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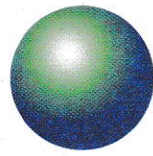
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Rohit, during his short association with us has shown remarkable understanding of the rural realities. He was sincere towards the task assigned to him. He was comfortable in carrying out his job in a difficult location like Niwas and adjusted well with the rural communities as well as with our team.

We wish him all success for all future endeavors.

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List Of ABBREVAITION

PSPS - Prakritik Sansadhan Prabandhan Samiti

FES - Foundation for Ecological Security

CFR - Community Forest Right

CPR - Common Resources Person

GOVT. - Government

NTFP - Non -Timber Forest Product

IIHMRU – Indian Institution Health Management & Research University

1.Introduction

Organisation Mission

“As’ ecological security’ is the foundation of sustainable and equitable development, the Foundation for Ecological (FES) is committed to strengthening, reviving, or restoring, where necessary, the process of ecological succession and the conservation of land, forest, and water resources in the country.”

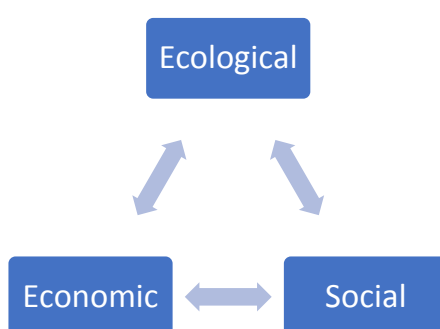
Work

Work towards the ecological restoration and conservation of land and water resources in the uplands and other eco-fragile, degraded, and marginalised zones of the country, and to this end to set in place the processes of coordinated human effort and governance, and provide relief to the poor, in particular.

Works eight directly, or with and through a range of democratic village institutions their federal bodies, and civil society organisation, set up through initiatives that are ecologically sustainable, socially and economically equitable.

Ensures the ecological integrity of all efforts by working, as far as possible, with entire landscapes and with all the inter-related communities within it, through a range of arrangements on their land and aquatic resources, whether Commons, Public, or Private.

Collaborates with Panchayat Raj and other democratic village institutions, as well as appropriate civil society organisations, in their efforts to fulfil the objectives of the society, and to provide technical assistance to them.



Registered under the societies Registration Act XXI 1860, the foundation for Ecological Security was set up in 2001 to reinforce the massive and critical task of ecological restoration in the country.

The FES Signature

FES repositions the dominant views of ‘rural development’ by embedding ‘nature and natural processes’ as fundamental elements to rural infrastructure and, secondly. Community led collection action as a critical space in the governance of shared natural resources such as forests, pastures, and water bodies.

Ecological Restoration

Rapid loss of biodiversity, acute water scarcities, failing soil health, and receding natural forests are some of the most critical problems facing the world.

Ecological security is the bedrock of sustainable development and is also fundamental to economic and social well-being.

Restoration of India’s 74 million acres of so-called “wastelands” could significantly contribute to our NDCs for Climate Action, besides serving critical ecological functions.

FES predominantly works in areas where there is a preponderance of common lands, operating across diverse landscapes such as forests, scrublands, grasslands, farm fields, and water bodies. You work in areas where there is widespread degradation of natural resources, which adds distress and instability to vulnerable rural livelihoods.

Local Governance

Across the globe, widespread degradation of shared natural resources negatively impacts about 1.2 billion people who depend on them.

Decentralised governance of shared resources with secure tenure and robust village institutions frees governments to focus on land-use planning and regulatory functions.’

FES builds on existing social infrastructure to strengthen local self-governance institution, whose key features are representation of all residents, including marginalised groups such as women and the poor, in managing and benefiting from shared resources, collective decision making, and define roles and responsibilities as a community. To ensure constitutional recognition, these institutions are nested within the elected Panchayats and Gram Sabha.

Enhanced Livelihoods

FES focus is on making livelihoods more secure and resilient by reviving the natural processes of ecosystem, thus bringing a range of benefits to villagers, such as improved food production, reduced expenditure, and multiple sources of income generation.

FES Approach

Farming and Farming Systems

Mandla (Madhya Pradesh): Instead of constructing new dams, repairing the defunct dams by providing sluice gates and helping draw rules for sharing and maintenance have resulted in bringing in 785 acres of farmland under assured irrigation at minimal costs.

Tenure over Common Lands

Mandla(M.P): As rights over water are usually manifested in terms of access and use at local level, and as local arrangements are mostly eroded, rules and regulation for equitable sharing of common water bodies for irrigation and fishing are being evolved by villages.

2. Objective Of the study:

- 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
- Document the Success story of village institution

3.Methodology:

Tools Used:

Interview schedule;

Observation

Sampling Method: Purposive Sampling

Process:

- Old intervention villages of FES
- Selected four villages- 1. Maharasivni 2. Singhpur 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.

Village	Total HHs	10% of total HHs
Maharasivni	178	17
Singhpur	150	15
Padarpani	70	7
Kusmi	161	16
Total	559	55

Source of Data:

Both Primary & Secondary Data in Qualitative & Quantitative from were used for research work.

a. Primary Data Collection

The primary data is gathered from the farmer & villagers of the selected 4 villages and facilitated through Interview schedules, Focus group discussions, Observation & with the help of personal interview.

b. Secondary Data Collection

The secondary data were collected from organization, Prakriti Sansadhan Prabandhan Samiti, State Government website.

Research Tools:

The tools which were used for the research are the Interview Schedule, Key information interviews, Observation, Focus group discussions (FGD).

Method of Data Analysis:

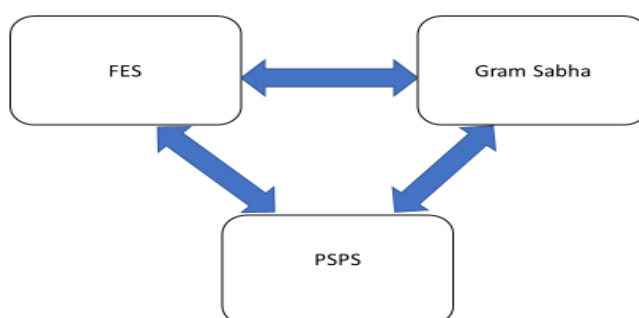
The data collection through questionnaire method, Personal Interviews, Focus Group Discussions & Survey and the data is analysed by using MS excel for Graphical and use the SPSS

4. Analysis and Findings

Village profile

Villages	Population	Total Household	Male	Female
Kusmi	754	161	372	382
Padarpani	500	70	154	160
Maharasivni	894	178	425	424
Singhpur	702	150	355	347

Institutional Structure



Role of Institutional

“Prakriti Sansadhan Pradandhan samiti” (PPS)

- To plan the village and present it to the people of the village.
- To make bye-laws for protection of natural resources, to advise law enforcement and its promotion.
- Take accountability to implement and run project with the permission of the Gram Sabha.

Gram Sabha

- Gram Sabha constitutes committees in village and decentralize responsibilities.
- A permanent and robust system of protection and maintenance of community natural resources of Gram Sabha village is formed.

FES

- Support in planning the village.
- Technical Support.
- Support in making financial arrangements.

Institutional process around commons in 4 village

Singhpur Village

Singhpur village committee was formed in 2008. The villagers identified the village common land. After identifying the revenue land for commons of this village, the scheme was formed. The scheme included works like work on pasture development, planting of trees, making community dams, siltation, lantana eradication, construction of farm bund and stone bund (on private land and common land). In all these works collective interest of all villagers is kept in consideration. This scheme was written in the committee meeting register. This plan is proposed in a meeting of the Gram Sabha. Works is started after the permission of the Gram Sabha. In which the village council and the committee selected the workers. Monitoring of the work is done by the CRP (common resource person). Bank Account is opened in the name of the committee. The chairman and secretary are joint signatories of the bank account. Farmers are trained in organic farming. The CRP monitors the training given to farmers.

To manage community resources continuously, according to the work, the committee rules form which is called byelaws.

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b. **Management of Stop Dam Gate:** - The rule of opening and closing the gate of stop dam have been made. Those farmer who live in near of the stop dam has been given the responsibility of looking after the gate. Gate is managed by people in the village.

Dam have less water due to less rainfall for the past 3 years. Seeing this situation, the village committee decided that Dam would not be used for irrigation this year. Water is reserved for the animals of the village. If any person used water for irrigation, his motor would be seized by the committee.

Maharasivni

The committee of Maharasivni village was formed in 2008. The villagers identified the village common land. After identifying the revenue land for commons of this village, the scheme was formed. The scheme included Works like work on pasture development, planting of trees, making community dams, siltation, lantana sanitation, construction of farm bund and stone bund (on private land and common land). In all these works collective interest of all villagers is kept in consideration. This scheme was written in the committee meeting register. This plan was proposed in a meeting of the Gram Sabha. Works was started after the permission of the Gram Sabha. In which the village council and the committee selected the workers. Monitoring of the work is done

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b) **Nal-Jal Yojana:** - This yojana was launched on 5th of 2010. This plan was closed due to non-payment of electricity bill in the middle. In 2017 the electricity bill was paid by the committee and this scheme was under the committee. Instead of paying the amount of electricity bill, the people of the village had done lantana cleaning from labour donations. Water is supplied with tap water in 50 houses. In which 30 houses take water from tank, which is given in 30 rupees a month. In 20 houses, the faucet of faucet goes to the water which is given in 50 rupees a month.

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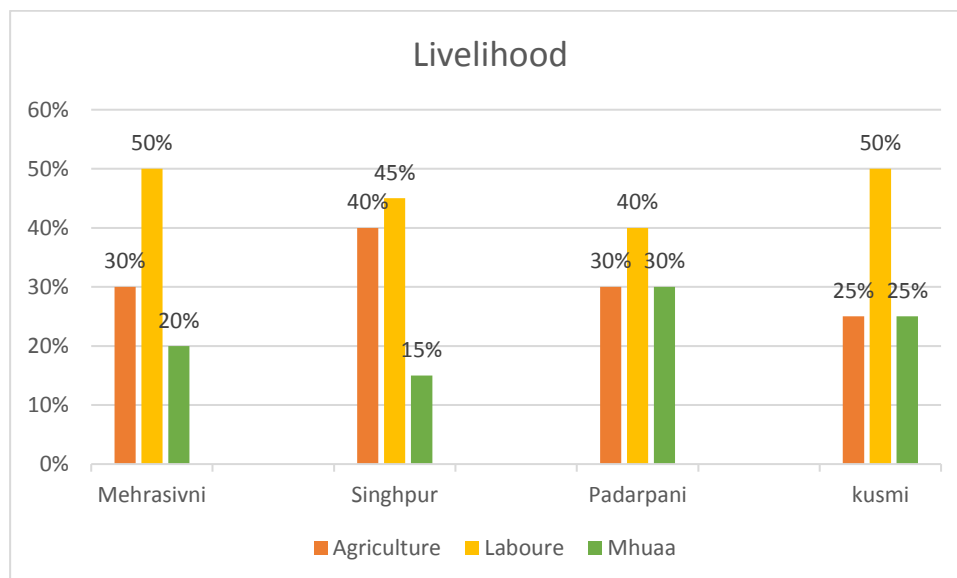
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❖ Improvement in Household economic status

Income Sources

The livelihood of these villages depends on the crops, wages and the Forest.



The livelihood of the people of this villages depends on agriculture, Labour wages and forest production (Mahua). Most of the people work as labour wages. Agriculture and mahua are seasonal products as they are based on rainfall.

Due to the decrease in rainfall since last 3 years, the incidence of agriculture and mahua product has decreased.

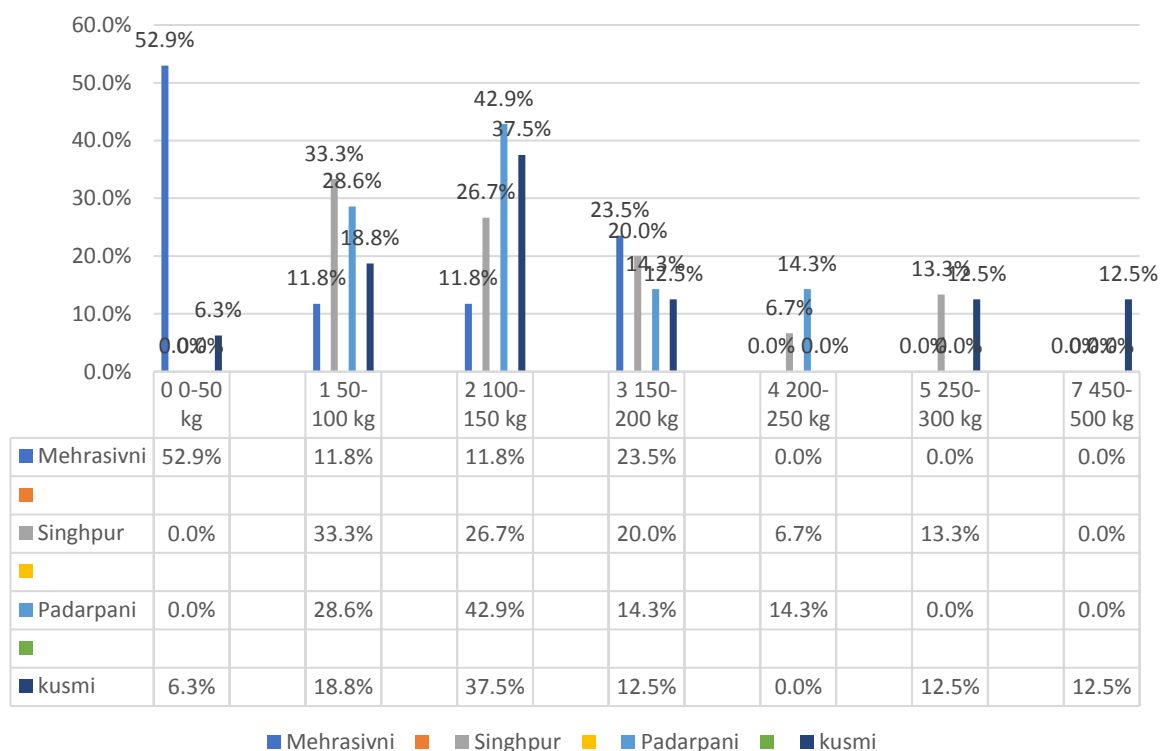
Benefit from forest

The livelihood of all these households is based on crops, wages, forest products such as: -hare, bahira, tendu lefe, mahua, char- chironji.

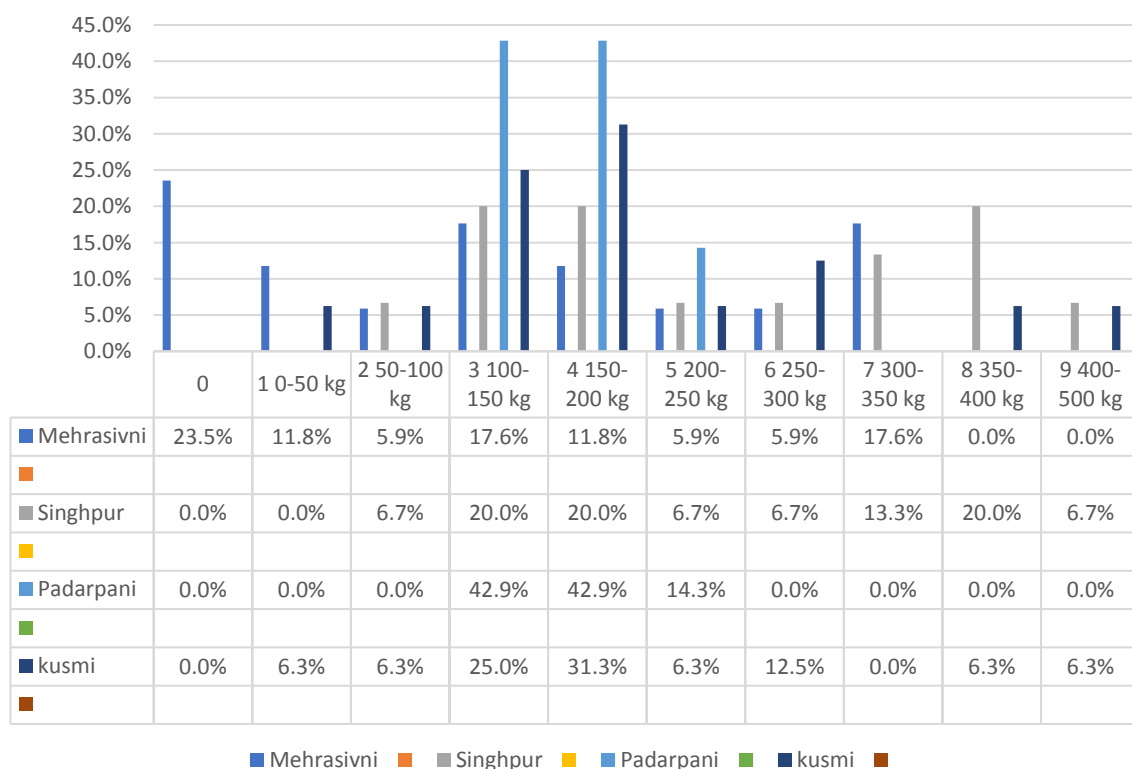
41.2 percent from Maharasivni, 60 percent from Singhpur and 68.8 percent of Kusmi villagers depend on the forest product for their livelihood. They collect the forestry products as firewood/ cooking wood, timber items for farming, wood for making home. 42.9% of Padarpani mainly collect the product like wood for making home, firewood, the tendu leaves, the char chironji, and the farming materials.

Mahua is one of the most important forestry products for the villagers. It is also one of the seasonal product which depends on the rainfall. Due to the unsupported season for mahua, the price of the mahua spike high i.e. Rs. 20.00 per Kg.

Mahua production in 2018



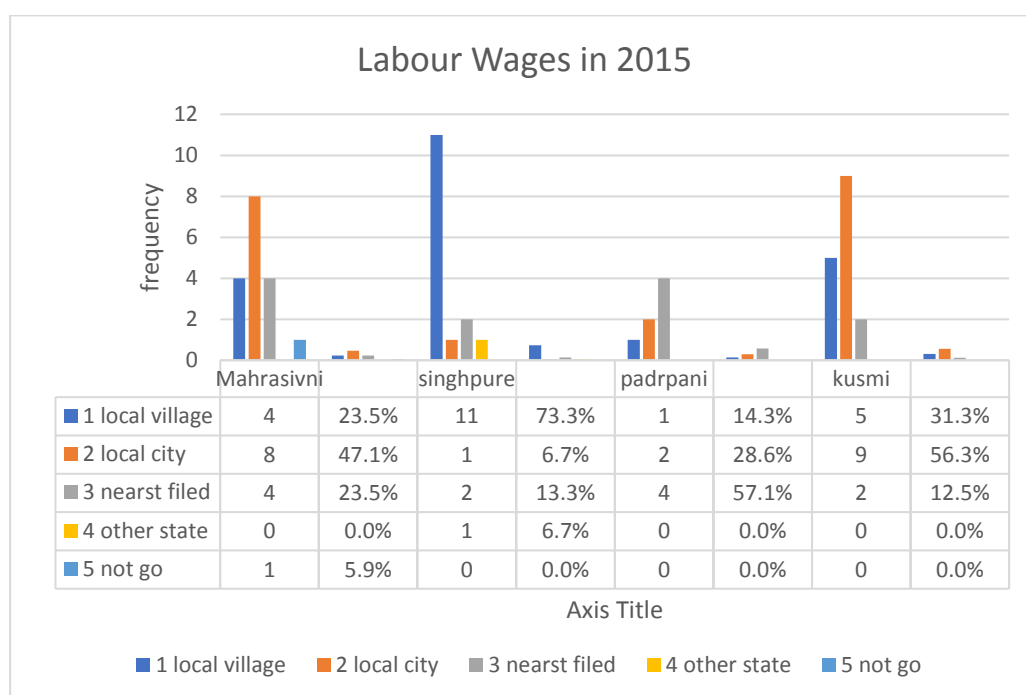
Mahua production in 2015

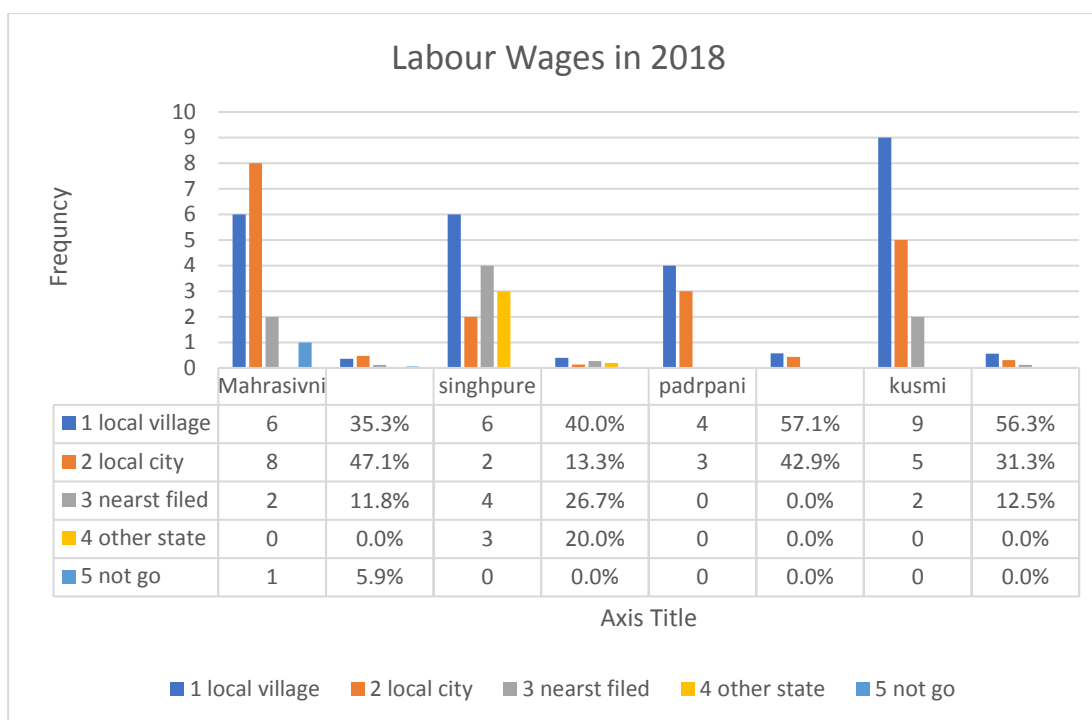


Previously (three years ago) villagers were collecting around of 400-500 kg of mahua per year. But this year, they were able to collect the same only of 150-200 kg. Thus, their economic condition became poor and pulled them into the sorrowful condition.

Labour wages Income

Labour wages are the source of economy for livelihood. The villagers work for 2/3 months as labourer per year. Previously, they were also used to migrate to nearer cities for their livelihood but the proportion of migration in the village has been reduced. Because of providing opportunities of labour work in the same village by the FES.

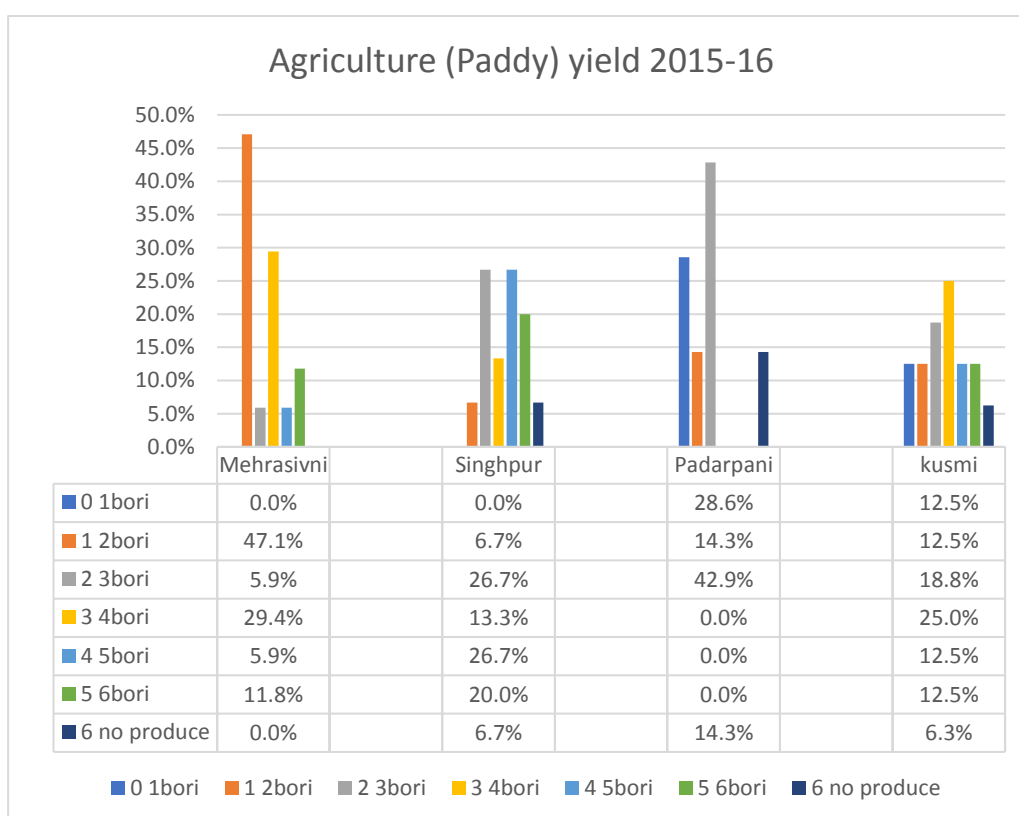
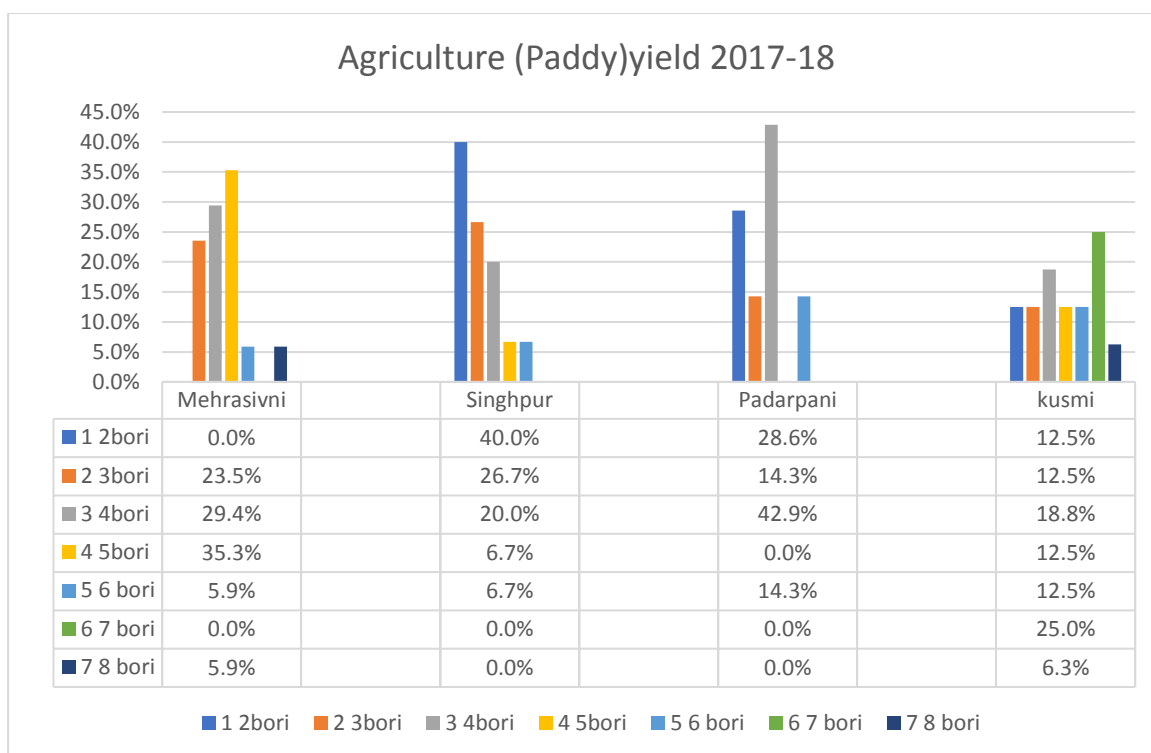




In Maharasivni, 23.5% of people were used to do labour wages in the village before 3 years. But currently 35.3% of people do wages in the same villages. It means there is an increase of 12% of people use the labour wages in the same village. Similarly, in Singhpur, 14.3%, in Padarpani, 41.8% and in Kusmi, 25% of increase in labour wages. This increased availability of labour opportunity in the villages has been made possible due to work generated by FES on watershed activities.

Agriculture income

In these four villages, paddy, wheat, maize, millets are harvested. The geographical part of all villages is different. There is a low layer of soil and some hill station.

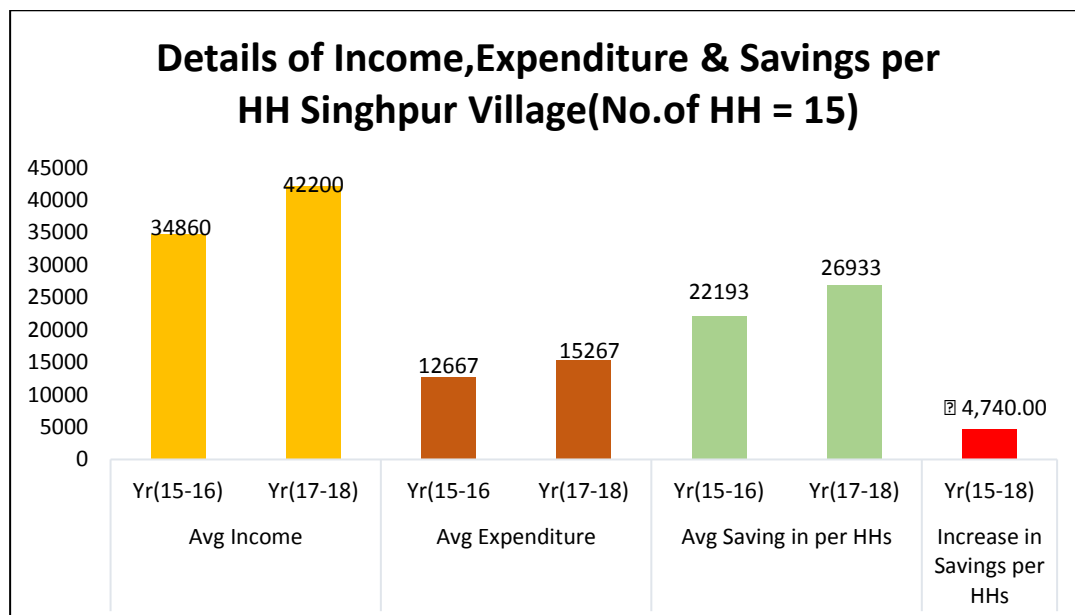


We surveyed the paddy crop. 1 bag(bori) i.e 100 kg. due to the decrease in rainfall since last 3 years, the crop production got decreased. In Maharashtra 3 years ago, has 600 kg of paddy (11.8), which is now only of 5.9%, in Singhpur has 600 kg i.e. 20%, and now only of 6.7%. Padarpani has 300 kg i.e. 42.9%,

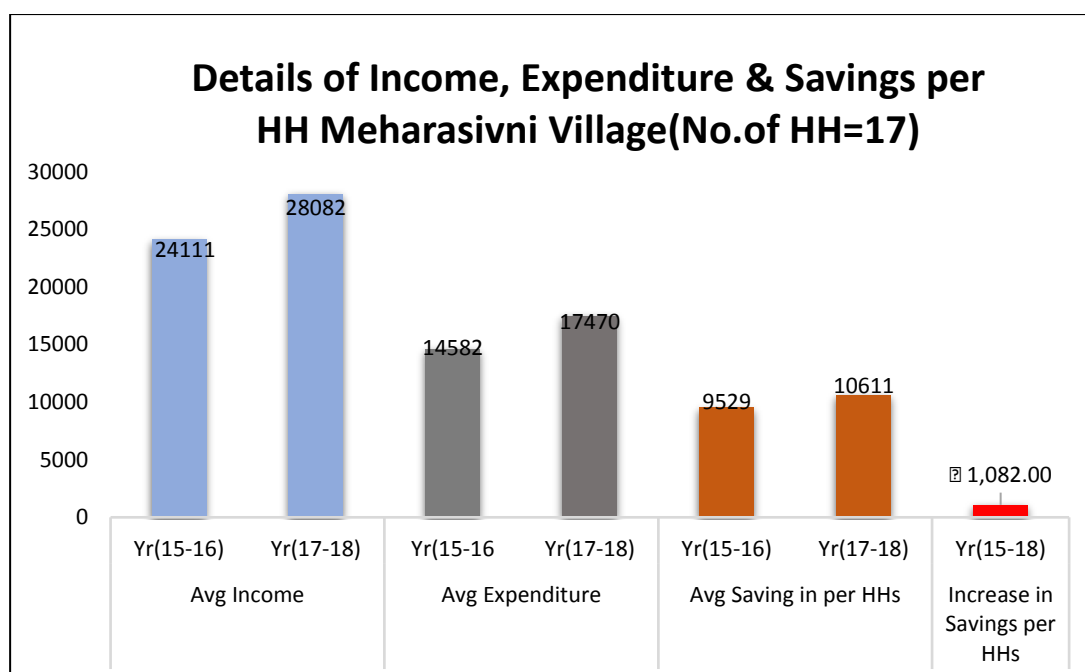
now only 14.3%. and Kusmi had 600 kg i.e. 12.5% and now only of 12.5%. it is due to hilly reason and low layer of soil.

Looking at the issue the FES worked on the organic farming which promoted people to use the organic fertilizers which led their economic situation well.

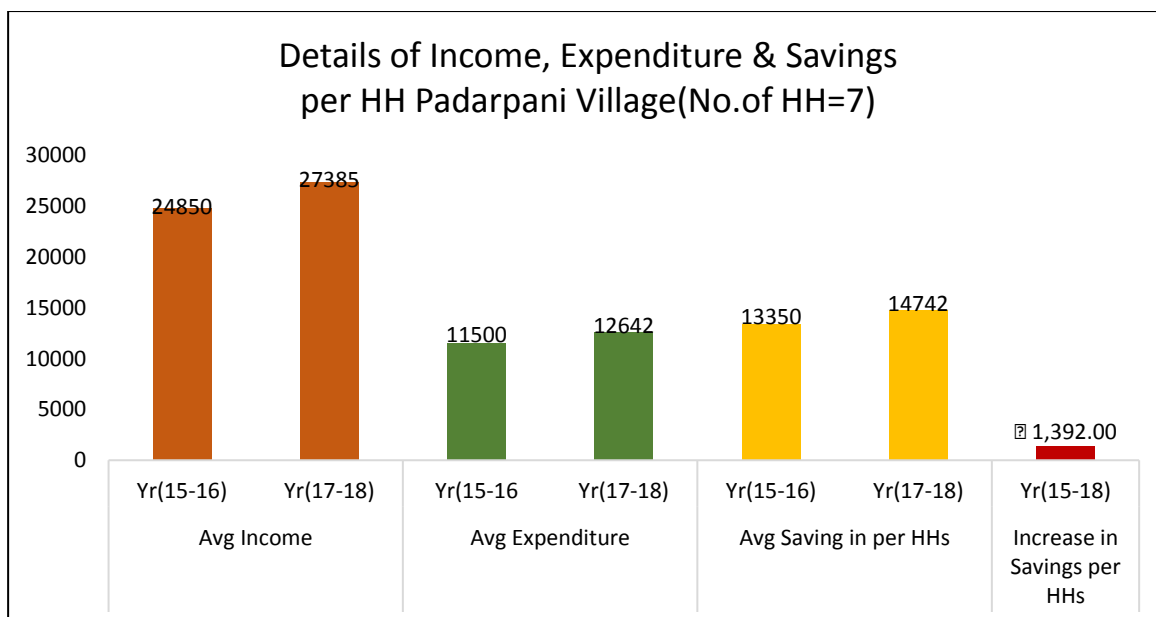
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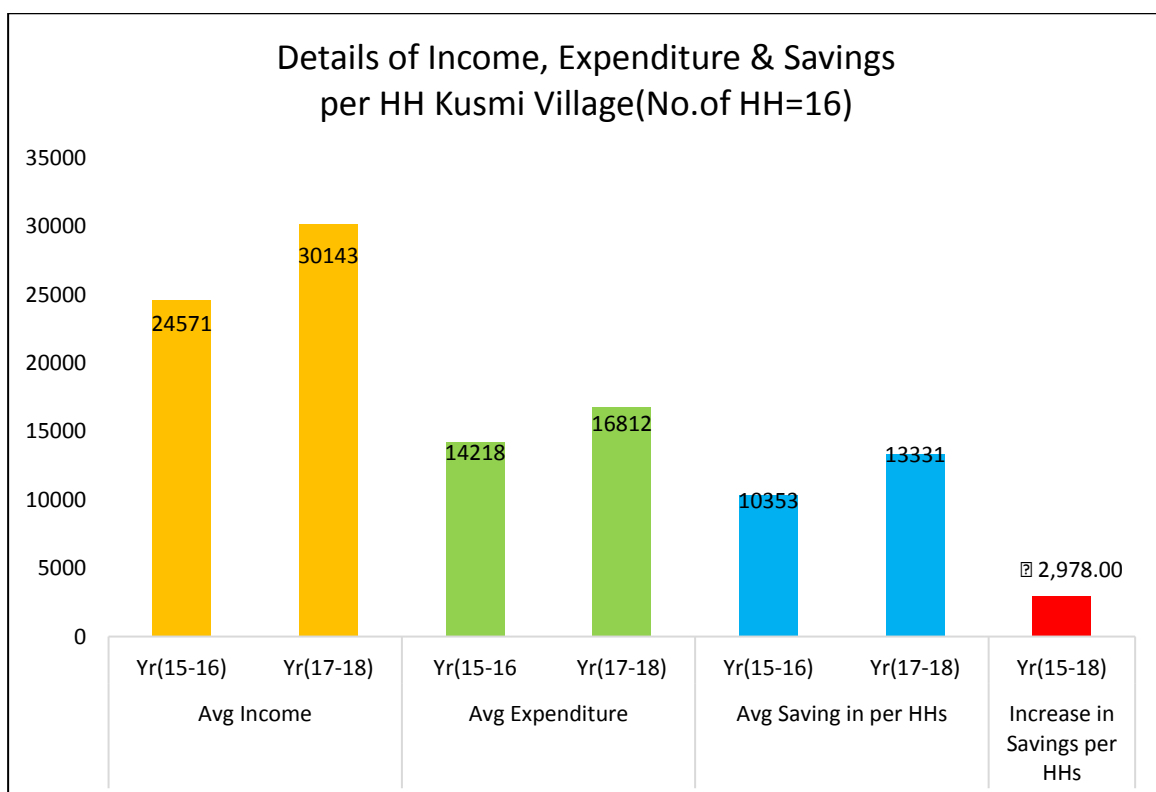
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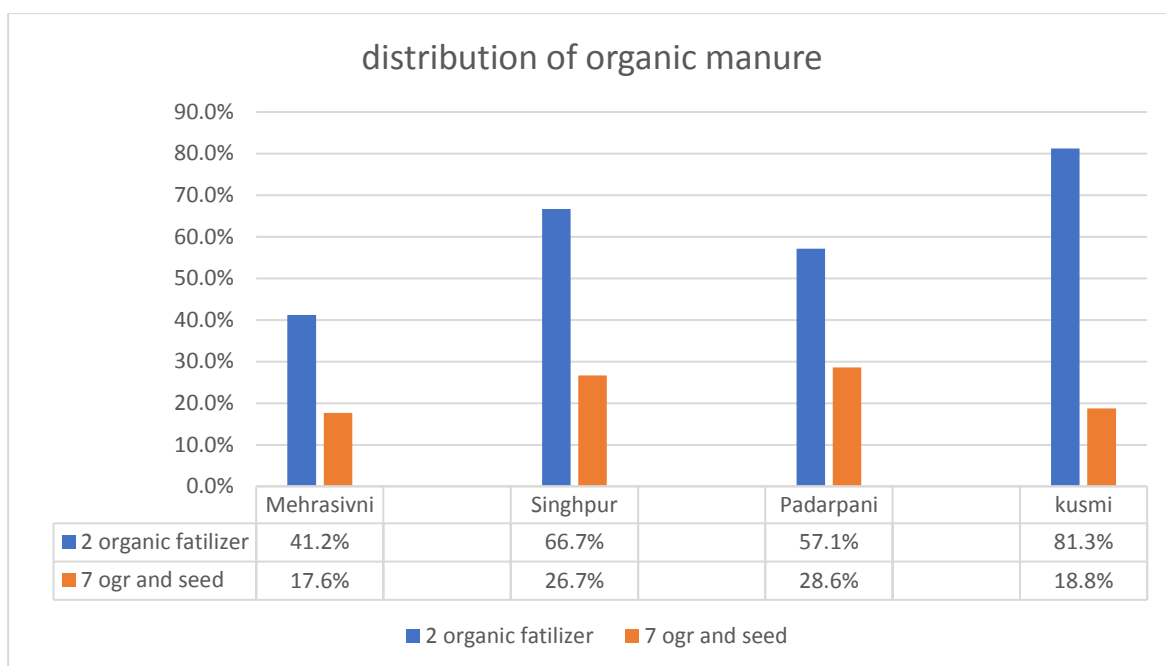


Income status in Padarpani villages 1392 Rs. Increase in saving per HHs.



Income status in Kusmi villages 2978 Rs. Increase in saving per HHs.

Promote organic farming by FES: -



Along with the organic farming facilities by the FES, people started to use organic manure for farming and seed treatment in farmland, led them with the low cost of farming.

Benefits by government schemes.

29.4 percent of Maharasivni have been benefited from government scheme i.e. of Ration Card, LPG Gas, Toilet. Similarly, in Singhpur 6.3% of Ration Card, LPG Gas in Padarpani 42.9% of ration card, LPG gas and toilet and in Kusmi 63.8% of Ration Card, LPG Gas, Toilet.

Prior to all the villagers got the benefit of the ration card only.

Due to the availability of LPG gas from the government scheme, people have brought down wood from the forest.

❖ Success Stories

In Padarpani village



This success story is about the committee. Village-Padarpani, block-Niwas, district - Mandla, State-Madhya Pradesh. This story is from Padarpani village and the population of this village is 500. In the village, the FES organization is working through the committee from 2008. The name of this committee is the “Prakritik Sansadhan Prabandhan samite”, which deals with water conservation in community land, community forest, watershed area. Most of the work in the land, which is also called the pastoral land. Including fodder for tree plantation and domestic animals. There are 12 members in this committee, in which the President and the Secretary handle the work. Land / pasture land which belongs to the village. Make rules to keep it safe. Which is called bye-laws. In this there is a rule made by the people of the village and maintained in a register. Those who do not obey this rule are punished according to the same rules. This committee works on a sustainable basis. This will benefit all the people of the village. Whatever work it does, the contribution of the committee goes to the account of the committee. Lantana cleans once in 3 years. That happened on the ground floor. The construction of the dam was done in the free land and the private land. The person who oversaw the work was as much as the work done, and 16% was deposited in the committee, which would be

used in the future. Whose wages are given by FES, work according to the project. Work of Lantana and farm bund is being done by GIZ and NABAD. Any work done in the village is by the committee. Rain has been done for 3 years. There is lack of water.

There are three water tanks in the village, and water is supplied to the village. In the summer of May, water comes to the house of the people of Padarpani. This was done by Panchayat in 2010 under the Nal-Jal Scheme. In which 20 people go to the house's house and the rest take water from the tank. The water in the tank comes from the wells of the village. This Well is very old. A motor 1.50 HP, 3" inch plastic pipe, which is connected to the well. There is 1" inch plastic pipe going from door to door. It was first the sarpanch of Panchayat to conduct it. Which has run this water system by 2015. All the beneficial people of the village pay money in the month to run smoothly. In whose house the water goes by the pipes, 50 rupees and those who fill the tank with water, in 30 rupees a month. It runs through motor power. The machine operator is given 700 rupees.

By the year 2015 Sarpanch looked after this system. But at the right time did not pay the full electricity bill, in which supply of water was interrupted for a few days. The functioning of the PSPS committee, Fagu Lala Kruppe, and the water supply started again from 2017 onwards through the committee. 20000 rupees electricity was paid through the committee. The machine was damaged. With the consent of the villagers, the society was rectified by the contribution of the society. The money that was given in the electricity bill. The villagers did not take wages after clearing lantana on collective land and paid all the wages in the electricity bills. Today water is being supplied again in the village. Women have the highest benefit of this scheme. Water does not have to go away, it saves time. Some water is found for animals. Women do other things of the house.

Participation

Talking to the beneficiaries of Nal jal Scheme named Parvati Bai, Narbadia Bai, Kausalya Bai, Lumia Bai, he said - do not have to go away for water. Some domestic animals get water. Home in work, wash dishes, cleaning clothes, and water for drinking, easily gets. It does not

require much physical effort. Time is also saved. The other can do the work. On the market day, come shopping from the market.

Case Story

In Singhpur Villages

This is the story of success by the face of the society in the village. Which is from Singhpur village of residence block. The population of this village is 702. Which is 8 km away from the Niwas block. The present is in April 2018.

There was a proposal to build a pond on the common land in village-Singhpur.

FES has been working in Singhpur since 2008, thereby changing the thinking of the people, people of all the villages have started thinking about common resources, which is why the whole village has decided to make the common pond bigger.

The land which was being discussed in the form of common pond is the common land of the village. Earlier there was a small pond. Thinking that rain is coming down from the year, the people of the village decided that the common pond should be bigger. common land in plot number is 469 and rakba is 0.46. The water storage area of this lake is less and is thought to increase the area. But there was a problem. The land next to the lake was a farmer. The name of which is Mr. Ramesh Lamm, the plot number of his land is 467, the rkba number is 0.46. The people of the village talked to Ramesh to give this land a collective pond. There was also discussion in the Gram Sabha.

Process

Members of the Prakriti Sansadhan Prabandhan Samiti proposed a common pond to prevent rain water. This proposal was passed in the Gram Sabha. There was talk about this topic and all approved. The Committee performs collective work which will benefit all the people. The villagers were thinking of enlarging this pond. One problem was that the land adjacent to that pool was a farmer named Ramesh Lama whose plot number 467 of land, and the rkba number of land is 0.46. All the people of the Gram Sabha spoke to Ramesh ji and asked to give land in another place. It was decided to give land on the edge of the main road. The people present in the Gram Sabha have asked Mr. Ramesh to accompany the land papers. Mr. Ramesh also agreed on this and agreed to give land to common pond. All this process was written in the committee's meeting

register. It is also written in the register of the Gram Sabha. So that there is written evidence. All people present in the Gram Sabha were also signed. This work was done in the common ground by the committee in April 2018. This process is underway.

Challenges

If no one ever come, then that farmer Ramesh Lama had to take his land. Ramesh Lama to job in another place. But after the 6-7 month try then work is done.

Further improvement.

Rain water will be stored in the future, there will be water for the domestic animals of the people, recharge the ground water, facilitate irrigation, collective fish will be fodder, fodder will be expanded in the pasture land, plant trees on the banks of the lake will look like this. These will be the common pond of all the people, which will benefit the people of the village.

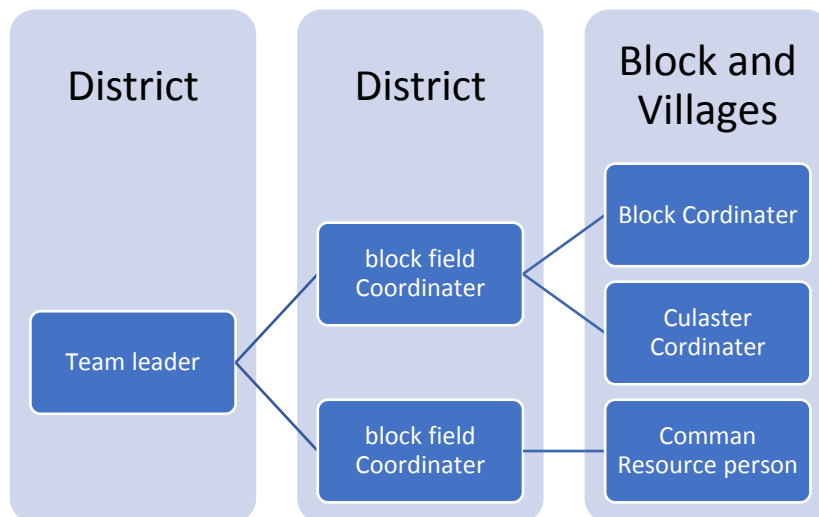
Outcomes of the committee

- Village people and institutions of local governance are motivated to take collective initiatives to protect their common resources.
- Reduction in distress migration to cities.
- More people access benefits of government schemes.

Byelaws in PSPS Village Samiti

This is the most important step in institution building and implementation of the programme. The newly formed Village Executive Committee must democratically form a set of rules and regulations that will govern the use of commons. All activities undertaken will be guided by these rules and regulations and it will be collectively enforced with the agreement of stakeholders including penalties for violations. The democratic and decentralised nature of the process allows for these rules and regulations to be more easily accepted and enforced by the community.

5. Organisation Learning :-



FES is the Flat organisation. One Team Leader and two block field co-ordinator live in district office. One block coordinator, two assistant coordinator, two villages filed coordinator, villager Common Resource Person(CRP), PSPS committee Coordinator president and secretary was work in block office.

One CRP responsible three villages. 14 CRP work of this block. Monthly meeting is done in the first and the last week of the month and as per requirement. Federation meeting is done two- three month. In this meeting attend all member of PSPS committee. The problem of the committee is resolved. Whatever scheme comes into the institution, it is easily explained. If not understood, then shown by demonstrations.

CRP and PSPS member work demand from FES. After the approval of the FES block, the demand is send to the district office. Complete this work generated by mosterrol send the district office and then payment came to the PSPS committee Account after wages give the worker.

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

My Observations & Learning:-

In this block most of population is Schedule tribe which is Gond and Baiga tribe. They were friendly in nature and supportive. This is very good decision by Villagers they will work with FES and FES Facilitated and monitor them, how to use non-timber forest products, practises on traditional agriculture, Help each other. female and male both decision making in family, importations of Education, Participation of peoples in meeting . There is no discrimination in the boys and girls, think about community resources. They are planning on waste land development. People are beginning to know their rights. Has been protected by plantation in common land.

Main thing in observation is use present resources.

- General division of land: forest area, pasture land, and waste lands, common resources.
- Change in encroachment and associated land use
- Their problems and opportunities for improvement
- Changes occurred for last few years
- Problems due to free grazing

Learning:

- important to have a good resource person along with us.
- Very good tool for an overall understanding of village.
- Important input for resource mapping.
- A fair understanding about the relative distances between landmarks.

6. Suggestion:-

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

7. 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.

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Annexure 1:

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Common Dam in Kusmi Village





Training of CRP for watershed activity



Nal-Jal Scheme for common well



Commons land in Padarpani Village



Lantana Eradiation in Village Commons Land



Med Bandhan work in private land of villagers

