

TEC Pune organised follow-up visit, advisory service and health checkup of goats at Dhadgaon and Akkalkuwa talukas of Nandurbar district (Maharashtra) under TSP programme on 23rd and 24th October 2024

TEC, ICAR-IVRI, Pune in collaboration with CInI (Collectives for Integrated Livelihood Initiatives), an associated organization of Tata Trust, Nandurbar, organised monitoring, advisory services, and health checkup of goats distributed under TSP programme at Nandurbar district. Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist from TEC Pune and Dr Sachin Chaudhary, Senior Technical officer from CInI Tata Trust visited 15 goat units in *Dhadgaon* taluka (*Gourya, Umarani, Mungbari, Manwani, Bhujgaon, Jarli, Kharvad, Bhogawade, Chondwade Khurd* villages) on 23rd October, and 17 goat units in *Akkalkuwa* taluka (*Chanvai, Bedakund, Jamana, Wadibar, Bhagdari and Bijripatti* villages) on 24th October 2024. They supervised housing, feeding and management of all the 32 goat units maintained by tribal beneficiaries and interacted with the farmers. Feed formula for preparing balanced ration was also described to them. Mineral and vitamin mixture was distributed to each beneficiary for feeding of weak, pregnant and nursing goats.

The goats were maintained in low cost houses. A few farmers constructed new goat sheds. All the farmers were allowing their goats for grazing besides feeding Maize, Hybrid Napier, Red Napier, Dasarath grass, Lucern, or chopped Sugarcane tops as green fodder. Some farmers were feeding Subabool and Gliricidia leaves, and some others were feeding Soybean leaves and Sorghum leaves as dry fodder. A few farmers constructed metallic feeder for goats and a few farmers fitted mineral licks above the feeder. Some farmers installed mini hydroponic units of 48 trays for producing germinated maize for feeding goats. One doe had an abscess and a few kids were suffering from worm infestations, they were treated accordingly. Rest of the goats were healthy. The team recorded data on kidding, mortality and selling of goats. So far in 9 months' duration in all the 15 villages of Dhadgaon and Akkalkuwa taluka, 122 kids were born, 62 goats were sold with remaining stock of 228 goats with the farmers. Sixteen farmers earned Rs. 3,80,500 by selling goats with an average income of Rs. 23,781 per farmer. Most of the kidding were twinning and rest were single born kids.

Dr SK Das, Principal Scientist from TEC Pune and Dr Sachin Chaudhary, Senior Technical Officer of CInI, Tata Trust, Nandurbar, coordinated the programme.



RCC shed having GI sheet roof, concrete floor and wall with metallic feeder



A low-cost shed made by GI wire mesh, brick with earthen floor and metallic feeder



Red Napier produced by a ST farmer for feeding goats



A lady farmer is feeding Gliricedia leaves to her goats



ST farmer installed mini hydroponic unit for producing maize



A farmer installed electric chop cutter machine for chopping grass
