

QUARTERLY REPORT

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GOAT FARMING

Background

Nuh (erstwhile Mewat) region of Haryana is predominantly inhabited by Meo-Muslims and considered as one of the most backward districts of Haryana and identified as an aspirational district by Niti Aayog.

In the survey conducted by LDF, it was found that less than 30% of families in Nuh, own land and of these 30%, 85% of the population own less than 1 killa land. Nearly 45% are engaged in livestock rearing and 35% are engaged in non-farm activity including labour work, private & public jobs and other non-farm activity such as dari making etc.

Goat rearing which is considered as one of the most profitable business for rural community has huge acceptance among the Nuh community. Though traditionally, most of these HHs had been engaged in goat rearing, presently only 5.86% were reported to be engaged in the goat rearing. This is because Nuh being close to industrial towns such as Bhiwadi and Gurugram have huge rates of daily migration for labour work. In fact, the HHs currently engaged in the activity don't consider it as an income generating livelihood. They lack knowledge and awareness about feed management, vaccination and disease management and other improved animal practices. Despite easy access to market, most of the HHs sell their bucks to middlemen without any relation to the weight or breed of these animals. Even the mortality rates are high which often result in poor income from the activity.

LDF initiated Goat Rearing as a livelihood intervention with 331 HHs in 4 Cluster Level Federations (CLFs) in Nuh district of Haryana.



The intervention mainly focusses at three major components

- Improving income of identified goat rearing HHs through imparting trainings with respect to improved feed management to increase body weight of the animals and hence profit.
- Reduce mortality rate through awareness and training about diseases and vaccinations
- Improved goat sheds and increase in herd size.

Highlights from previous quarter

- 200 HHs were identified for the goat rearing intervention and baseline data was collected.
- 190 women were mobilized in 18 Livelihood Groups (LGs) and 4 Pashu Pathshalas (FFS)
- 3 trainings were conducted with 87 members on deworming, vaccination and animal insurance.

Snapshot of Activities undertaken in this quarter

- Fortnightly meeting conducted with all the FFS for training, data collection and efficient management of the program.
- Training on feed management, health and disease management.
- Associates facilitated training and awareness sessions with line department (Animal Husbandry department)
- Meeting with Line Departments for their support in training and capacity building of beneficiaries.
- Identification of 131 new HHs for the intervention
- Mobilisation of new HHs in 11 new LGs and 6 FFS.
- Training and demonstration on Mineral Mixture bricks as animal feed

Activities

Fortnightly meeting at FFS and Regular meeting at LGs

More than 15 fortnightly FFS meetings were organised by LDF in all 10 FFS, combined in this quarter.



Capacity Building Training and Orientation:

As the targeted population was not following improved animal management practices, income from goat rearing practice was low coupled with high rate of mortality. Trainings were imparted by LDF team on topics related to feed management, health and disease management.

Training/ Capacity Building Session	Total no. of sessions	Total attending participants these trainings
Feed Management	7	177
Disease Management	7	178
Health Management (Mineral Mixture)	5	138

Beside the trainings and capacity building sessions at FFS level, trainings are also provided by LDF at LG level so that in case the beneficiaries failed to attend the FFS training, it is compensated by training at LG level. At least one training and meeting session is conducted every month at every LG. More than 60 such meetings have been conducted with 20 LGs in 4 clusters of Nuh district.

Training and demonstration of Mineral Mixture Bricks

This activity was initiated with 138 HHs in 2 CLFs. These bricks have high nutritional contents of calcium, phosphorous, magnesium, protein, vitamin and iodine and are essential in reducing constipation, improving conception rate, reducing mortality of newly born offsprings, protection from diseases and enhancing food intake.

Input cost of one Mineral block – Approx. Rs. 3.50/-

Weight of one Mineral block – Approx. 100 gm.



Meeting with Line Department

More than 10 meetings were conducted with Animal Husbandry department, ADC, Department of Horticulture etc, to gain their support for the intervention. As a result of these meetings Letter of Order has been issued by ADC office to the Dist. Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Office to conduct village level trainings for producing vegetable and Livestock management. 7 trainings have been organised by veterinary officials from Animal Husbandry Department on feed and disease management. The officials conducted awareness sessions for the beneficiaries about the latest government schemes and services through which they can enhance their goat rearing livelihood.



Identification of new HHs and their mobilization in LG and FFS

LDF associates identified 131 new HHs out of which 101 belongs to the Parivartan CLF of Firozpur Jhirkha. These beneficiaries have been mobilised in LGs and FFS. 11 new LGs have been formed and they are further mobilised in 6 FFS.

Plans for the next quarter

- Training on shed management and improved animal management to all identified beneficiaries
- Vaccination camps to be organised at village level.
- Increase in herd size through goat induction
- Goat rearing program execution with the new identified HHs in 4 new clusters
- Training and capacity building of LDF team