



Small Ruminants Development Programme (SRDP) Andhra Pradesh

The SDC/IC project Indo Swiss Project, Andhra Pradesh was initiated at a time when the small ruminant sector was ignored by the policy makers and the non-governmental sector. The project which started in April 2000 was wound up in December 2005 and the location of the project were Anantapur, Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh. The project was intended to improve the productivity and to fill up the information gaps regarding socio-economic and environmental aspect

Goal:

The specific objectives of the programme was to strengthen the formal and informal organizations of holders of sheep and goats at village and district levels through organizational, institutional and human resources development.

Interventions:

The project worked closely with collectives of rural shepherds and initiated discussions with the rearers and formed new cooperative societies at cluster and district level.

Main Partners:

Sheep Breeders Cooperative Union at the district level and Primary sheep breeders cooperative

Achievements:

The project could strengthen the formal and informal sheep rearers' organizations through Human and Institutional Development processes and technical support to enhance the productivity and reduce losses on account of mortality during the project period. It also helped in reviving the Primary Village Cooperatives and District Sheep Breeders Cooperative Union to become strong empowered collectives. The ICDS interventions have resulted in the establishment of several good practices being mainstreamed in government approaches.

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