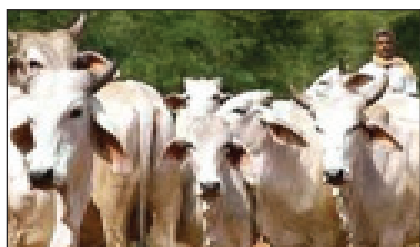




Sirohi Breed of Rajasthan



Tharpark breed of Rajasthan

## NGO Programme – Rajasthan

Implemented initially as the Indo-Swiss collaborative project, Indo-Swiss Goat Development and Fodder Production Project (ISGP) was implemented by the Rajasthan State Department of Animal Husbandry with technical support from Intercooperation. The project, initiated in the year 1989 and ended in the year 2003, was supported by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

### Goals

The main objective of the programme was to improve the livelihood of poor rural households through more efficient use and sustainable management of natural resources. It also aimed at developing strategies for sustainable improvement of goat production in the semi-arid farming system of Rajasthan to improve the income generating capacity and nutrition of families belonging to the weaker section of the rural community.

### Interventions

The project developed various strategies for sustainable improvement of goat production in the semi-arid farming system of Rajasthan. In order to improve the income of small holders, several income generating activities and capacity building measures were taken by the project. To improve the nutrition of families belonging to the weaker section of the rural community special attention was provided. The PRI system was strengthened at village level.

### Partners

During Project span SDC/IC worked with 12 NGO Partners in different regions of Rajasthan and neighbouring districts of Gujarat.

### Achievements

- ✎ Developed the local Sirohi breed in Rajasthan through selective breeding.
- ✎ Increased the income generating capacity of the families and improved nutrition of poorer rural households.
- ✎ Enhanced utilization of existing fodder resources, testing semi-intensive feeding system, regeneration of degraded land through silvi-pasture and extension activities.
- ✎ A ten-point programme was developed for improved goat production has been used for extension activities in Rajasthan and several states thereafter.

### Publications:

- ☞ Manual for Improved Goat Production – Five volumes
- ☞ Ten point programme for improved goat production – A guideline
- ☞ Ten point programme for improved goat production – Brochure
- ☞ Studies on goat production and fodder resource management in Rajasthan

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