



UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

Udai Pratap College, Varanasi

Report for 2022-2023

PROGRESS REPORT

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Sr. No.	ADOPTED VILLAGES	TALUKA(Block)	DISTRICT
1	Ganeshpur	Harahua	Varanasi
2	Bhawanipur		
3	Pisaur		
4	Chamaw		
5	Daniyalpur		

List of Activities:

ACTIVITY 1:

Title of the Activity:

Tour of villages for general interaction with different stakeholders.

Need of the Activity:

To introduce the team and villagers with each other.

Brief Description (Need/Impact/Action/Picture (if any)):

We toured all the adopted villages and engaged in following activities in each:

- Interaction with village representatives such as Gram Pradhan.
- Interaction with village development officers such as Panchayat secretary.
- Interaction with primary school teachers and students.
- Interaction with general village population.

During these we introduced the stakeholders with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and discussed about issues in each village such as sanitation, health and hygiene, education and employment etc.

Efforts performed during this activity helped us build a platform with each of the villages so as to ease the next set of activities such as surveys.



ACTIVITY 2:

Title of the Activity:

Tour of villages for interaction with specific stakeholders.

Need of the Activity:

During previous interactions specific problem areas had emerged that can be addressed under the scope of scheme.

Brief Description (Need/Impact/Action/Picture (if any)):

We did following activities in each of the villages:

- Interaction with farmers.
- Interaction with women of household.
- Interaction with enrolled students in the primary schools.

During all these interactions, we collected various data as is mandated under the scheme while also getting to know about problems unique for each group. These problems had a mosaic landscape such as issue of pests affecting radish crop in Chamaw village while same issue plagued mushroom cultivation in Daniyalpur village.

A common thread across all the mosaic was less opportunities of self -employment for women in each of the villages. The students seemed satisfied with general amenities but wanted exposure to computers and also were enthusiastic for novel pedagogy approaches when our team exposed them to it.

These efforts helped us generate much needed data as mandated and also gave actionable inputs so that we can start building meaningful rapport with the villagers. Based on this, we performed next three activities.



ACTIVITY 3:

Title of the Activity:

Workshop on crop rotation, organic farming and organic pest control measures.

Need of the Activity:

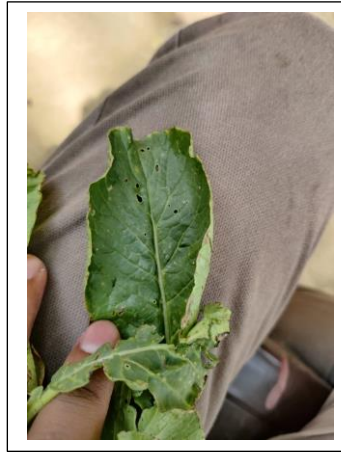
During our previous interactions many villagers had complained about pests damaging the crops. Thus, we organized the workshop to address this issue.

Brief Description (Need/Impact/Action/Picture (if any)): We had invited Dr. Govind Dev from Krishak Dham Udyog Agro Park, Varanasi as expert. The workshop was conducted in village Chamaw.

Dr. Dev interacted with the villagers and helped them understand the importance of crop rotation and also encouraged them to shift at least some part of their agriculture to the organic farming.

He also interacted with the farmers and helped them with pest control measures. The pest responsible for damage to the radish crops was identified to be a Nematode by Dr. Dev and accordingly he suggested remedial measures.

Overall, this workshop was well accepted by the villagers as it solved some of their ongoing problems while also made them aware of newer opportunities.



ACTIVITY 4:

Title of the Activity:

Workshop on mushroom cultivation.

Need of the Activity:

During our previous interactions many villagers had complained about issues with mushroom cultivation. Thus, we organized the workshop to address this issue.

Brief Description (Need/Impact/Action/Picture (if any)): We had invited Dr. Govind Dev from Krishak Dham Udyog Agro Park, Varanasi as expert. The workshop was conducted in village Daniyalpur.

Dr. Dev provided a beginner's guide to the farmers who wanted to do mushroom cultivation. He also interacted with some farmers who were already engaged in the process of mushroom cultivation so as to listen to their problems. On request, Dr. Dev visited the cultivation site and identified the pest as bacteria and suggested remedial measures to save the crop. He also suggested some changes in the practice so as to prevent the repeat of the infection.

This workshop helped the villagers understand mushroom cultivation, process and how to deal with pests affecting it.



ACTIVITY 5:

Title of the Activity:

Training on women self-employment via Macramé.

Need of the Activity:

During our previous interactions women members had complained about lack of self-employment opportunities. Thus, we organized the workshop to address this issue.

Brief Description (Need/Impact/Action/Picture (if any)): We had invited Ms. Aarohi Gupta, a Macramé freelancer in Varanasi as an expert. The workshop was conducted in village Daniyalpur.

Macramé is an art of tying knots in string to make decorative things. The tying of knots is a complex process and requires expert training. This training was given by Ms. Gupta. She started from the basics on day 1 and gradually took it to complex designs by the last day i.e. day 7.

Women showed great enthusiasm while learning and learned all the knots quickly. The training in this art form is relevant because Macramé is used to prepare various articles such as wall hangings, doormats, foot mats etc. These articles are in great demand in the Varanasi due to high tourist inflow. Thus, learning this method will help the enterprising womenfolk generate meaningful self-employment.



ACTIVITY 5:

Title of the Activity:

Training in food preservation without chemicals using pickle and aam papad as model.

Need of the Activity:

During our previous interactions women members had complained about lack of self-employment opportunities. Thus, we organized the workshop to address this issue.

Brief Description (Need/Impact/Action/Picture (if any)): We had invited Ms. Shweta Singh, freelancer in Varanasi as an expert and infrastructure for the workshop was provided by Bharat Aarambh NGO. The workshop was conducted in village Daniyalpur.

In taking forward the need for self-employment generation, we planned to train our womenfolk in preparation of pickle and aam papad without using chemical preservatives. Such articles are in high demand in Varanasi due to high tourist inflow and if these items are without chemical preservatives then they are of greater value.

In this process, a seven-day training program was organized and emphasis on all the processes was duly placed right from mango procurement, washing, cutting, pickling, drying etc. Similarly processes for aam papad were duly accommodated in the training process.

At the end of it we produced pickle and aam papad without using chemical preservatives. This training was also well received by the women in village.





Next action plan:

Sr. No.	Activity to be conducted(along with reason)
1	Assessment of the impact of our actions till now.
2	Problems faced during the implementation of activities for which the training was given during previous cycle.
3	To facilitate the drinking water access in all the villages with the help of the district administration.
4	To take up the issue of powerloom workers who are running in losses due to high power tariff.
5	To find solution of high fiber costs for the powerloom workers as it is adversely affecting the livelihood.

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