

WATERING PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT



INITIATIVE:

Watershed Development in Chitradurga district, Karnataka

BENEFICIARIES:

Villagers of Devigere in Chitradurga district

THE CHALLENGE:

- Soil erosion and degrading soil fertility resulted in low agricultural production
- High temperatures dried up wells causing acute water shortage
- Drought conditions led to indebtedness and migration
- Unawareness of new methods of farming
- Unorganized SHGs whose loans were mainly for consumption purpose

THE SOLUTION:

- Development of Watershed by the entire community
- Farmers trained in new and scientific methods of farming
- Organize livelihood activities through SHGs

THE IMPACT:

The project had 649 direct beneficiaries, besides improving the lives of 2078 farmers in the surrounding areas.

Recharge of ground water level & improved soil fertility leading to better yields

Additional income for farmers from bund plantation

Income generating activities like vegetable vending, dairy farming, sheep rearing and setting up of petty shops by women SHGs

Check in urban migration

