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Completion Report Summary

Title : Empowering Tribal women in Pappireddipatti Block through Beekeeping and Value addition of Bee products

Overview

- ✓ The scheme was implemented in the tribal villages of Pappireddipatti block. Sitheri, Thamanikomabi, Elanthakottapatti, Kombur, Chinnamanjavadi, Salur, Pattukonampatti and Ajjampatti villages were selected to implement the project.
- ✓ Preliminary survey was conducted in these villages to assess the knowledge about beekeeping among the farmers. The survey revealed that most of the farmers were know about the beekeeping and some of them are involved in the honey collection. But most of them lack knowledge about the honey processing and use of honey extractor for the extraction honey.
- ✓ In these villages twenty farmers were selected and formed as a group. The bee keeping training was imparted to the group members for three days. All the aspects of beekeeping are covered during the training programme. In total 200 tribal farmers were trained in the training programme.
- ✓ For the trained farmers ten bee hives along with colony, honey extractor and other accessories were given so as to enable them to practise bee keeping.
- ✓ To motivate the farmers towards the beekeeping five exposure visits were arranged for the farmers during the project period. The farmers were taken to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Agricultural College & Research Institute, Madurai, Ms.ADP Apiary, Erode, Mr.Parthipan, Bee entrepreneur, Gopichettipalayam and Mrs. Josphine, Bee entrepreneur, Madurai. During the exposure visit BEE KEEPING AS A BUSINESS was explained to the farmers.

Outcome

- ✓ Among the trainees Mr.Vijyakumae, Elanthakottapatti has sold more than 200kgs of honey from the hives. The farmers of the above village now process the honey using the honey extractor and follow the scientific method to cure the honey. Glass containers, sealing machine and weighing balance were also given to the groups to motivate them for new marketing avenues.
- ✓ The tribal farmers process the honey using the extractor. This process reduces the debris in the honey and also fetches higher price for their produce.
- ✓ On an average Rs.5000/month- has been earned as additional income from the beekeeping