

## SUCCESS STORY-2: SMT. MALATI MANDAL

Smt. Malati Mandal, w/o Chimantalal Mandal of Bamunia village under, Bhagwangola Block, P.O.- Rampur, Dist - Murshidabad is one of the registered farmer under Murshidabad cluster since 2015 -16. She is actively associated with goat rearing apart from her household & agricultural activities. She belongs to SC category having V<sup>th</sup> standard education and only 3 Katha land holding.



She made a separate Kachha sheds by using locally available materials. Bamboo platform as well as mosquito net is used within the goat shed. She purchased another 3 does based on prolific characters during 2015-16 and mated naturally by superior Bucks of the project. Grazing is a common practice by tethering in road side with supplementary feeding of cuffed paddy straw, tree leaves, seasonal fodders etc. after returning from field. Simple grains (wheat, gram etc) are also given to the goats in addition to rice gruel. Generally she spent 3 to 4 hours per day in goat

rearing activities and other family members including children's are also helped her as and when required. She has done deworming regularly and vaccinates her goats against PPR, Goat Pox and Enterotoxaemia, which enable a little mortality in her flock. Ad lib fresh water is also offered to the goats from local source. Goats were sold on live weight basis directly to the buyers. She uses the goat faeces to increase fertility of her paddy field as manure.

Initially she had flock strength of 5 goats (Doe - 2 & Kid - 3) and income annually only Rs 5000/- from goat selling. With the intervention of AICRP (G) activities, the flock strength is reached to 15 nos. (Doe - 5 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 12,000/-. Now her flock strength is 10 with observable growth rate. The income generated from goat rearing enabling her to solve miscellaneous family needs and education to children's.