

The objective of TDF

Promote sustainable participatory livelihood programmes by developing small orchard and other on and off farm 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 TDF projects supported by NABARD are:

- A small orchard of one or two acre of two crops
- Agri. allied & off farm sector activities
- 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 to

- 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;
- 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.
- enhance sustainability, advocate promotion of community institutions such as FPOs, to facilitating input supply, technology transfer, aggregation, processing, value addition, and marketing. It is to integrate tribal farmers into the value chain, enabling them to receive a greater share of the consumer price.