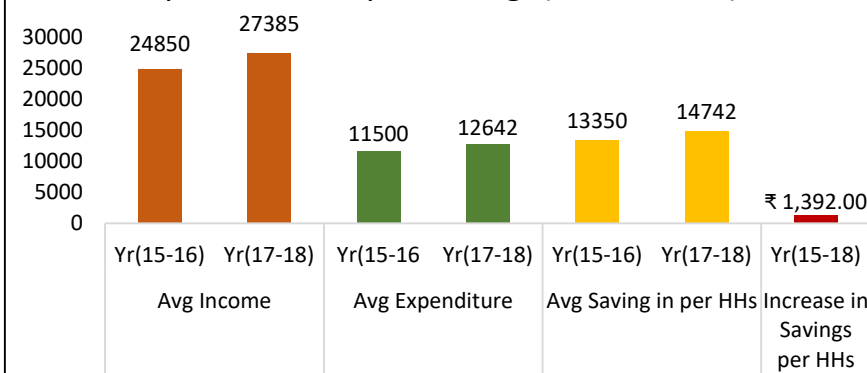
Details of Income,Expenditure & Savings per HH Singpur Village(No.of HH = 15)



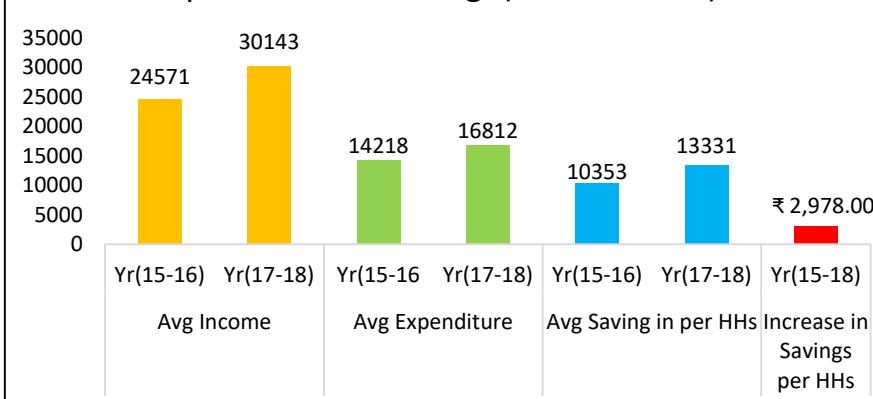
Details of Income, Expenditure & Savings per HH Meharasivni Village(No.of HH=17)



Details of Income, Expenditure & Savings per HH Padarpani Village(No.of HH=7)



Details of Income, Expenditure & Savings per HH Kusmi Village(No.of HH=16)



Source- Income: Agriculture , Wages and Sales from Mahua
Expenditure mainly incurred on input cost agriculture, household consumption, expenses on festive occasions like marriages, other expenses

Outcome of the PSPS

- Village people and institutions of local governance are motivated to take collective initiatives to protect their common resources.
- Women's participation in the Gram Sabha has been increased.
- Reduction in distress migration to cities
- More people access benefits of Government schemes

Suggestion

- To collect all their NTFP products by the committee and sell them at the right price.
- Promotion of small industry or animal husbandry for the livelihood of single women.

Conclusion

- Better protection of Natural Resources through strengthened local governance, community participation in decision making regarding use and regeneration of commons
- Economic status of people has improved through regular work at village, reduction of migration and adoption of sustainable agricultural practices

