

# Intercooperation Social Development India

## What's New



### Welcome Prof. Ravindranath!

Prof. N. H. Ravindranath, a veteran in the field of Climate Change, will soon be part of IC family as the Senior Advisor Climate Change and Environment.

He has authored nine books in different subject-domains such as climate change, renewable energy, community forestry and biomass energy. Professor Ravindranath is also an author for 12 IPCC Assessment Reports, including the latest IPCC Report (AR5), 2014. He was one of the Convening Lead Authors for the two reports on Greenhouse Gas Inventory Guidelines of IPCC for land use sectors – Agriculture, Forests and other land uses.

He has been the member of many a government

appointed committees including the Technical Expert Committee on Climate Change; Technical Advisory Committee on National Communications Project; Expert Group on Forestry Matters; Member of Expert Committee on REDD Plus; Member of the Technical Advisory Group on Biodiversity Finance Initiative in India.

Professor Ravindranath has worked for UNFCCC, The World Bank, Asian Development Bank, kFw, UNDP, UNEP, FAO, GIZ, etc on climate change related research, project design and monitoring aspects.

His broad areas of research and development include climate change, bioenergy and biomass production, community forestry, environmental and ecosystems services and citizen science.

### WAPRO, Uttarakhand

WAPRO (Increased Water Efficiency and Food Production in Key Commodity Value Chains through Multi Stakeholder Partnership applying a Push Pull Policy Strategy) project is a SDC supported project and IC has been chosen as the implementing agency for HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation. Baseline survey about farming and irrigation practices has been completed and detailed activities for the project have been drawn up.

### How to sustainably intensify organic Basmati rice production in Uttarakhand (BasmaSus)

### PROJECT UPDATES

ETH Zurich, in collaboration with HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (HSI), IC and GB Pant University is carrying out this assignment funded by World Food Systems Center (WFSC), Zurich. This project is a continuation of an earlier project entitled "Sustainable Production of Organic and Fair Trade Basmati Rice in India" on Participatory Technology Development and Green House Gas Reduction, conducted by IC, GBPUAT and HSI. The goal of the proposed action is to assess the impact of alternative organic rice management practices on the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the farm by coupling field experimentation, farm surveys, bio-economic modeling and trade-off analysis in a participatory framework.

### Climate Proofing Growth and Development (CPGD)

IC is a partner in the consortium on Climate Proofing Growth and Development (CPGD) with Oxford Policy Management Limited as the lead partner. This is supported by DFID. In India, this is part of the Climate Change Innovation Programme (CCIP). The project supports the state and national governments towards developing policies and measures that would facilitate a climate resilient sustainable development. During the report period, IC has supported the development of the long term plans for the programme in the six states (Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Odisha) in line with the objectives of the respective State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC). IC also provided technical support for conducting work programme validation workshops and for activities like Mahanadi river basin flood management baseline study (Odisha and Chhattisgarh), State Action Plan Financing Framework (SAPFIN) in Assam and Kerala, Coastal Vulnerability study in Kerala and Scoping study on Climate Finances.

### Biogas Project-Uttarakhand

IC, by the end of the quarter, could facilitate the construction of 650 biogas units, verifications of which are on now. Internal audits were carried out from time to time and training on Operations and Maintenance was also held for the beneficiaries. A training manual - Maintenance of Biogas - was conceived and distributed during the quarter. People have started using the biogas generated for cooking and it has been noticed that fuel wood consumption has gone down drastically. Their dependency on LPG has also come down. IC also conducted a stake holder workshop at Haridwar where more than 80 participants were present to provide the input for construction of biogas in these areas.

### Sustainable Production of Organic and Fair Trade Basmati Rice in India

The second phase was launched in January 2015 with a target of linking 4500 farmers and addition of atleast one more valley where basmati could be grown. Chaukhutiya (Ganai) in Almora has been taken into the project as new area for organic basmati growing.

Nature Bio Foods (project partner) has supplied around 160 quintal of seed to the project area and a total of 2800 farmers are targeted in order to achieve 1800 MT of paddy at the end of this season. Training was given to Producers Executive Board (PEB) on organisational management and utilisation of Fair Trade Premium. Lead farmers and entire staff were trained on Organic Production Technologies with field practicals.



Village meeting at Patkot

During the quarter, Mr. Karl Haf from Reismuehle Brunnen (RMB) and Mr. Tapan Ray of Natura Bio-Foods Limited visited the project area. Ms. Lydia Pluess, Programme Coordinator from HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation visited the area in the third week of September 2015.



## Godhan-BAIF, Maharashtra

The revised business plans of three federations were presented to BAIF in a one day workshop at BAIF Central Office, Pune, during this quarter. The adhoc committee of the three federations have also met regularly.



## Formation of Common Interest Groups (CIGs) / Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs)/ Producer Groups (PGs), Maharashtra

This project is being implemented with the support from Maharashtra Agriculture Competitiveness Project (MACP). During the period, training was given to more than 20,000 farmers in Konkan region on the concept of group dynamics, selection of crops for the business and women



Training programme by IC field staff

involvement in promotion of local institutions. IC field staff gave the training and representatives of ATMA and the Department of Agriculture were also present. Joint assessment of registered groups with CIG-FIG team members were carried out and groups were evaluated as per criteria given by Maharashtra Agricultural Competitiveness Project. The project is nearing completion.

## Linking of Producer Group to forward Market Linkage and formation of producer association and establishment of Farmer Common Service Centers (FCSC), Maharashtra

As part of this project, IC is to facilitate the formation of 56 producers companies and provide market linkages to these companies by establishing the Farmers Common Service Centers. A new team has been recruited and they have undergone orientation at Chiplun. Board of Directors for all the 56 clusters have also been selected during this quarter.



Sowing of seeds, a farm activity, in Thane

## Water Use Master Plan (WUMP), Uttarakhand



WUMP meeting Patkot village, Ramnagar, Uttarakhand

IC, in collaboration with Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation - Nepal and International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), has been mandated to do WUMP (Water Use Master Plan) exercise in two Gram Panchayats of Nainital district. The objective of WUMP is to develop integrated plan of water resources to achieve an effective, equitable and efficient use of water at the local level. WUMP exercise was undertaken in Gram Panchayats of Patkot and Amel and draft reports were presented.

## IC WELCOMES...



Ms. **Jyotsna Bhatt** has joined IC as a Field Coordinator-Rural Economy for the WAPRO Project (Water Production for Food Security) in Uttarakhand. She is a B.Tech from Uttarakhand Technical University and has associated with Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Power Project and National Thermal Power Corporation (Joshimath, Uttarakhand).

### Grass Root Agents of Change....

Mr. **Surender Singh Bhakuni** and Mr. **Jagdeesh Pant** have been with the IC since 2012 and have played a crucial role in the successful completion of



the first phase of Sustainable Production of Organic and Fair Trade Rice in India. Bhakuni has of Nainital district in Uttarakhand. A graduate in Political Science, he was with Sawjal Pariyojana, Diversified Agriculture Support Project, Uttarakhand Organic Commodity Board, Sarvodaya Ashram and Shri Suraj Chemicals Pvt. Ltd before joining IC.

Mr. Pant, who is the Field Coordinator in the project, works closely with the small and marginal farmers for promotion of organic farming. His operational area is Betalghat block in Nainital district and Chaukhutiya block in Almora district in Uttarakhand. He is a graduate in Political Science, Economics and Environmental Science.

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### Meetings/Workshops/Trainings attended by IC Team during the quarter

1. Mr. Ashish Srivastava and Mr. Gopal Papnai Dutt went to Switzerland (Zurich, Brunen, Frik and Basel) in August 2015 for building institutional relations and understanding applied research in the field of organic farming. The visit was supported by HELVETAS and COOP under Sustainable Production of Organic Basmati Rice Project.
2. Ms. Madhuri attended the 7th Annual Regional NGO's Accountant Network (NAN) Convention at Bangalore, Karnataka in August 2015. It was organised by Financial Management Service Foundation.
3. Mr. Rizwan Uz Zaman attended the Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Climate Change Finance and Sustainable Development in the first week of September 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. It was co-hosted by the Ministry of Finance of Indonesia and UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub in partnership with International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the Department of International Development (DFID) and the Government of Sweden.
4. We had a strategic workshop on HSI – ICSD partnership on 19th September, 2015. Ms. Lydia Pluess, Programme Officer from Helvetas, Switzerland was in India between 14th to 19th September. She also visited the project areas in Uttarakhand. Mr. Felix von Sury, Advisor to ICSD also attended the work-shop and moderated the discussions. The IC core team was present for this workshop.

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