The objective of TDF

Promote sustainable participatory livelihood programmes (“Wadi” model and “beyond Wadi approach” along with agri. allied activities) which inter alia, aim at economic uplift through sustainable agriculture, social empowerment, improvement in quality of life including health and women development, in tribal predominant areas of the country supported through Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)/ Community Based Organisations (CBOs)/ KVKs, Corporates etc.

The basic elements of the wadi model supported by NABARD have been briefly described below

- Central focus is on “Wadi” (meaning a small orchard of one or two acre of two crops)
- Agri. allied & off farm sector activities
- Staggered income over long term though plantation of forest species on the boundaries • Family based approach towards development
- Sustainability – key for success of the model
- Community ownership of project
- Measures to improve the quality of life of tribal families
- Institutional building by formation of cooperatives
- Support for processing and marketing of farm produce

TDF aims at

- Create replicable models of integrated development of tribal families, on participatory basis, through adoption of sustainable income generating activities based on potential of the area and the tribal needs;
- To build and strengthen tribal institutions which would enable the communities to be partners in policy formulation, execution of programs and improve social and economic status.