Impact of Economic Empowerment through Poultry as a Major Component of Integrated Farming

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ABSTRACT

A tribal farmer of Udalguri district from a remote area approximately 87km from district head quarter become a role model for the district due to his constant effort of livelihood generation from IFS model since 2020. Mr Charan Boro, an integrated farming system farmer from kathalbari Village under Bhergaon sub division of Udalguri District of Assam. He is a successful poultry farmer under IFS model after he received training from KVK Udalguri in 2022. With strong farming roots and continuous technical support from KVK and under project of NABARD sponsored IFS project he has been selected based on his interest towards farming and established one Integrated farming system module of poultry fish and maize. Currently he earns Rs. 3, 20,000 per annum from Agril. and allied sector. He is become the role model of the village as he is become a successful entrepreneur from the rural area of Bhergaon subdivision of udalguri district. The project continues for two years from the support of NABARD and the farmer continue it from himself.

INTRODUCTION:

Most of the people of Udalguri district is non vegetarian having high demand of meat & fish production. The district also comes more than 32% of ST population and mainly dependent on animal sector for earning their livelihood. There is a huge gap of production and market demand for meat and fish in the district.

Taking this into consideration KVK, Udalguri in collaboration and financial support from NABARD and AAU started a project based on "identification and popularization of feasible and profitable Integrated farming system modules for different Agro-ecological situation of udalguri district of Assam for doubling farmers' income".

Success timeline and KVK Intervention:

In the year 2020, Mr. Charan Boro of Kathalbari village of Bhrgaon sub-division of udalguri district came into contact with the scientists of KVK Udalguri and shows interest in integrated farming system and he already started fish production in his two pond of 0.26ha water area. KVK, Udalguri conducted training in his farm for 2020-21 sessions. As per his interest and discussion with him he was selected for IFS module of Poultry fish and maize crop. Project finally start in his farm from 2022-23 session and following input has given to him for smooth functioning of the project fingerling, poultry house and 50 nos. of Vanaraja bird for egg production.

Before intervention of KVK he had been engaged in paddy, toria cultivastion, piggery and goatery farming and fish production. His rice field area is 3.2 ha where he used to do doulble cropping sequence of paddy and Toria with different varieties of rice crop as Ranjit, Bahadur, Swarna, Maniram, Joha, and Barni and toria Local and TS38.

Presently he has 16 (sixteen) nos. of improved Goat beetal and sirohi He also reared assam hill goat under constant guidance of KVK now he is also involved in piggery and poultry farming of vanaraja, Kamrupa birds, Pati duck and local chicken. Now he has 33 nos of Vanaraja birds, 37 nos of pati duck and 46 nos of local chicken.

Impact of the success:

Mr. Boro has annual net profit from integrated poultry cum fish is 2,34,000.00. His beetal bucks involved in three times service per week, from selling of kids and wether goat he earned Rs. 24000.00 per year. From poultry sector he earned an avg amount of Rs. 1,10,000.00 per year. From double crops income of Rs. 80000.00 per year. His total yearly net profit is Rs. 3,20,000.00 from agriculture and allied sectors.

Glimpses of project photographs (Fish cum Poultry)



CONCLUSION:

He is the role model for the youth in Udalguri who involved in different activities for livelihood rather than unemployed he is going to become an entrepreneur. Now the nearby youths of his village and nearby villagers come to his farm and adopt the technology of integrated farming system in the district.

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