

EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

ALLOW LARGER VIEW

Introduction

It was a movement of gender parity and economic empowerment of women from the village of Taljhari village of Rajmahal Block of Sahib Ganj Dist; ably supported by 4S.

The Journey

The women of the village Taljhari, were an unhappy lot. They didn't have a voice or say in their personal family/village issues of concern to them. The farming systems, economic returns and their Landscape health were deteriorating and they remained mute spectators. After a stage they had realized, enough was enough and decided to take the reins of their fate into their own hands. They had gone ahead with the process of setting up their own FPO. They had collectively started taking decisions of the cropping systems, value addition in Kesari dal trading, horticulture activities of Mango and Jute trade. The collaborative activity started bearing results of better financial status, their say in matters of community were being considered with dignity.

Now that their financial concerns and parity are taken care, their attention has focused on to their Landscape that has seen a deterioration over the past few years affecting their quality of life, like:

The indiscriminate Van Katai had resulted in negative effects on their Landscape, like untimely and erratic rainfall, drop in groundwater levels, shortage of irrigation water affecting cropping activities, reduction in grazing lands affecting animal health and productivity, declining Pollinator population due to declining vegetative/Forest cover affecting the Jal-Jungle-Jameen balance.

Conclusion

FPOs can discuss issues around and related to Commons, weaving the links around the Jal-Jungle-Jameen and production and Marketing issues. The catalysts engaged with these FPOs and SHGs need training to understand these linkages and leverage the connections for the betterment of Commons.



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