

GRAMA SEVA SANGAM

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982, NEEM HOUSE, KILIKKUDI (VILLAGE & POST),
ILLUPUR (TALUK), PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU - 622 102.

LOCATION MAP



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We feel proud to submit the Annual report for the year of 2017-18. Several stake holders rendered their helping hands in materializing our objectives we envisaged. They extended their support in terms of financial assistance, technical support, creating linkages, advocacy and lobbying. Here below we give the report on special reference to how the activities created impact. Integrated watershed management is our main activity. It includes women and child development and empowering youth. We have covered two watersheds namely Amburpatti and Avvayarpatti during the year 2017-18. The Amburpatti watershed covers the villages such as Sengalagudi, Madayanipatti, Avoor, S.Puduppatti, N.Puduppatti, Othaveedu, Orandakudi, Seethapatti, Samiyuranipatti and A.Melappatti covering an area of 2188.655 Ha. Total Families are 675, Total Population is 3155, Male-1588, Female-1567. In Avvayarpatti watershed villages covered are Neerpalani, Karappattu, Nariyipatti and Vemmani. Total Area is 2172.805 Ha, Total Families 703, Total Population 3451, (Male -1779, Female -1672.) In both these watersheds integrated watershed management activities were taken up. 2525 men and 2429 women were benefited through this project during this year and 2512.37 ha was brought in to watershed management activity so as to bring forth benefits to the farming community.

LAND BASED ACTIVITIES

Water Harvesting Activity:

Setting up of Farm Pond: As rain fed farming is in practice here in this region, to store water during the monsoon is invariably necessitated. In Amburpatti village, 3 farm ponds were dug to 1995 cubm. The farmers in this year took good harvest in paddy as the storage water was used for irrigation till the end. Further these farmers use these ponds as fish husbandry and took extra income in addition to agriculture. The farmers near by villages were created awareness and they on their own accord have planned to replicate this technique in their own farming area.

Mannavaikulam Tank . Amburpatti
650 mx15x1.00 (9750 m3)



Before Deepening of Tank Harvest 150.6 acr

Mannavaikulam Tank filled with rain water.



After Deepening of Tank Harvest 176.64 acr



Executed Field Bunds
(Before rain)



Field Bunds with water storage
(After rain)

Deepening of Water Tanks:

There are 6 tanks in both the villages for irrigation purpose. As desilting work was not taken up for years, the water holding capacity in the tanks were getting decreased. This year these 6 tanks, three tanks from each village, were desilted and deepened that more quantity of water could be stored for irrigation. so 1050 farmers benefited and took good yield this year using this water, despite there was a less rainfall during this year.

For drinking purpose, the people of these two villages depend on water tanks only. During the rainy season the rain water would be stored and utilized all through the rest of the year. In order that the people might have adequate drinking water, 6 tanks (Uranis) were de-silted. This activity ensured year long supply of drinking water to the community.



Drinking Oorani 45x35x1.00 m (1575 m3) (Before rain)



**Dist Govt . officer from DWDA. Pudukkottai inspecting the works
(After rain)**

ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE

As the agriculture farmers fully rely on rain water during monsoon, we initiated an alternative crop development, so that the community might not suffer even if the monsoon fails. As an alternative crop, we encouraged farmers to cultivate fruit bearing trees (Mango, Guava, pomegranate, and Nelli) Specific training and exposure visits were planned so that the farmers might gain adequate knowledge to succeed in this intervention. 1700 different fruit bearing seedlings were distributed to the farmers to develop them in their agriculture field along the bunds and also the places available around their houses. Now the trees started yielding, in the next year all the trees will bear fruit and give additional income to the farmers. More than 700 farmers adopt this intervention. This initiative also has created larger impacts. The farmers elsewhere enquire the availability of seedling and gain Knowledge from our farmers regarding the techniques of growing fruit bearing trees.

Alternative Plants - Agro Horticulture



Mango



Gua

CAPACITATING ACTIVITIES

The success of the integrated watershed management programme solely depends on empowering the stake holders through different trainings, awareness activities, exposure visits, and sharing of knowledge and information. Keeping this in mind various trainings were organized separately for farmers, women and other stake holders. Following programmes were conducted to capacitate them.



Exposure visit to Tirupattur Training Centre



Truepa Trupattur Field Visit



KVK Vamban Field Visit



Home stead plantation training of seeds issue

Live Stock Development Trainings

Next to agriculture, live stock is the main source of income to the farming community. So in order to that the people we address might have an access to sustained income source, we facilitated capacitating training to the people. As the Veferinary service are away, the training and diagnosis camps were conducted right in the villages so that the farmers might get an easy access. Three Veferinary were invited and they cleared of various doubts of farmers have in relation to live stock development and learned new techniques to increase the cattle population. Two, one trainings were organized in each village, more than 50 members who promote livestock benefitted and taking income now. Many other people also show interest now to rear cattle. Steps are being taken to extend the intervention to other farmers also.

Training and Exposure visit to Govt. Veterinary Research centre, Machuvadi at Pudukkottai



Poultry Farm



Training



Sheep Farm



Cow Farm

Organic Farming

To ensure sustainability, organic farming is imperative. To this respect GSS organized exposure visit , onsite training and awareness camp. A one day field based training was organized at Kuchanoor, Theni District. 5 men and 10 women participated in this training. One organic farmer Kootaichami facilitated the training programme. In Amburpatti two farmers get themselves involved in organic farming practice.

A one day field exposure was organized at Koochanur. 15 farmers from Avvaiyarpatti visited this area. Its really motivated them to test the organic farming principles. They are now testing in their fields. After being convinced they will become organic farmers.

After a one day vermi compost Production hands on training at KVK, 15 farmers have started Production of vermi compost. The manure is used in their agricultural lands, the rest are sold to other farmer.

Vermi Compost Plant Kottaisamy Farm, Kuchanoor



Production of Hybrid Chili



Production of Hybrid Brinjal

Income Generating Programmes

During the off season, the community is rendered jobless. Hence GSS introduced skill training to the competent person , so that they may earn and support their family during the off season or when agriculture is not promising. Kitchen Garden promotion training, Coir making training and Mushroom Production training were facilitated to 30 trainees through experienced facilitators. The trained people have now started their enterprise of their own by obtaining loan from Banks.

Amburpatti watershed SHG Federation loan details
Total Amount received Rs. 1055900

S.No	Name of the Watershed	Number Of Group	Total member	Total Amount
1	Amburpatti watershed	24	333	4210000

Avvayarpatti watershed SHG Federation loan details
Total Amount received Rs. 680500

S.No	Name of the Watershed	Number Of Group	Total member	Total Amount
1	Avvayarpatti WaterShed	14	175	2240000

Killikkudi watershed SHG Federation loan details
Total Amount received Rs. 609130

S.No	Name of the Watershed	Number Of Group	Total member	Total Amount
1	Killikkudi WaterShed	27	279	4295000

Alangudi watershed SHG Federation loan details
Total Amount received Rs. 531800

S.No	Name of the Watershed	Number Of Group	Total member	Total Amount
1	Alangudi WaterShed	11	145	4467000



Karathangipatti SHG Loan Issured by Nabrad AGM Pudukkottai

Women Development Programmes

In the project region, GSS has organized women self help groups(SHG). From six villages , 30 women self help group members were selected and facilitated with a training on Book keeping and Accountancy. The savings and credit system in the SHGs is now managed by these training people. Before the training, a staff was appointed to take care of such accounting work. Now the women group members themselves are taking care of the group and all book keeping and accountancy are carried out by them. As a result, seeing their effective management of the SHGs, the local banks have come forward to offer business loan to the tune of one lakh. The SHG members are now developing as entrepreneurs.



Issue of milk Cow loans to SHG Members by AGM NABARD, Pudukkottai.

Other Agri Related Training Programmes

As alternative crops the farmers were trained in growing pulses, vegetables, greens. Mono crop is practice here, which weaken the soil fertility and the yield also getting decreased. Hence alternative crop system was introduced here, to this respect the farmers were facilitated training on Seed processing and cereals and pulses cultivation techniques at Vayalagam Anna Pannai, a university , a one day training was organized in which 20 farmers from each village actively participated.



Agriculture Anna Farm, Kudumiyamalai
Exposure visit



KVK Training Institute, Vamban
Exposure visit

Future plan

Though we have taken up several measures to save water in our region, the requirement is still more. Therefore , we need to create awareness among the community on saving water . Further steps also to be taken to save rain water both for irrigation and drinking. We have de-silted only a few water tanks, there are still more tanks around the villages. Integrating the people we have planned to strengthen the water bodies in future.

We would like to concentrate more on youth. They are educated but job opportunity is remote. To address this issue we have planned to provide skill training to the youth according their interest and aptitude and make them as entrepreneurs.

Climate related issues are seen visibly in our region. So it is imperative to create awareness on climate change. Further the community should be appraised of climate adaptation and mitigation measures to be taken specific to their environment.

In agriculture and live stock Production still more updated reformation is needed, we search for it and to introduce them in our region so that it might create larger impact.

Appreciating and admiring our tireless effort of, GSS in the field of social development among the poor in the pudukkottai District, the following awards were given to us.

- (1) Golden moon Award by The Universal Tamil University, bangalore
- (2) Bharath Jyothi Excellence Award by National Integrity Cultural Academy Chennai
- (3) Bharath Excellence Award by Friendship Forum Delhi.



Conclusion:

We take this opportunity to all who extended their helping hands to implement all those programmes spelt above successfully. We also thank the target community who rendered their full cooperation to take the project in a successful manner. We look forward to the support of all in the year to come so that GSS might reach to many people who are in need.

**- Secretary Committee Members
& Project Community**