

SUCCESS STORY

1. **Title :-** “ Sustainable Agri Dima Hasao”
2. **Category :- Horticulture**
 - (a) Fruit production
 - (b) Livelihoods
 - (c) Gender empowerment
 - (d) Value addition
3. **Challenge :-**
 - (i) Challenges and problems:-**
 - (a) Hilly terrain
 - (b) Lack of road infrastructure
 - (c) Fluctuation of weather
 - (d) Market prices fluctuation
 - (ii) Opportunity:-**
 - (a) Traditionally organic area by default
 - (b) Huge market potential for neighbouring district

“The story is about the farmers specially residing along the National Highway 54 (East) ranging from Maibang to Manderdisa belt. The farmers of this areas is particularly dependent on jhum cultivation, paddy cultivation (rainfed). The problem this farmers face is that traditionally they adopted the jhum cultivation system where by the burn and slash the forest lands and cultivate their farm produces. However with the intervention of forest department they are prohibited from doing the same, snatching the livelihood and source of income. Now the face a serious threat to their income social standing and livelihood issues”.

4. **Initiative:-**

Under RKVY 2017-2018, a brainstorming session was conducted by NCHAC, Agriculture and allied department, civil groups, progressive farmers to address this challenge. A crop mapping and soil health of the areas was done. The targeted beneficiaries was given training and was consulted for the implementation process. The targeted beneficiaries were basically the marginal farmers belonging to ST(Hills),SC and OBC Category .In the training the scientists from KVK,Subject Matter Specialist and progressive farmers from different parts of Dima Hasao was called and it was dediced that the Horticulture Crops specially Pineapple can be taken up in a cluster based approach for the targetd area`s.The Scientists showed powerpoint presentation regarding the evils of Jhum Cultivation and showed the benefits of adopting the organic based cultivation and its market potentialities .On the suggestion of the farmers the following crops were taken up namely Pineapple,Sesamum,Mustard,Ginger,Assam Lemon.in the Year 2017-18 and an amount of Rs.163.03Lakhs was allocated for the cultivation of the same with necessary inputs.It was also decided that this will be in a cluster based approached in the 1st Phase and taking this groups of farmers of each locality Farmers Club will be formed and FPO will also be formed combining this farmers club.

5.Key Result

Since the project is ongoing and the cultivation is in its initial stage hence result cannot be determined .However it is found that the farmers are adopting new techniques like double row cultivation,organic usage etc in the field.

6. Impact

Since the project is ongoing and the cultivation is in its initial stage hence immediate impact cannot be determined.However the nearby famers are coming forward leaving Jhum Cultivation ,and attending regular training to know the best practices which was not seen earlier.

7. Lessons Learned

1. The farmers do have practical field knowledge however during the process of implementation it was found that we can use our scientific knowledge and their traditional farming knowledge to make innovation.

8. Supporting Quotes and Images



9.Additional Information

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