Best Practices in climate change adaptation and mitigation

Chetna Organic Farmers Association

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Current technical extension and research efforts centred around saturation of farmers with all the recommended practices, convergence to mobilize resources, develop diverse communication materials for improvement of the effective training, crop diversification, seed production and action research;

1. Planting more than 200,000 plants during the year
2. Mobilized INR.5 million worth agriculture inputs from the departments
3. Anchoring the soil fertility node in the Revitalizing Rainfed Network Agriculture Initiative with 7 renowned NGOs as partners. Produce national level policy manual on soils
4. Invited by NAC and Planning Commission to make presentation on policy recommendation for integrating NREGS into rain fed agriculture
5. Entered into collaborative partnership with UASD on seed research (>700 lines in seed trails)
Seed Production and trails
Chetna reaching farmers with integrated interventions in natural resource management through Watershed and NREGA solid investments on soil and water conservation, development of common property resources, horticulture, agro-forestry etc

1. Integrated Watershed Development in 3000 hectares with over INR. 30 million rupees investment

2. So far brought 1250 acres of waste lands under cultivation

3. Chetna Watershed rates as number 1 demonstrating best practices and transparency and cash award announced by NABARD

4. Government selected Chetna to implement Watershed in additional 5000 ha with INR.55 million investment
Farmers participation in Natural Resource Management
Soil and Water Conservation works
Institution Building processes aimed at repositioning the cooperatives to leverage the potential through diversifying the services to its members and strengthening the farmer SHGs as solid building blocks in the Chetna structure.

1. Out of the 8 old cooperatives 5 cooperatives set up diverse community enterprises – dall, rice mills, bio-fertilizer unit etc.

2. Building the capacities of the cooperatives to take up the role in implementation of the government development programs. EoI placed with Government of Maharashtra for CAIM and MACP Programs.

3. Developed manuals for farmer SHG and cooperative trainings.

4. Utilization of Fair Trade Premiums for to meet the strategic needs of the community.

5. Strengthening systems for building the ownership of cooperatives over COFA & COAPCL – share transfer to coops, increased equity, representation from each of the cooperative.

6. Cooperatives proactively engaging with the various agencies to mobilize additional resources – tractor, seed production, horticulture, series of tanks.
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