Yearly Progress Report

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"Promotion of Tree Plantation and Formation of children Eco Club in eight Government Schools of 7 villages in Kadur block, Chikmagalur district, Karnataka"

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Title of the project	"Promotion of Tree Plantation and Formation of children Eco Club in eight Government Schools of 7 villages in Kadur block, Chikmagalur district Karnataka."
Project Period	3 Years
Location of the project	Eight Government Schools in 7 villages of Kadur block, Chikmagalur district, Karnataka State, India
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Summary Line:

This is a narrative report of the annual progress and detailed information about the various activities of the Tree Plantation Project in eight schools in 7 Villages of Kadur Block Chikmagalur district. A special focus is spaced here to document the various activities, awareness programme, trainings, took place from the month of August 2021 to July 2022. The rapport with the community was strengthened from day to day continued school visit, primary meetings and interaction with beneficiaries, organising awareness programmes and trainings, exposure visit and tree plantation. They are well responsive and contributed their cooperation for planning and implementation of the project activities.

During the first quarter, due to the pandemic situation the commencement of the new academic year 2020-2021 was affected which also affected on implementation of the project in eight government schools in Kadur Block. In the month of August 2021 the schools were opened by imposing strict rules and SOP as preventive measures to avoid any danger of COVID virus. As per the SOP organising any activities by public in the school promises was prohibited this unexpected situation resulted in slow progress in implementation of the project. Due to the tough rules in schools no much activities was undertaken till mid of October 2021 except for few primary meetings and interaction with teachers, students and SDMC.

In the second quarter i.e. after October 2021 implementation of project activities picked up slowly this was possible because of the liberalization in COVID SOP in school campus. This report gives the detail information about the various activities initiated and the utilization of the first year's fund of this project.

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION:

1. **Awareness workshop on Promotion of tree plantation, Environment Protection, and Eco club :**

During the year 04 awareness workshops on Concept building tactics in terms of creating importance of awareness on Tree plantation and caring, Eco club formation and promotion, Environment protection, our role in climatic change, global warming, effects of carbon credit generation, environment pollution, nursery rising, plantation development, species selection, etc. was organized in Government Schools in Annigere, Shankarapura, V Yaradakere and Huligundi. Around 160 participants participated the training, which included school children, representatives of Eco club, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members and parents. The awareness workshop has helped in sensitizing the children and encouraging them towards their responsibility towards environment protection and climate change.

2. **Awareness workshop on the promotion of tree plantation including Agro forestry and Ago horticulture:**

During the year 05 awareness workshops on Concept building tactics in terms of creating importance of awareness on Tree plantation and caring, Environment protection, climatic change, global warming, effects of carbon credit generation, environment pollution, and promotion of tree plantation which includes agro forestry and horticulture plants. Around 200 participants participated in the training, which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and village beneficiaries from Annigere, Shankarapura, V Yaradakere and Huligundi also participated.

3. **Training on After care and management of tree plants:**

During the year 02 training programme on after care and management of tree plants was organized for the beneficiaries to whom the plants has been distributed and to the ECO club members on how to protect and nurish the plants after being planted in their campus or land. Around 80 participants participated in the training, which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and village beneficiaries from Hannumanthapura, Annigere, S D Koppalu, Shankarapura, V Yaradakere, Y Mallapura and Huligundi also participated.

4. **Concept building training on promotion of nutrition garden and herbal plants /demonstration:**

During the year 02 training programme on Concept building training on promotion of nutrition garden or demonstration, the importance of developing nutrition garden, use of fresh and organic vegetables and to maintain a balanced diet, promotion of herbal plants and its importance and formation of Eco club in schools was organized for children, teachers, SHG members, Panchayath leaders, SDMC members, and the village. Around 80 participants participated in the training, which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and village beneficiaries from Hannumanthapura, Annigere, S D Koppalu, Shankarapura, V Yaradakere, Y Mallapura and Huligundi also participated.

5. **Plantation of agro forestry trees in beneficiaries land and school grounds:**

733 agro forestry plants like teak, Pongamia, cassesemia, gliricidia, neem, and silver oak are planted in 100 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds and one panchayath land. This activity not only helps to conserve the biodiversity of the area but provide fodder, fuel, and timber as well. The beneficiaries will be selected based on their interest, land holding, and availability of water in

the nearest point. The local village committees would take initiatives to protect the tree plants and made avail the watering techniques towards sustain of planted trees. 85% is the survival rate of the plants planted 100 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds and one panchayath land.

6. Plantation of horticulture trees in beneficiaries land and school grounds:

Horticulture plants support the agro-community. Horticulture plants are seasonal agricultural activity. Horticultural plants may be sapota, papaya, mango, jack fruit, Lemon, drum stick, cashew nut, and custard apple; consumption of these fruits and vegetables is good for health which acts like nutritious food. Hence, during the year **655** horticulture plants like sapota, papaya, mango, jack fruit, Lemon, drum stick, cashew nut, and custard apple trees are distributed and planted in schools grounds and beneficiaries land. All these plants are distributed and planted in 100 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds and one panchayath land. 85% is the survival rate.

7. Promotion of nutrition garden and formation of Eco club:

The project also ensures the formation of the **07** Eco Club/ Natures Club in each selected government school to bring student initiatives in protecting nature. The management of tree plantation, nutrition garden, and Eco club responsibilities will be taken care of by school teachers, school children, and SDMC members. During this year, 7 Eco Clubs formation is under process one in each government schools. In addition to it ten Nutrition garden has been promoted in individual beneficiaries land. This has now contributed in easy access to vegetables and chemical free vegetables like Chilly, Tomatoo, ladies finger, green leaves, brinjal, Radish, beans, mint leaves. All these are now being used by the children and individual families.

Overview of Project Activities:

Sl. No	Activities	Planned activities for this Year	Achieved during the Year	Unachieved activities	Remark
1.	Awareness workshop on Promotion of tree plantation, Environment Protection, and Eco club	07	04	03	Seven Programmes planned during this year due to Government orders and irregularity of children in school due to these reason 04 programmes has been successfully completed with 160 participants.
2	Awareness workshop on the promotion of tree plantation including Agro forestry and Ago horticulture	07	05	02	Seven Programmes planned during this year due to Government orders and people engaged in harvesting / seasonal cultivation due to these reason 05 programmes has been successfully completed with 200 participants.

3.	Training on aftercare and management of tree plants	01	02	-01	One Programme was planned during this year. Based on the need of the training progarmme and protection of the plants two programmes has been successfully organized with 80 participants benefitting from this training programme.
4.	Exposure visit	02	01	00	One exposure visit to Students, SDMC members and Teachers were planned during this year but due to Government orders in school and restricted movement no exposure was organized. One exposure visit was organized for the SHG members, SDMC members, and individual beneficiaries (small and marginal farmers). 35 participants participated and are now benefited.
5.	Concept building training on promotion of nutrition garden and herbal plants /demonstration	02	01	01	During this year two concept building training programme was planed. Due to the various reasons the project implementation was initiated bit late. One concept building training on promotion of nutrition garden and herbal plants /demonstration was organized for children, teachers, SHG members, Panchayath leaders, SDMC members, and the villagers. 42 participants participated and are now benefited.
6.	Plantation of agro forestry trees in beneficiaries land and school grounds	1700	733	967	733 agro forestry plants has been distributed and planted in 100 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds and one panchayat land. 85% is the survival rate.

7.	Plantation of horticulture trees in beneficiaries land and school grounds	500	655	-155	During the year **655** horticulture plants like sapota, papaya, mango, jack fruit, Lemon, drum stick, cashew nut, and custard apple trees are distributed and planted in schools grounds and beneficiaries land. 100 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds and one Panchayat land. 85% is the survival rate.
8.	Promotion of nutrition garden	10	10	00	10 Nutrition garden has been promoted in individual beneficiaries land. This has now contributed in easy access to vegetables and chemical free vegetables like Chilly, Tomatoo, ladies finger, green leaves, brinjal, Radish, beans, mint leaves. All these are now being used by the children and individual families.
9.	Formation of Eco Club	07	07	00	Initial meetings with teachers, SDMC members, and student representatives has been initiated and 07 eco clubs has been formed and children representatives are given responsibilities to protect the plants planted in the school ground.
10.	Development & distribution of handbills	1000	850	150	850 handbills has been distributed among children, teachers, SDMC members, panchayath members, individual small and marginal farmers.

IMPACT OF THE PROJECT:

The project was implemented activities actually began from the month of mid October 2021 during this project period we were able to achieve short term impact of the implementation of the project in our working area. Following are the details about the short term impacts of the project –

- Sensitized towards community role in Environment Protection: The school children, Teachers, SDMC Members, SHG Members are now sensitized on their contribution to nature in protecting environment. They are sensitized towards the community role in climatic change, global warming, and effects of carbon credit generation, environment pollution, and promotion of tree plantation.
- Formation of Eco Club and creating awareness among the young generation/ school children has now resulted in children initiatives in environment protection, tree plantation and are now understanding their responsibility to the mother nature for healthy and pollution free environment.
- The Beneficiaries (school children, Teachers, SDMC Members, SHG Members) under this project are now taking initiatives in tree plantation, after care management of plants planted. Due to this reason the survival of plants is 85%, this has motivated other villagers to initiate plantation.
- With the promotion of nutrition garden in the individual beneficiaries land they families are now accessing fresh and chemical free vegetables. The availability of fresh and chemical free vegetables is at door step, this not only provides fresh vegetables but also helps in improving the nutritious level of the family members.

CONCLUSION:

During the last year the village animator has made an effort to mobilize the community, organized regular meetings and interactions with the school authorities, SDMC members, Panchayath, existing SHG members, to undertake this tree plantation project. Over the months 12 awareness/training/ concept building programmes are organized on importance of tree plantation, after care tree plantation, nutrition garden, formation of eco club and human responsibility in protecting the nature and impact of globalization due to cutting of trees has been initiated. 655 Horticulture and 733 Agro forestry plants has been planted and distributed in the school grounds, panchayath ground and SDMC members/ SHG members/ Individuals land.

Due to the pandemic situation and imposed tough rules by the government the implementation of project activities was slow downed till mid of October 2021 later on the activities slowly picked up and is now being implemented very well. The team of VIKASANA has managed to provide their possible services and support for the implementation of the tree plantation project with all the tough rules and rustications. During the year we received average rain fall in our project area due to this reason we had to use alternative water sources to protect the plants planted, we initiated watering activities to protect these plants this helped us in achieving 85% of survival of plants. So far, 100 beneficiates are distributed with plants (Horticulture and Agro Forestry) and around 800 plants are planted in School grounds and are been nurtured by the students and staffs of the school.

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