



6) Other Projects

1) IFAD assisted "Krishi-Samruddhi" - Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra's (CAIM) Distressed Districts Programme

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) assisted Government of Maharashtra's Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra's (CAIM) Distressed Districts programme is being implemented in around 1619 villages in Akola, Amravati, Buldhana, Wardha and Washim Districts. Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB) has been appointed as a Lead Programme Agency of the programme. The overall objectives of the CAIM programme are to (i) improve household income from diversified farming and from off-farm activities; (ii) render farming systems resilient with the introduction of organic and low-input contract farming; (iii) facilitate the involvement of farmers groups in primary processing, quality enhancement and marketing; (iv) empower women through micro-finance and micro-enterprises; and (v) achieve convergence of government programmes and resources. The interventions proposed in the programme are In situ water conservation, sustainable agricultural development based on organic farming, pro-poor market linkages targeted in response to market signals and private sector preference and cattle breed improvement. The project's target group will be the rural households belonging to (i) the Scheduled Castes, (ii) the Scheduled Tribes, (iii) landless labourers, (iv) the rural women, (v) the small and marginal farmers and (vi) the farmers under agrarian distress. Programme will be implemented through 64 subprojects. The programme has commenced in December – 2009 & Programme Period is 8 years. The Programme Outlay is Rs. 593 Crores.

In the financial year 2012-13, the programme selected the Implementing Agencies for implementation in 48 clusters. Village Development Committees has been established in 943 villages. The 1278 Self Help Groups are formed, 856 defunct SHGs are adopted. 337 Joint Liability Groups of farmers were formed. 32 Community Management Resource Centres (CMRCs) were established with the help of MAVIM and 8 CMRCs with the help of Dhan Foundation & NIWCYD. Around 475 Ultra Poor Households were supported by financial assistance for setting up of their small businesses. The contract farming are executed on 1217 Ha and Market linkages were developed. A best innovative non-conventional contract farming of Baby Corn was successfully done with



M/s. Field Fresh Pvt. Ltd. in the Akot block of Akola district, through which the Baby Corn got exported to European Markets. 579 Rural youths were given Vocational Trainings. Under in-Situ Water Conservations around 1182 Farm ponds, 49 Well dug, 791 Pumpset, 98 Well Recharge, 55 CNBs were constructed in this year. LEISA farming was introduced on around 3620 Ha. The Agro allied activities like Poultry, Dairy, Goat keeping, Fisheries, Honey Bee Keeping etc. also promoted for small and medium farmers and landless beneficiaries.

In the FY 2012-13, the CAIM programme received Rs. 16.72 crores from the Government of Maharashtra for implementation of the programme. The total actual expenditure was in the tune of Rs. 12.43 Crores.