

Parul Arogya Seva Mandal - Vadodara

VDVK Training Completion Report

VDVK Kakadkuva

Dharampur Range – Valsad North Division

Introduction

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Objective

Implementation Stage: The Van Dhan Yojana is envisaged to be implemented through a robust framework with TRIFED at the centre level, State Nodal Department and State Implementing Agency, District Implementing Units at State and district level respectively.

Supply of Equipment & Commencement of Training: The District Implementation Unit in respective states to provide for each Van Dhan Vikas SHG with basic equipment for harvesting and value addition of MFPs shall. Through ESDP program to impart trainings for each Van Dhan Vikas SHG with a maximum of up to 4 days training on sustainable harvesting, value addition of MFPs, branding and Marketing.

Branding & Packaging: The members of the Van Dhan Vikas SHG shall adopt the learnings from the training programme and start operations by sustainable harvesting of MFPs and their value addition. The VDVK's to develop business plan for the allocation of funds for the processing, value addition, branding and packaging of products matching to the world export and retail standards.

Marketing: Through various convergence initiatives with Industry partners each VDVK is provided for marketing and promotion platform to create local value supply chain and also to create presence for the Tribal products globally.

Work Update

The Project Team has conducted the survey of village and Forest Ranges for the Assessment. The project team identified venues for offering training at groups of villages under RFO's from 31st Jan to 1st Feb 2023. They also discussed training-related matters with RFO's, SHGs and staff members along with taking local people in confidence for the same.

They also identified and planned for groups of beneficiaries for gathering at multiple venues for the smoothness of training. The PASM team started the training with the approval of forest officials of Dharampur on 24-08-2023 and satisfactorily completed on 27-08-2023 (4 Days) at total 3 different training venues. Afternoon lunch for the beneficiaries were also arranged for all 4 days of training.

Target Beneficiary

Major target beneficiaries are the local tribal people residing beside and in the forest areas. The project team has targeted to provide training to all listed beneficiaries shared by the forest department, Valsad North. The total figure is a sum of 300 people approximate.

Field Assessment

Village Survey

The Team conducted the village survey in the forest's ranges for the identification of the socio and cultural scenario of the people in the forest. They have found that most of the villagers are now separated from the forest as a new generation is not much interested in the forest produce. the village residents are dependent on animal husbandry, Seasonal Agriculture and labour work. Orientation about the forest produce and its benefits was described by the experts to the shortage of groups in villages and encouraged them to participate in the training program. Meetings and Discussions with RFO along with SHG and Foresters also had been conducted multiple times to discuss the Pros and cons related to NTFP and forest areas.

Meeting with SHG's and discussion with in beneficiaries and forest officials.



Dharampur



Kakadkuva

Products:

As per the survey, the team have identified some Ayurveda and medicinal plant that are available locally in the villages and forest. Some of the identified Plants and Medicinal plants are mentioned below in the forest range of Dharampur for the training, suggested and approved by the concern forest officials.

Name of Range	Name of VDVK Cluster	MFP-1	MFP-2	MFP-3	MFP-4	MFP -5
Dharampur	Kakadkuva	Mahuda Oil Flower	Honey Flavor Honey Beeswax	Aritha Powder/ Shampoo Oil	Herbs Arjuna, Shatavari, Giloy	Bamboo Pickle / Toys

Materials and Mobilization

Medium of Training

The project team has prepared training materials as following:

1. PPT and Audio video Presentation with sample products were included as part of the training methodology.
2. Banner and Posters on mentioned produces as per the relevancy of the village and availability of produce in the nearby areas have been included in the training program.
3. Pamphlets and Group Discussions (QA Sessions) also helped trainees to grasp the information.

Mobilization:

Sr. No.	Name of VDVK	Village Name	No. of Beneficiary	Training Center	Date of Training (From)	Date of Training (To)
1	Kakadkuva	Kakadkuva	100	Mandir Fadiyu	24-08-2023	27-08-2023
2			100	Sadak Fadiyu (Dairy)	24-08-2023	27-08-2023
3			100	Dadri Fadiyu	24-08-2023	27-08-2023

Training Schedule: from 24-08-2023 to 27-08-2023 at Kakadkuva

There were a total of 6 Training Centers formed as per the subject of availability of the sitting arrangements of trainees.







Training Schedule of Kakadkuva				
Time	Day 1 24/08/2023	Day 2 25-08-2023	Day 3 26-08-2023	Day 4 27-08-2023
10:00 am to 10:15 am	VDVK Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees
10:15 am to 11:15 pm	MFP and NTFP Orientation	Introduction (Mahua and its properties, availabilities and uses.	Herbs - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning, & Drying - Segregation - Product (Tea Bags) - Machinery / Tools uses	Introduction Honey and wax and its market. Process of Collection, Selection with Value Addition Process of Honey
11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Aritha (Seed, Fruit.) - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning & Drying - Segregation - Product Making (Oil, Soap,) - Machinery / Tools uses	Mahua (Flower, Seed, Fruit.) - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning & Drying - Segregation - Product Making - Machinery / Tools uses	Bamboo - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning & Drying - Segregation - Product (Pickle etc) - Machinery / Tools uses	Market Link Business strategy Quality and Supply Financial Management
1:30 pm Onwards	Lunch			

Training Team

Project In-charge – Ar Kandarp Bhatt				
Project Coordinator – Ar Piyush Srivastava				
Training Team at Centres				
Training Centre	Day 1 24/08/2023	Day 2 25-08-2023	Day 3 26-08-2023	Day 4 27-08-2023
Mandir Fadiyu	Dr. Lakshya Jagwani Dr. Ranjit Parmar	Dr. Lakshya Jagwani Dr. Ranjit Parmar	Dr. Lakshya Jagwani Dr. Ranjit Parmar	Dr. Lakshya Jagwani Dr. Ranjit Parmar Piyush Srivastava
Sadak Fadiyu (Dairy)	Dr. Shivam Shukla Piyush Srivastava	Dr. Shivam Shukla	Dr. Shivam Shukla	Dr. Shivam Shukla Piyush Srivastava
Dadri Fadiyu	Dr. Meet Rana	Dr. Meet Rana Piyush Srivastava	Dr. Meet Rana	Dr. Meet Rana Piyush Srivastava

Training Attendance:

Training Centre	Day 1 24/08/2023	Day 2 25-08-2023
Mandir Fadiyu		
Sadak Fadiyu (Dairy)		
Dadri Fadiyu		

Training Centre	Day 3 26-08-2023	Day 4 27-08-2023
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Sadak Fadiyu (Dairy)	 <p>GPS Map Camera</p> <p>Baroliya, Gujarat, India NH56, Baroliya, Gujarat 396050, India Lat 20.502232° Long 73.166122° 26/08/23 11:52 AM</p>	 <p>GPS Map Camera</p> <p>Baroliya, Gujarat, India NH56, Baroliya, Gujarat 396050, India Lat 20.502232° Long 73.166122° 27/08/23 01:01 PM</p>
Dadri Fadiyu	 <p>GPS Map Camera</p> <p>Kakadkuva, Gujarat, India F5H5+HW, Kakadkuva, Gujarat 396050, India Lat 20.477614° Long 73.159805° 26/08/23 11:37 AM GMT +05:30</p>	 <p>GPS Map Camera</p> <p>Kakadkuva, Gujarat, India F5H5+HW, Kakadkuva, Gujarat 396050, India Lat 20.477605° Long 73.159795° 27/08/23 11:12 AM GMT +05:30</p>

Daily Attendance (Number of People Present on Training Days)				
Training Centre	Day 1 24/08/2023	Day 2 25-08-2023	Day 3 26-08-2023	Day 4 27-08-2023
Mandir Fadiyu	40	47	49	58
Sadak Fadiyu (Dairy)	62	64	69	84
Dadri Fadiyu	45	61	75	83
Total	147	172	193	225

Details about the activity:

This aims of improving the livelihood of tribal communities in India. it focuses on developing value chains for forest-based products and enhancing the income of tribal communities by providing them with skill training and capacity building. tribal communities are encouraged to form clusters and take up the processing of forest produce to increase their value. These clusters are to be provided with the necessary infrastructure, such as tools and equipment, and training in value addition and entrepreneurship. it also provides market linkages to the tribal communities for their products through various channels, including online platforms. It will not only promote entrepreneurship but also helps in the conservation of forests and the protection of biodiversity.

Outcome:

the success of livelihood augmentation strategies lies in fostering meaningful community interactions, understanding local contexts, and empowering tribal communities to actively participate in shaping their own development. These interactions aimed to initiate a dialogue between stakeholders and tribal communities. The local community understood the benefits of Forest produce and business processes with market linkages and branding.

Creation of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs): The primary objective of the VDVY is to establish and operationalize Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in tribal areas. These Kendras serve as common facility centers where tribal gatherers can bring their non-timber forest produce for value addition and processing.

Available MFP in Seasons in Dharampur Range

MFP Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mahua	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honey	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aritha	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Herbs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bamboo	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-

Value Addition and Processing: The VDVY aims to promote value addition of forest produce through the establishment of processing facilities in VDVKs. This includes activities such as sorting, grading, packaging, branding, and processing of forest products to increase their market value.

Capacity Building: The initiative focuses on imparting necessary skills and training to tribal gatherers and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) involved in the VDVY. Training programs are conducted to enhance their knowledge of sustainable harvesting techniques, primary processing, packaging, entrepreneurship, and marketing.

Marketing Support: The team aims to facilitate the marketing of value-added forest products by establishing market linkages for tribal gatherers. It seeks to connect tribal producers with larger markets, both domestic and international, to ensure better remuneration for their products.

Tribal Empowerment: The Team aims to empower tribal communities by providing them with opportunities for self-employment and income generation. The VDVK initiative encourages tribal gatherers to form SHGs and cooperatives, enabling them to collectively undertake value addition and marketing activities.

Forest Conservation and Livelihood Security: The Team recognizes the importance of sustainable harvesting practices and aims to promote forest conservation among tribal communities. By providing alternate livelihood options, it aims to reduce their dependency on the forest ecosystem while ensuring their socio-economic well-being.

Way Forward

After successfully completing training by the agency, the Forest Department is now tasked with procuring the necessary tools and machinery to establish VDVK (Van Dhan Vikas Kendra) Centers. Additionally, the department must collaborate closely with the tribal beneficiaries to ensure these centres have successful setup and operation. This document outlines a comprehensive way forward to address these requirements.

- **Assess Equipment and Machinery Needs:** The training agency conducted a thorough assessment to determine the specific tools and machinery required for the VDVK Centers. This assessment has taken into consideration the activities planned at each centre, such as processing forest produce, value addition, packaging, and storage. Identify the necessary equipment, including machinery, processing units, storage facilities, and packaging materials.
- **Quality control:** Establish quality control measures to ensure that procured tools and machinery meet the required specifications and standards.

Engage Tribal Beneficiaries:

To ensure the successful setup and operation of the VDVK Centers, active collaboration with the tribal beneficiaries is crucial. Implementation of the following steps are suggested for VDVK:

1. **Tribal needs assessment:** assessment of needs in consultation with the tribal communities, their specific requirements, capabilities, and expectations regarding the VDVK Centers had been estimated in the business plan.
2. **Information sharing:** Regularly communicate and share information with the tribal communities to foster transparency and inclusiveness. Involve them in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the VDVK Centers.
3. **Monitor and Evaluate:** Establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system to track the progress of the VDVK Centers and make necessary adjustments. Consider the following:
4. **Performance indicators:** Define key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the success of the VDVK Centers. These may include the quantity and quality of processed forest produce, sales volume, income generation, and tribal empowerment.
5. **Regular assessment:** Conduct periodic assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of the procurement process, collaboration efforts, and overall performance of the VDVK Centers. Use feedback from beneficiaries to identify areas for improvement.
6. **Continuous support:** Provide ongoing support to the tribal beneficiaries, including technical guidance, marketing assistance, and access to financial resources. Ensure that the VDVK Centers remain sustainable in the long term.

By following this comprehensive strategy, the Forest Department can successfully procure the necessary tools and machinery and collaborate effectively with tribal beneficiaries to establish and operate VDVK Centers. This approach will promote sustainable forest-based livelihood.

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VDVK Vankal, Vadi and Jhankhvav

Vankal Range – Surat Division

Introduction

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They also identified and planned for groups of beneficiaries for gathering at multiple venues for the smoothness of training. The PASM team started the training with the approval of forest officials of Vankal Range on 15-09-2023 and satisfactorily completed on 18-09-2023 (4 Days) at total 7 different training venues.

Target Beneficiary

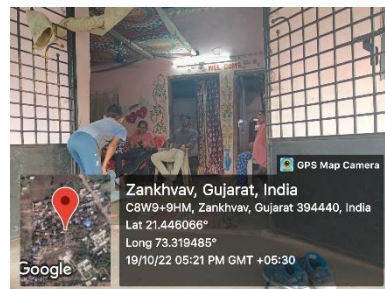
Major target beneficiaries are the local tribal people residing beside and in the forest areas. The project team has targeted to provide training to all listed beneficiaries shared by the forest department, Surat. The total figure is a sum of 900 people approximate.

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Village Survey

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	Jhankhvav				
	Vadi				

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Mobilization:

Sr. No.	Name of VDVK	Center Name / Village	Training Center	Date of Training (From)	Date of Training (To)
1	Vankal, Vadi and Jhankhvav VDVK	Vadi	Vadi School	15-09-2023	18-09-2023
2		Jhankhvav	Jhankhvav Nursery	15-09-2023	18-09-2023
3		Ghodbar	Ghodbar Nursery	15-09-2023	18-09-2023
4		Selarpur	Selarpur, Pramukh House	15-09-2023	18-09-2023
5		Mandan	Mandan School	15-09-2023	18-09-2023
6		Ognisa	Ognisa Panchayat Hall	15-09-2023	18-09-2023
7		Ambabari	Ambabari Dairy Hall	15-09-2023	18-09-2023

Training Schedule: from 15-09-2023 to 18-09-2023

There were a total of 5 Training Centers formed as per the subject of availability of the sitting arrangements of trainees.


Training Schedule				
Time	Day 1 15-09-2023	Day 2 16-09-2023	Day 3 17-09-2023	Day 4 18-09-2023
10:00 am to 10:15 am	VDVK Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees
10:15 am to 11:15 pm	MFP and NTFP Orientation	Introduction and Process of Collection of Honey - Value Addition Process of Honey (Flavouring) - Beeswax Process of Product	Arjuna (Bark, Seed, Fruit.) - Selection & Collection Process of Product (Karanj) - Cleaning & drying - Segregation - Product Making (Powder, Oil, Tea) - Machinery / Tools uses	Market Link Business strategy Quality and Supply Financial Management
11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Mahua (Flower, Seed, Fruit.) - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning, Drying - Segregation - Product Making (Medicine, Oil, Bar or Compost) - Machinery / Tools uses			Concluding Session
1:30 pm Onwards	Lunch			

Note: Training Module is as per the NTFP / Produced available in the local areas of the village and VDVK Cluster.

Training Team

Project In-charge – Ar. Kandarp Bhatt				
Project Coordinator – Ar. Piyush Srivastava				
Training Team at Centres				
Training Centre	Day 1 15-09-2023	Day 2 16-09-2023	Day 3 17-09-2023	Day 4 18-09-2023
Vadi School	Dhrumi Joshi Atul Patidar Sunil Panchal	Dhrumi Joshi Atul Patidar	Dhrumi Joshi Atul Patidar	Dhrumi Joshi Atul Patidar Kandarp Bhatt
Jhankhvav Nursery	Rashi Patel Janmejay Pandey	Rashi Patel Janmejay Pandey	Rashi Patel Janmejay Pandey	Rashi Patel Janmejay Pandey Kandarp Bhatt
Ghodbar Nursery	Yash Kapadiya Purvi Singh	Yash Kapadiya Purvi Singh	Yash Kapadiya Purvi Singh	Yash Kapadiya Purvi Singh Kandarp Bhatt
Selarpur, Pramukh House	Jahnvi Desai Karthik Guttula	Jahnvi Desai Karthik Guttula	Jahnvi Desai Karthik Guttula	Jahnvi Desai Karthik Guttula Kandarp Bhatt
Mandan School	Bhargav Desai Vidhi Chhadva	Sunil Panchal Vidhi Chhadva	Sunil Panchal Vidhi Chhadva	Sunil Panchal Vidhi Chhadva Piyush Srivastava
Ognisa Panchayat Hall	Janvi Patel Jayman Patel	Janvi Patel Jayman Patel	Janvi Patel Jayman Patel	Janvi Patel Jayman Patel Piyush Srivastava
Ambabari Dairy Hall	-	Bhargav Desai Piyush Srivastava	Bhargav Desai Piyush Srivastava	Bhargav Desai Piyush Srivastava

Training Attendance:

Training Centre	Day 1 15-09-2023	Day 2 16-09-2023
Vadi School		
Jhankhvat Nursery		
Ghodbar Primary School	Additional Center formed on 17th Sept 2023 by Respective Forester.	
Selarpur, Pramukh House		

Mandan School	 <p>Surat, GJ, India Mangrol, Surat, 394440, GJ, India Lat 21.427543, Long 73.279338 09/15/2023 12:41 PM GMT+05:30 Note : Captured by GPS Map Camera</p>	 <p>Mandan, Gujarat, India C7HH+4PR, Mandan, Gujarat 394430, India Lat 21.427568° Long 73.279437° 16/09/23 11:14 AM GMT +05:30</p>	
Ognisa Panchayat Hall	 <p>Jharni, Gujarat, India C766+JQ3, Jharni, Gujarat 394430, India Lat 21.412462° Long 73.263451° 16/09/23 12:46 PM GMT +05:30</p>	 <p>Jharni, Gujarat, India C766+JQ3, Jharni, Gujarat 394430, India Lat 21.412462° Long 73.263451° 16/09/23 12:46 PM GMT +05:30</p>	
Ambabari Dairy Hall	Additional Center formed on 17 th Sept 2023 by Respective Forester. (Beneficiaries Bifurcated in two centers from Ognisa to Ambabari)		 <p>Surat, GJ, India SH 166, Mangrol, Surat, 394430, GJ, India Lat 21.438506, Long 73.195076 09/16/2023 12:47 PM GMT+05:30 Note : Captured by GPS Map Camera</p>

Training Centre	Day 3 17-09-2023	Day 4 18-09-2023
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Jhankhvav Nursery	 <p>Surat, Gujarat, India Haastek / Modal Nursery, Zankhway-Ghodbar Road, Ta:- Mangrol, Dist:-Surat Gujarat, Gujarat 394440, India Lat 21.443032° Long 73.318954° 17/09/23 12:39 PM GMT +05:30</p>	 <p>Surat, Gujarat, India Haastek / Modal Nursery, Zankhway-Ghodbar Road, Ta:- Mangrol, Dist:-Surat Gujarat, Gujarat 394440, India Lat 21.443889° Long 73.317119° 18/09/23 11:51 AM GMT +05:30</p>
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Selarpur, Pramukh House	 <p>Selarpur, Gujarat, India C7JQ+5R3, Selarpur, Gujarat 394430, India Lat 21.430327° Long 73.289588° 17/09/23 01:00 PM GMT +05:30</p>	 <p>Kantvav, Gujarat, India C7VQ+H5P, Kantvav, Gujarat 394430, India Lat 21.443836° Long 73.287777° 18/09/23 11:41 AM GMT +05:30</p>

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Honey	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-
Museli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓
Arjuna	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-

Value Addition and Processing: The VDVY aims to promote value addition of forest produce through the establishment of processing facilities in VDVKs. This includes activities such as sorting, grading, packaging, branding, and processing of forest products to increase their market value.

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To ensure the successful setup and operation of the VDVK Centers, active collaboration with the tribal beneficiaries is crucial. Implementation of the following steps are suggested for VDVK:

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Parul Arogya Seva Mandal - Vadodara

VDVK Training Completion Report

VDVK Samba and Boriya

Mahua Range – Surat Division

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Work Update

The Project Team has conducted the survey of village and Forest Ranges for the Assessment. The project team identified venues for offering training at groups of villages under RFO's from 1st Oct to 20th Oct, 2022. They also discussed training-related matters with RFO's, SHGs and staff members along with taking local people in confidence for the same. They also identified and planned for groups of beneficiaries for gathering at multiple venues for the smoothness of training. The PASM team started the training with the approval of forest officials of Mahua Range on 09-09-2023 and satisfactorily completed on 12-09-2023 (4 Days) at total 7 different training venues.

Target Beneficiary

Major target beneficiaries are the local tribal people residing beside and in the forest areas. The project team has targeted to provide training to all listed beneficiaries shared by the forest department, Surat. The total figure is a sum of 600 people approximate.

Field Assessment

Village Survey

The Team conducted the village survey in the forest's ranges for the identification of the socio and cultural scenario of the people in the forest. They have found that most of the villagers are now separated from the forest as a new

generation is not much interested in the forest produce. the village residents are dependent on animal husbandry, Seasonal Agriculture and labour work. Orientation about the forest produce and its benefits was described by the experts to the shortage of groups in villages and encouraged them to participate in the training program. Meetings and Discussions with RFO along with SHG and Foresters also had been conducted multiple times to discuss the Pros and cons related to NTFP and forest areas.



In Umra Village - Meeting with SHG's and discussion with in beneficiaries and forest officials.

Products:

As per the survey, the team have identified some Ayurveda and medicinal plant that are available locally in the villages and forest. Some of the identified Plants and Medicinal plants are mentioned below in the forest range of Mahua for the training, suggested and approved by the concern forest officials.

Name of Range	Name of VDVK Cluster	MFP-1	MFP-2	MFP-3
Mahua	Samba	Mahuda	Timru	Arjuna
	Boriya			

Materials and Mobilization

Medium of Training

The project team has prepared training materials as following:

1. PPT and Audio video Presentation with sample products were included as part of the training methodology.
2. Banner and Posters on mentioned produces as per the relevancy of the village and availability of produce in the nearby areas have been included in the training program.
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Mobilization:

Sr. No.	Name of VDVK	Village Name	No. of Beneficiary	Training Center	Date of Training (From)	Date of Training (To)
1	Samba and Boriya VDVK	Tarkani	40	Primary School Tarkani	09-09-2023	12-09-2023
2		Lasanpore	58	Lasanpore Dairy Hall		
3		Kumkotar	63	Sarpanch House, Kumkotar		
4		Samba	95	Samba Forest Nursery		
5		Umra	61	Umra Dairy Hall		
6		Vaheval	223	Vaheval Dairy Hall		
7		Mahudi	60	Sarpanch House Mahudi		

Training Schedule: from 09-09-2023 to 12-09-2023

There were a total of 5 Training Centers formed as per the subject of availability of the sitting arrangements of trainees.

Training Schedule				
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10:00 am to 10:15 am	VDVK Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees
10:15 am to 11:15 pm	MFP and NTFP Orientation	Introduction Timru and its properties, availabilities and uses.	Introduction Arjuna and its properties, availabilities and uses.	Market Link Business strategy Quality and Supply Financial Management
11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Mahuda (Flower, Seed, Fruit.) - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning & Drying - Segregation - Product Making (Medicine, Oil, Bar or Compost) - Machinery / Tools uses	Timru leaves - Selection - Collection Process of Product - Cleaning - Drying - Segregation	Arjuna - Selection - Collection Process of Product - Cleaning - Drying - Segregation - Product Making (Powder Tea Bag Etc.)	
1:30 pm Onwards	Lunch			

Note: Training Module is as per the NTFP / Produced available in the local areas of the village and VDKV Cluster.

Training Team







Project In-charge – Ar. Kandarp Bhatt				
Project Coordinator – Ar. Piyush Srivastava				
Training Team at Centres				
Training Centre	Day 1 09-09-2023	Day 2 10-09-2023	Day 3 11-09-2023	Day 4 12-09-2023
Primary School Tarkani	Dixita Chaudhary	Dixita Chaudhary	Dixita Chaudhary	Dixita Chaudhary Piyush Srivastava
Lasanpore Dairy Hall	Roshni Patel	Roshni Patel	Roshni Patel	Roshni Patel
Sarpanch House, Kumkotar	Himani Pancholi	Himani Pancholi	Himani Pancholi	Himani Pancholi Kandarp Bhatt
Samba Forest Nursery	Kruti Gosar Yashita Chaudhary	Kruti Gosar Yashita Chaudhary	Kruti Gosar Yashita Chaudhary	Kruti Gosar Yashita Chaudhary Kandarp Bhatt
Umra Dairy Hall	Yashashvi Gamit Piyush Srivastava	Yashashvi Gamit Piyush Srivastava	Yashashvi Gamit Piyush Srivastava	Yashashvi Gamit Piyush Srivastava
Vaheval Dairy Hall	Niyati Vaidhya Shivani Rathod	Niyati Vaidhya Shivani Rathod Shivani Gamit	Niyati Vaidhya Shivani Rathod Shivani Gamit	Niyati Vaidhya Shivani Rathod Piyush Srivastava
Sarpanch House Mahudi	Rutu Mulchandani Asmita Deshingkar	Rutu Mulchandani Asmita Deshingkar	Rutu Mulchandani Asmita Deshingkar	Rutu Mulchandani Asmita Deshingkar Kandarp Bhatt

Training Attendance Photographs:

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Primary School Tarkani		
Lasanpore Dairy Hall		
Sarpanch House, Kumkotar		
Samba Forest Nursery		

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Outcome:

the success of livelihood augmentation strategies lies in fostering meaningful community interactions, understanding local contexts, and empowering tribal communities to actively participate in shaping their own development. These interactions aimed to initiate a dialogue between stakeholders and tribal communities. The local community understood the benefits of Forest produce and business processes with market linkages and branding.

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Available MFP in Seasons in Mahua Range

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VDVK Training Completion Report

VDVK Vadpada and Ghanavad

Vadpada Range – Surat Division

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Meeting with SHG's and discussion with in beneficiaries and forest officials.



Chokhwada



Bilwan



Divtan



Ghanavad

Products:

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	Ghanavad				

Materials and Mobilization

Medium of Training

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Mobilization:

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1		Bardipada	80	Dairy Shed Vadpada	16-06-2023	19-06-2023

2	Vadpada and Ghanavad VDVK	Vadpada	100			
3		Chokhwada	80	Primary School Chokhwada	16-06-2023	19-06-2023
4		Bilvan	120	Chaudhary Faliyu Nursery	16-06-2023	19-06-2023
5		Ghanavad	140	Primary School Ghanavad	16-06-2023	19-06-2023
6		Divtan	80	Primary School Divtan	16-06-2023	19-06-2023

Training Schedule: from 16-06-2023 to 19-06-2023

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11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Introduction and Process of Collection, Selection with Value Addition Process of Honey	Mahuda (Flower, Seed, Fruit.) - Selection - Collection Process of Product (Mahuda) - Cleaning - Drying - Segregation - Product Making (Medicine, Oil, Bar or Compost) - Machinery / Tools uses	Karanj (Bark, Seed, Fruit.) - Selection - Collection Process of Product (Karanj) - Cleaning - Drying - Segregation - Product Making (Powder, Oil, Medicine) - Machinery / Tools uses	Market Link Business strategy Quality and Supply Financial Management Concluding Session
1:30 pm Onwards	Lunch			











Note: Training Module is as per the NTFP / Produced available in the local areas of the village and VDVK Cluster.

Training Team

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Project Coordinator – Ar Piyush Srivastava and Ar. Piyush Thakur				
Training Team at Centres				
Training Centre	Day 1 16/06/2023	Day 2 17-06-2023	Day 3 18-16-2023	Day 4 19-06-2023
Vadpada Dairy	Dr Dhaval Parmar Dr Dhruv Solanki	Dr Dhaval Parmar Dr Dhruv Solanki	Dr Rekha Parmar Dr Dhaval Parmar Dr Dhruv Solanki	Dr Dhaval Parmar Dr Dhruv Solanki Ar Piyush Thakur
Chaudhary Faliya Nursery	Dr Gaurav Thakur Dr Hardik Prajapati	Dr Gaurav Thakur Dr Hardik Prajapati	Dr Rekha Parmar Dr Gaurav Thakur Dr Hardik Prajapati	Dr Gaurav Thakur Dr Hardik Prajapati Ar Piyush Thakur
Chokhwada School	Dr Om Viradiya Dr Hardik Nikvade	Dr Om Viradiya Dr Hardik Nikvade	Dr Om Viradiya Dr Hardik Nikvade	Dr Om Viradiya Ar Piyush Srivastava
Divtan School	Dr Kaushik Valaki Ar Kandarp Bhatt	Dr Kaushik Valaki Ar Kandarp Bhatt	Dr Rekha Parmar Dr Kaushik Valaki	Dr Kaushik Valaki Ar Piyush Srivastava
Ghanavad School	Dr Khushi Trivedi Dr Jyoti Parmar Dr Mihir Patel	Dr Khushi Trivedi Dr Jyoti Parmar Dr Mihir Patel	Dr Khushi Trivedi Dr Jyoti Parmar Dr Mihir Patel	Dr Hardik Nikvade Dr Mihir Patel Ar Piyush Srivastava

Training Attendance:

Training Centre	Day 1 16/06/2023	Day 2 17/06/2023
Vadpada Dairy		
Chaudhary Faliya Nursery		
Chokhvada School		
Divtan School		
Ghanavad School		

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Vadpada Dairy		
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Chokhvada School		
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VDVK Training Completion Report

VDVK Hanmatmal

Hamnatmal Range – Valsad North Division

Introduction

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Objective

Implementation Stage: The Van Dhan Yojana is envisaged to be implemented through a robust framework with TRIFED at the centre level, State Nodal Department and State Implementing Agency, District Implementing Units at State and district level respectively.

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Work Update

The Project Team has conducted the survey of village and Forest Ranges for the Assessment. The project team identified venues for offering training at groups of villages under RFO's from 31st Jan to 1st Feb 2023. They also discussed training-related matters with RFO's, SHGs and staff members along with taking local people in confidence for the same.

They also identified and planned for groups of beneficiaries for gathering at multiple venues for the smoothness of training. The PASM team started the training with the approval of forest officials of Hanmatmal on 24-08-2023 and satisfactorily completed on 27-08-2023 (4 Days) at total 6 different training venues. Afternoon lunch for the beneficiaries were also arranged for all 4 days of training.

Target Beneficiary

Major target beneficiaries are the local tribal people residing beside and in the forest areas. The project team has targeted to provide training to all listed beneficiaries shared by the forest department, Valsad North. The total figure is a sum of 600 people approximate.

Field Assessment

Village Survey

The Team conducted the village survey in the forest's ranges for the identification of the socio and cultural scenario of the people in the forest. They have found that most of the villagers are now separated from the forest as a new generation is not much interested in the forest produce. the village residents are dependent on animal husbandry, Seasonal Agriculture and labour work. Orientation about the forest produce and its benefits was described by the experts to the shortage of groups in villages and encouraged them to participate in the training program. Meetings and Discussions with RFO along with SHG and Foresters also had been conducted multiple times to discuss the Pros and cons related to NTFP and forest areas.

Meeting with SHG's and discussion with in beneficiaries and forest officials.



Products:

As per the survey, the team have identified some Ayurveda and medicinal plant that are available locally in the villages and forest. Some of the identified Plants and Medicinal plants are mentioned below in the forest range of Hanmatmal for the training, suggested and approved by the concern forest officials.

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Hanmatmal	Hanmatmal	Mahuda Oil Flower	Honey Flavor Honey Beeswax	Aritha Powder/ Shampoo Oil	Jambu Jam/Jelly	Cashew Cashew Milk

Materials and Mobilization

Medium of Training

The project team has prepared training materials as following:

1. PPT and Audio video Presentation with sample products were included as part of the training methodology.
2. Banner and Posters on mentioned produces as per the relevancy of the village and availability of produce in the nearby areas have been included in the training program.
3. Pamphlets and Group Discussions (QA Sessions) also helped trainees to grasp the information.

Mobilization:

Sr. No.	Name of VDVK	Village Name	No. of Beneficiary	Training Center	Date of Training (From)	Date of Training (To)
1	Hanmatmal	Khanda	100	Khanda Ashramshala School	24-08-2023	27-08-2023
2		Hammatmal	100	Panchayat Hall – Hanmatmal	24-08-2023	27-08-2023
3			100	Sitanagar – VDVK Pramukh's Home	24-08-2023	27-08-2023

Training Schedule: from 24-08-2023 to 27-08-2023 at Hanmatmal







There were a total of 6 Training Centers formed as per the subject of availability of the sitting arrangements of trainees.







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Time	Day 1 24/08/2023	Day 2 25-08-2023	Day 3 26-08-2023	Day 4 27-08-2023
10:00 am to 10:15 am	VDVK Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees	Introduction and Attendance of Trainees
10:15 am to 11:15 pm	MFP and NTFP Orientation	(Mahua and its properties, availabilities and uses.	Cashew, Jambu and its properties, availabilities and uses.	Introduction Honey and wax and its market. Process of Collection, Selection with Value Addition Process of Honey
11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Aritha (Seed, Fruit.) - Selection &Collection Process of Product - Cleaning & Drying - Segregation - Product Making (Oil, Soap, Bar or Compost) - Machinery / Tools uses	Mahua (Flower, Seed, Fruit.) - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning & drying - Segregation - Product Making (Medicine, Oil, Bar or Compost) - Machinery / Tools uses	Cashew, Jambu (Fruit.) - Selection & Collection Process of Product - Cleaning & drying - Segregation - Product Making (Mixture Jam, Jelly etc) - Machinery / Tools uses	Market Link Business strategy Quality and Supply Financial Management
1:30 pm Onwards	Lunch			

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Training Team at Centres				
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Khanda Ashramshala	Dr. Meet Patel	Dr. Meet Patel	Dr. Meet Patel	Dr. Meet Patel Kandarp Bhatt
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