Yearly Progress Report

August 2022 to August 2023

Project:

"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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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 seven Villages of Kadur Block Chikmagalur district. A special focus is spaced here to document the various activities, plantation and plant protection activities, awareness programme, trainings, took place from the month of August 2022 to August 2023. 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 towards planning and implementation of the project activities.

During the second year the project implantation activities were carried out very well with the support of the children, teachers, SDMC, SHG, Panchayath leaders, farmers and Community. During the year around 914 individuals are directly benefited from the project, this report covers the related information of beneficiaries. Here is a narrative detailed report on the progress of the project implementation and various activities of the project. During the second year we had very average rainfalls due to which we were unable to initiate more tree plantation activities in our working areas. In the year 2023 we did not get rainfall till the end of August, this has resulted in not initiating tree plantation activities. The plants purchased under this project with anticipating rainfall and in order to initiate plantation activities in the month of June2023 to August 20023 are now protected, watered and nurtured at VIKASANA agriculture land. Tree plantation activities will be initiated as soon the rainfall in our working area.

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION:

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

During the year 08 awareness workshops were organized on creating importance of 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. Around 296 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 responsibilities towards environment protection and climate change.

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

During the year 07 awareness workshops were organized to promote plantation activities, importance of tree plantation, environment protection, climatic change, effects of carbon credit generation, environment pollution, and promotion of tree plantation which includes agro forestry and horticulture plants. Around 240 direct participants participated in the workshop which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and villagers.

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

During the year 01 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 40 participants participated in the training, which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and villagers.

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

During the year 03 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 115 participants participated in the training, which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and villagers.

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

1667 agro forestry plants like teak, Pongamia, cassesemia, gliricidia, neem, and silver oak are planted in 145 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds. 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 145 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds.

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 **353** 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 192 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds. 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 are monitored well and meetings are conducted in regular intervals. 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.

IMPACT OF THE PROJECT:

- Sensitized towards community role / Participation in Environment Protection: Around 1200 school children, Teachers, SDMC Members, SHG Members, Parents, Panchayath Leaders, Villagers and individual farmers 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.
- 265 children are members of Eco Club and all these school children are now taking initiatives in tree plantation, nutrition garden, plants protection and watering, this is the first initiative among young generations towards environment protection, tree plantation. Young generation is now understanding their responsibility to the mother nature for healthy and pollution free environment.
- People/ Community Initiatives: Around 2000 direct Beneficiaries (school children, Teachers, SDMC Members, SHG Members, Panchayath leaders, villagers and farmers) 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.
- Sensitized and consumption of nutritious and chemical free vegetable: 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.
- Plantation Activity: More than 2000 Plants (Forestry and Horticulture) are planted during the year and 85% plants are in survival. Plants planted previous year are now flowing and the survival rate is 85%.

Overview of Project Activities:

Sl. No	Activities	Previous year Unachieved Activities	Planned activities for this Year as per Budget	Total Target for the Year	Achieved during the Year	Unachieved activities	Remark
1.	Awareness workshop on Promotion of tree plantation, Environment Protection, and Eco club	03	05	**08**	08	00	Eight Programmes planned were planned for the year, we have organized all the eight programmes with 296 participants which included school children, representatives of Eco club, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members and parents.
2	Awareness workshop on the promotion of tree plantation including Agro forestry and Ago horticulture	02	05	**07**	06	01	Seven Programmes were planned for the year out of which Six programmes has been successfully completed with 240 participants which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and villagers.
3.	Training on aftercare and management of tree plants	- 01 (Additional one was achieved)	02	**01**	01	00	As per the budget two Programme was planned during this year, but in previous year one additional programme was organized. In order to balance the budget this year we organized one programme to balance the cost under this head. Around 40 participants participated in the training, which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and villagers.
4.	Exposure visit	01	02	**03**	02	01	One exposure visit to Students, SDMC members and Teachers were planned during this year. 35 participants participated in the exposure visit. 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	01	02	**03**	03	00	Three Programmes planned were planned for the year, we have organized all the two programmes with 115 participants which included children, teachers, SDMC members, Panchayath members, SHG members, parents and villagers.
6.	Plantation of agro forestry trees in beneficiaries land and school grounds	967	1650	**2617**	1667	950	1667 agro forestry plants has been distributed and planted among 145 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds. 85% is the survival rate.
7.	Plantation of horticulture trees in beneficiaries land and school grounds	- 155 (Additional 155 plants were planted)	500	**345**	324	21	During the year 345 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. 192 beneficiaries' land and eight school grounds and one Panchayat land. 85% is the survival rate.
8.	Promotion of nutrition garden	00	10	**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	00	00	**00**	00	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	150	1000	**1150**	970	180	970 handbills has been distributed among children, teachers, SDMC members, panchayath members, individual small and marginal farmers.

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. 324 Horticulture and 1667 Agro forestry plants has been planted and distributed in the school grounds, panchayath ground and SDMC members/ SHG members/ Individuals land.

This year the implementation activities were smooth and were able to achieve it very easily without much challenge. The team of VIKASANA has managed to provide their possible services and support for the implementation of the tree plantation project. 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 specially during summer season, we initiated watering activities for two months i.e. monthly four times plants are watered to protect these plants this has helped us in achieving 85% of survival of plants. During the year 914 beneficiates are distributed with plants (Horticulture and Agro Forestry) and around 1991 plants are planted during the year in School grounds, individual farmers land and are been nurtured by the students, staffs, SDMC, SHG members, Panchayats, farmers of the school. We would like to inform that the second year plantation programme was affected by the average rain / in some parts of the working area absolute zero rainfall, due to which no plantation activities have been initiated from May 2023 to August 2023. Plants protection and survival was given more importance during May 2023 to August 2023. The plants purchased are now being protected and nurtured by Vikasana team in their agricultural land / nursery.

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