



5.15 Tribal Development Fund



Fruitful Beginnings: Orchard Projects Creating New Opportunities for Tribal Farmers

Name of the Project: Kallenahali TDF

Implementing Entity: SPEECH

Total Financial Outlay: ₹29.98 million

NABARD's Support: ₹28.58 million

Location of the Project: Chitradurga District, Karnataka

Challenges Addressed

- ❖ Lack interest in tree-based farming for substantial income.
- ❖ Migration for labour work instead of cultivation in their own land.
- ❖ Low family income due to crop failure.



Strategies

- ❖ 421 acres brought under Wadi, covering 421 farmers. Support to 75 landless beneficiaries. Plantation of Horticulture crops – Mango & Cashew.
- ❖ Capacity building and exposure visits for communities on WADI implementation & horticulture crops.
- ❖ Soil & water conservation measures undertaken to arrest topsoil and deep ploughing activity to increase water retention.
- ❖ Cement rings to provide irrigation to plants during dry spells and summer.
- ❖ Border plantation with Melia Dubia, Teak, Silver oak to create additional income and for fodder production.

Impact

- ❖ **Number of Wadis Promoted:** 421
- ❖ **Area Promoted:** 421 acres
- ❖ **Number of Tribal Farmers Benefited:** 421 Farmers
- ❖ **Number of Women Farmer Beneficiaries:**
187 Wadi Beneficiary
67 Micro Enterprises Development
- ❖ **Details of Trees Planted**

About 60 acres of uncultivated land have been converted to cultivable.

Village	Mango	Cashew	Border Plants
Kallenahalli	3,240	2,160	16,200
Sasalahatti	4,020	2,680	20,100
Bachaboranahatti	5,490	3,660	27,450
Total	12,750	8,500	63,750



❖ Desilting of existing water harvesting structures such as trench cum bund, was helpful in increasing table.

❖ **No. of Families Defied/Stopped Migration:**
32 Families

❖ **Ground Level Institutions**

- ❖ No. of SHG/JLG promoted: 20 SHGs Promoted
- ❖ No. of SHG/JLG credit linked : 20 SHGs Credit Linked
- ❖ Increase in income of SHG/JLG members : Yes

❖ Enterprise activity taken up by SHG/JLG :

1. Animal Husbandry - 40
2. Tailoring - 20
3. Petty Shop - 10
4. Plumbing Work - 1
5. Xerox Shop - 1
6. Masonry Work - 1
7. Motor Rewinding - 1
8. Hotel cum Shop - 1

