

SUCCESS STORY-1: SMT. SUBHASI SARDAR

Smt. Subhasi Sardar, w/o Babulal Sardar of Jatirampur, P.O. - Rangabelia, Block - Gosaba, Dist - South 24 Parganas is a registered farmer under Sundarban cluster since 2010-11. She is actively associated with goat rearing apart from her household & agricultural activities. She belongs to ST category with VIth standard education and having 0.75 Bigha of land.



She developed ordinary Kachca goat shed by using locally available materials. Bamboo platform as well as mosquito net is used within the goat shed. Does were selected based on breed specific characters and mated naturally by superior Bucks distributed from the project. Grazing is a common practice by tethering in road side and after harvesting in paddy field (in summer from 6 am to 10 am & 4 pm to 6 pm and in winter from 8: 30 am to 12:30 noon and 3 pm to 4 pm) with supplementary feeding of chuffed paddy straw, tree leaves/ grasses etc. after returning from field. Concentrate mixture @ 100-150 g is also offered to pregnant as well as lactating does with mineral supplementation. Simple grains (wheat, gram etc) are also given whenever available to the goats in addition to rice gruel. Sometimes bottle feeding is also practiced by her. Generally she spent 3 to 4 hours per day in goat rearing activities and other family members including children's are also engaged as and when required basis. She also used anthelmintics for young and adult

Goats before onset of monsoon and winter, and regularly vaccinates her goats against PPR, Goat Pox and Enterotoxaemia, which leads to very little mortality in her flock. Ad lib fresh water is also offered to the goats from local source (like tap water, well maintained pond). Goats were sold on live weight basis directly to the buyers or in some cases through local market. She uses the goat faeces to increase fertility of her paddy field as manure.

Initially she had flock strength of 2 goats (Doe -1 & Kid -1) and annual income was only Rs 1200/- from goat selling. With the intervention of AICRP (G) activities, the flock strength is reached to 13 nos. (Doe - 3 nos. and Young - 5 nos. and Kid - 5 nos.) in 2016-17 of which 5 nos. of castrated goats were sold and annual income reached Rs 18,000/-. Now her flock strength is 8 with reasonable growth of her animals. The income generated from goat rearing enabling her to solve miscellaneous family needs and education to children's.