

CASE STUDY

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Background:

The consecutive droughts for last 2-3 years left multipronged affects on the lives of people and not only damages but lost their livelihood resources and compelled them to borrow for meet their day to day needs of food, nutrition, health and others. After rains fed agriculture and livestock is the only source and main asset of the people support to cope with the situation but this source is also shrinking due to hunger and diseases in livestock during consecutive droughts. Though rainfall during current monsoon has supported to the inhabitants in accessing fodder for livestock through natural vegetation and grazing but it will not long lasting due to less vegetation and grass. It has caused severe fodder scarcity for livestock. Livestock is the main source of livelihood for Thari people also badly affected by the continuous drought situation and facing worst scarcity of feed / fodder from natural green pastures, which are dependent on rains.

Village Profile:

Village Asay ji Dhani is in east from District Head Quarter Mithi at Chachro-Islamokot road via Veejhiar-Banbhnion Bheel road at 90 KMs distance, road passes 02 KMs west side and kacha track leads to this village. Village consists of 30 HHs and mostly catering livestock. Only Hindu Bheel community is living here in this village and mostly depends on Agriculture, Livestock and labor. Basic facility for village is a Dug Well (210ft depth) and its water is brackish. No any School or health facilities exist in this village. People of this village or very poor and no one Govt. Employee from this village.

Family Profile:

48-Years Mr. Jairam S/o Kewal Bheel (Illiterate) is living here in this village from ancestors, he has total 10 family members, Ms. Naman (wife) and 08 Daughters (1.Chandna 14 years, 2.Amiyan 12 years, 3.Gulaban 10 years, 4.Gavri 08 years, 5.Meeran 06 years, 6.Mariam 05 years, 7.Lachhmi 03 years and 8.Kamli 18 months) but unfortunately he has not son. This is large and vulnerable family of the village and depends only on Agriculture,



Jairam S/o Kewal Bheel (Family Head)

Livestock and labour. His household structure is 04 **CHONRA** (round hut) its roof of wooden and thatch material and having 05 Goats, 03 Sheep and 02 Cows in livestock, which is the total asset of survival of his family.

Situation Before:

Mr. Jairam shared that previous 02-03 years droughts and this year rains fallen but there was not grassing in GUACHER and pasture lands also, he worried and said that in my life this is first experience. During the droughts period family faced lot of challenges and stress inspite of that poverty is increased as well, very less livestock reproduction received and there is not any concept of labour or source of income here in my village. Although market prices are going to increase day by day. During the



Picture of Home

period there was no milk, curd and butter for children and continuous lack of Vegetation, Curd and **LASSI** (*Curd and LASSI are major sources of nutrition for Thari people*).

Current Situation:

Mr. Jairam shared that *"His family is now very happy after getting fodder of 05 Goats, 03 Sheep and 02 Cows, the Total 16 Wheat Husk bags/per bag 20KG and 16 Cotton Seed Oil Cake bags/per bag 20KG are received from distribution point in his village Asy-Ji-Dhani on dated 20 February 2016 including fodder quality and weight is ensured at all levels; He was excited while sharing that distribution day was lucky day for me during last 03 years. Now it's getting milk production from 02-Goats and milk production is going to increase day by day after feeding the Sami Foundation supported fodder. He said that now family is happy to getting milk at home after years and other livestock also will be healthy and lot of thanks to Sami Foundation and its donors (Concern Worldwide-Rapid Fund, USAID/OFDA) for such incentive of livestock fodder and it should be continue in next to sustain the livelihood sources and to improve the yield of milk and meat"*.

Mr. Jairam shared that Ms. Naman (Wife) cares lot of livestock at home and she participated in LMT session and she is sensitized about the livestock diseases including pre-vaccination and drench. He added that now we will use this fodder on very saving mode and try to cope with the situation till next monsoon.