

HER SUCCESS: THEIR SUCCESS

Success of any upliftment programme for the poor in rural area, bring joy to both those who give training and implementing it as well as to the beneficiaries. Hence, when Mrs. Vasanti Umbersada of village Kosbad Hill in Thane district, could improve the standard of living of her own and her family through training programme for the self-employment, it was success for both her and KVK, Thane.

Mrs. Vasanti Vishnu Umbersada, a tribal woman had seen poverty right from her childhood. Things hardly improved after her marriage. Her husband brought home about Rs. 800/- a month with which she tended her home and three school going children. In the year 1997, KVK scientists suggested that she utilize her spare time by keeping goats. She could that way supplement family income. She joined a self-help group having 8 women member of Karbatpada, village Kosbad Hill. Through Women in Agriculture scheme this particular group approached KVK to give training on Goat keeping. Women In Agriculture scheme provided kit having eight goats including one male, local variety brought from Murbad tehsil in Thane district. Up to two years the group had took care and reared these 8 goats. It was multiplied in 24 goats and it distributed one male and three female kid each member of self-help group.

Initially she was given four goats. The whole family got involved in raising these goats. Almost no investment were required as the goats grazed for five to six hours in the field, and stayed in the stall during nights, goats were also fed leftover kitchen wastes. They came up well to the delight of the whole family. Up to the year, 2003 she had multiplied 22 goats from four-parent stock. KVK scientist contacts regularly to this unit and suggested her to protect common diseases suffered by local breed are diarrhea and worm infestation.

Economics and benefit:

She sold 10 male goat in local market @ 1300/- per goat. She procured Rs. 13000/- by selling the male goat only. Today Mrs. Vasanti Umbersada own 7 male goats and then she earns Rs. 500/- per month as an additional income for the family from goat manure and milk.

Reflection of joy on their faces shows the success of programme for KVK.
