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ABOUT US

The India Grama Munnetra Iyakkam (IGMI) is a Non-Governmental, Voluntary and a registered organization (Registration No.:123/1999) is functioning for the upliftment of the depressed section of the community. It mainly gives it's rendering service in the fields of Education, Health, Watershed Management, Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental protection in Perambalur District. IGMI Trust is having its registered office at Brahmadesam village and the Administrative office in Perambalur Headquarters.

IGMI Vision

IGMI vision is to create pollution free, eco-friendly villages wherein the community people are living a healthy and happy life and are able to produce and consume organic foods, and become self-sustainable and financially independent.

IGMI Mission

IGMI mission is to create linkages with government sectors and private sectors and avail financial and technical sources and support for the betterment of the community through Meetings, Trainings and Implementation of development works for the women, children, farmer and other downtrodden people

NABARD KfW Soil Project - Climate Change Adaption (CCA):

NABARD has sanctioned CCA Project for Nattarmangalam Village on 26th August 2021 with the amount of INR 59.21 Lakhs. IGMI Trust has been appointed as a Project Facilitating Agency.

We have a good team comprising of Agri. Engineers, Agri Technocrats, Social Architects and experts are having extensive knowledge on implementing Watershed development projects.

Collaborating closely with Village Watershed Committee, we executed various activities, including creation of Automatic Weather Station, Agro Advisory Services, Bio Gas Plants, Honey Bee Keeping, Azola Demo units, Farm Ponds, Stone Bunds, Sunken Ponds, Agro Forestry, Agro Horticulture, and Percolation Ponds. These activities are

being carried out successfully, resulting in heightened farmer engagement and awareness. The local farming community expressed a genuine appreciation for these initiatives, recognizing their significance in addressing local needs.

Micro Credit to SHG's/JLG's

In partnership with **Antenna Trust**, we formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on **November 1, 2022**. This collaboration aims to facilitate microcredit support for underserved communities by empowering and strengthening Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) in the Perambalur District. Our commitment involves transferring the necessary capacity-building initiatives and microcredit funds to these groups.

As of March 31, 2023, we have disbursed microcredit loans to 15 SHGs/JLGs, benefiting a total of 121 individuals, with a cumulative amount of **INR 42.50 Lakhs**. These initiatives have been extended to various villages, including Brahmadesam, Siruvachur, Perumalpalayam, Thambiranpatti, Bommanapadi, Nattarmangalam, Somandaputhur, Sellyampalayam, and Valikandapuram, providing vital support to those in need.

Programmes:

1) NABARD KfW Soil Project Programmes:

a) Exposure Visit:

The exposure visit to KVK, Valikandapuram, on April 28, 2022,



organized by IGMI Trust under the KfW project, was a transformative experience. Participants had the opportunity to witness cutting-edge agricultural practices and community development efforts in action. This visit left a lasting impression, inspiring a commitment to sustainable rural development.

b) Intercropping millets of Green gram and Black gram:

Having previously distributed Intercropping millets of Green gram and Black gram, our dedicated staff took the initiative to monitor the fields' progress on two significant dates, namely April 5, 2022, and April 17, 2022. Their visits allowed us to witness firsthand the impressive



growth and successful interplay of these crops. This hands-on assessment reaffirmed our commitment to promoting sustainable farming practices and inspired confidence in the positive impact of our initiatives within the farming community.

c) Check Dam Construction:

The construction of the check dam under the KfW Soil Project was successfully completed on May 31, 2022. This significant milestone marks a substantial step toward effective soil water conservation and management in the region. The check dam will play a crucial role in mitigating erosion, preserving valuable soil resources, and ensuring a sustainable environment for the community. Its completion is a testament to the project's dedication to enhancing agricultural practices and environmental sustainability.



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d) Backyard Poultry Distribution:

On May 23, 2022, a significant distribution of backyard poultry took place under the project, graced by the esteemed presence of NABARD AGM Mr. Naveen Kumar LS and IGMI Trust Managing Trustee Mr. N. Poomalai. This event underscored the project's



commitment to sustainable rural development and the empowerment of local communities through livestock initiatives.

e) NABARD New AGM Visit:

On June 10, 2022, a significant meeting was convened with beneficiaries and VWC (Village Water Committee) members of the Nattarmangalam KfW project. This meeting was presided over by NABARD's newly appointed AGM, Mr. B. Prabhakaran, alongside the transferring AGM, Mr. Navin Kumar LS.

The gathering exemplified the commitment of both officials to engage directly with the community and



promote sustainable development practices, emphasizing the project's dedication to fostering positive change at the grassroots level.

f) Kitchen Garden Seeds distribution and training:

On July 14, 2022, a kitchen garden seed distribution and training session were



organized for beneficiaries, led by Dr. Sangeetha from KVK Perambalur. This event

marked a crucial step in promoting self-sufficiency and sustainable nutrition practices within the community. Dr. Sangeetha's expertise and guidance provided valuable insights into effective kitchen garden cultivation, emphasizing the project's commitment to holistic rural development.

g) Honey Bee training and honey bee box distribution:

On July 1, 2022, a significant step towards environmental sustainability was taken with



the distribution of honey bee boxes as part of the KfW Soil Project. This initiative aimed to enhance pollination and promote biodiversity within the region. Furthermore, on July 23, 2022, beneficiaries received comprehensive



training from experts, ensuring they could effectively manage the honey bee boxes and contribute to improved agricultural yields. This dual approach of distribution and training underscores the project's commitment to fostering sustainable agricultural practices and ecological balance.

h) Insect Traps, Training & Micro Nutrient and Bio Fertilizer distribution:

In September 2022, a pivotal phase of the project unfolded, encompassing the strategic deployment of insect traps, aimed at bolstering pest control and crop protection. Simultaneously, expert-led training sessions were conducted, with Mr. Pochi Selvam at the helm, enlightening farmers with cutting-edge agricultural practices and pest management strategies.



To fortify soil health and amplify crop yields, the distribution of micro-nutrients and bio-fertilizers was a crucial component of this initiative, signifying the project's dedication to sustainable agriculture practices.

The project's multifaceted approach in September 2022 highlighted its commitment



to empowering local farmers, equipping them with knowledge and resources to enhance agricultural productivity and ensure long-term agricultural sustainability.

i) Staff Training:

As part of the KfW Soil Project, IGMI Trust staff embarked on a significant visit to NAF (National Agricultural Foundation) on November 19, 2022, with the primary objective of staff training. During this visit, IGMI Trust personnel had the invaluable opportunity to immerse themselves in an



environment of knowledge exchange and acquire insights into best practices in the field. The visit underscored the project's commitment to capacity-building and staying abreast of the latest advancements in sustainable agriculture. It exemplified the project's dedication to fostering expertise within its team to further its mission of promoting responsible and sustainable agricultural practices in the region.



j) Deepening of Percolation Pond and Farm Pond

The completion of farm pond and deepening of percolation pond activities marks a significant achievement within the project. These efforts are pivotal for efficient water



resource management and enhanced agricultural productivity. The successful execution of these activities demonstrates the project's commitment to sustainable farming practices and the betterment of rural livelihoods. It represents a positive step toward ensuring water security and soil conservation within the project area.

k) Organic Input Preparation with training & Seed treatment & Gypsum Distribution:

In December 2022, the KfW Soil Project implemented a multifaceted agricultural initiative, focusing on organic input preparation, specifically Panchakaviyam, accompanied by comprehensive training sessions. This approach empowered farmers with the knowledge and practical skills to create organic fertilizers and soil conditioners, promoting eco-friendly and sustainable farming practices.



Simultaneously, seed treatment programs were conducted, enhancing crop health and resilience. This initiative exemplified the project's commitment to bolstering agricultural productivity and ensuring food security within the community.

Furthermore, the distribution of gypsum played a crucial role in

soil enrichment, underlining the project's holistic strategy to improve soil quality and promote long-term agricultural sustainability.

This comprehensive approach in December 2022 highlighted the project's dedication to empowering local farmers with valuable resources and knowledge, ultimately contributing to enhanced agricultural practices and improved livelihoods.



1) Vermi composting & Small Bio Gas plant

For the KfW Soil Project, a significant milestone was reached in March 2023 with the successful completion of vermi composting and bio gas initiatives.

Vermi Composting: After the construction of the vermi compost pit, a crucial step in organic waste management, earthworms were distributed to beneficiaries on March 21, 2023. This marked the beginning of a sustainable and eco-friendly approach to composting, emphasizing the project's commitment to soil health and responsible agricultural practices.



Bio Gas: The construction of the bio gas unit was completed, and beneficiaries



began utilizing this renewable energy source on March 16, 2023. This not only promotes sustainable energy solutions but also reduces the environmental footprint of the community while improving their access to clean and

affordable cooking fuel.

2) Micro Credit Programme:

On November 1, 2022, IGMI Trust and Antenna Trust formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), forging a strategic partnership with a shared vision of empowering underserved communities in the Perambalur District through microcredit support. Before this milestone, a preliminary meeting laid the groundwork for this collaboration.

Antenna Trust's Managing Trustee, Mr. Deva Manokaran, and their dedicated staff paid a visit to IGMI's administrative office in Perambalur on October 6, 2022, to initiate discussions and plan the collaboration. In response, IGMI Trust's Managing Trustee, Mr. N. Poomalai, and Project Manager, Mr. P. Kathiravan, reciprocated the gesture by visiting Antenna Trust in Madurai on November 17, 2022.

Starting from December 2022, this partnership has actively commenced the distribution of microcredit loans to Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) in the Perambalur District. This endeavor is aimed at fostering economic development, financial inclusion, and empowerment within the community, reflecting the commitment of both organizations to drive positive change in the lives of the marginalized.



3) NABARD - MEDP Training:

From February 16, 2023, to March 8, 2023, a transformative 15-day Micro-Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP) unfolded at Nattarmangalam, funded by NABARD. This program focused on two vital aspects of rural sustainability – honey bee keeping and kitchen gardening.

The training on honey bee keeping empowered participants with the knowledge and skills needed to establish and manage thriving bee colonies. This not only contributes to increased pollination and higher agricultural yields but also offers an additional source of income through honey production and bee product sales.

Simultaneously, the kitchen gardening training component equipped participants with essential insights into cultivating vegetables and herbs at the household level. This knowledge is instrumental in promoting food security, improved nutrition, and economic self-sufficiency among rural households.

The collaboration between IGMI Trust and NABARD for this MEDP exemplified their commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, enhancing rural livelihoods, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. It laid the foundation for a more prosperous and self-reliant community in Nattarmangalam.



Your's Faithfully,

N. Poomalai, Managing Trustee, IGMI Trust.



Thank You!!!