



***"If we cannot sustain the environment, we cannot sustain ourselves."
-Wangari Maathai, Environmental Activist***

"Madua Bij laye hain? Hame bhi dijiye"(Did you bring Raagi seed? Give me too). These were the expressions from many of the old women farmers when we went to villages to distribute Raagi seed for cultivation. We never thought we could reach 10 villages, but we did and now we are ready to see the growth of the Raagi plant on 85 different farmers' land. In this quarter, we also worked with anantmool learning centre to catalyze their training and to provide nutrition to kids from indigenous food.

As this is our first year and we are trying to understand the local community of their habits and available resources, we travelled a lot and met and talked with many people to understand their views and challenges. On this journey, we found a thousand Hectares of barren land which is unused and it needs to be regenerated. These lands may create employment for local people suffering from poverty.

Dear friends, this journey was impossible without your support and motivation. Right now we are benefiting 85+ farmers in 10 villages and looking to connect more in next quarter. Thank you for your all support!

OUR ACTIVITIES

FROM APRIL TO JUNE 2022

Community awareness program on Millet cultivation

We did an awareness campaign in 10 villages about starting growing Millets again for their own consumption. The interesting fact was, that they know better than me the benefit of millet, but they left growing it, because, in the fashion of rice, nobody liked millet in the village and it was considered the food of the poor. After the awareness camp, they became ready to cultivate Millet on their land. In this awareness camp, we reached 200 farmers.



Identified sustainable sources of employment



We did visits to different villages and talked with people to understand different opportunities for employment in a sustainable way. During this, we saw many women processing butter fruit (Mahua seed) to make oil. We had a conversation and found that these women selling oil for just 100 rupees per kg. But when we did research we found that an online market sells the same oil at 500 rupees per litre. This oil is very healthy to consume and apply to the skin. Further research has shown that from this oil we can make natural body butter and natural soap. We found Mahua as a great source of sustainable employment.



Raagi Malt distribution to combat malnutrition

Eating just rice and potato made children malnutrition in remote villages. The government also provides Khichdi as a mid-day meal which is again made of rice, potato and some pulses. Khichdi again does not provide enough amount of nutrition to children and still, they are malnourished. To solve this, we started distributing Raagi Millet Malt at the anantmool learning centre on daily basis and 30 children and one centre currently benefiting from this.

Facilitated sustainable food and living project with anantmool kids

On the occasion of Children Entrepreneurship program organized by anantmool, we facilitated to make bamboo utensils by doing treatment and making Butter flower Laddu which is highly nutritious with 11 children. This kind of programs helping to create next generation leader who are aware about their surroundings, opportunities from local resources and conscious towards nature.



Raagi Millet seed distribution with women and physically disabled

We have distributed Raagi Millet seed in 10 villages with 85 women and physically disabled farmers. All farmers agreed to return double seed after cultivation. These farmers lost Raagi seed 10 years back and now they were looking for seeds. They also promised to distribute this seed with other farmers once they will grow. Millet was one of the main food in this region because this area is rain fed irrigated region.



For the distribution we created cluster wise coordinators who made list of farmers and then we went there to distribute seed. These villages are very remote reside in the middle of forest. To reach these village we walked 2 to 3 KMs barefoot with seed and then distributed the seed.



Forest Seed Collection

We collected seed from forest to preserve it and create samples for re-forestation. We have collected seeds of Amra, Ber, Baheda, Sagwan, Kanoda, Piyar and Cassia Tora. We are planning to collect seed on mass level and prepare saplings of 1 lakh plants and plant it back in to the forest.

Identification of 1000 Hectares of barren land

During our field visit, we come to know there are 1000 hectares of barren land, which are unused and contributing to heat reflection in the surroundings. We find the urgent need of restoring the land through the plantation. And this will be done by awareness camp, continuous meet up with the land owner and supporting them as well.



Participated in Bihar Development Collectives meet

We were invited from Bihar Development Collectives to become part of BDC. In this 2 days meeting, we discussed on what we have done as of now, who are doing what in same region, how we can collaborate with each other and support each other. In this collective, 47 organizations are registered and supports each other.



Shivani represented wild in 2 days program National Coalition of Natural Farming in Ranchi. During this meeting we had discussion on growing millets, natural farming system and possible collaborations.

Represented wild at National Coalitions on Natural Farming



Next planning

1. Cultivation of Ragi Millet and establishing a processing training centre for women
2. Create an agroforestry model of farming to give training to farmers and create employment opportunity
3. Start a food van to introduce and promote natural and indigenous food.
4. Start a skill development centre in processing Butter fruit oil to make natural body butter and body soap
5. Plantation of trees sapling in villages, schools, public places, forest land and barren land



*Dear supporters and friends,
It was a great learning for us to work in a remote and Naxal affected village and we were able to come up with strong planning to enhance the livelihood, and environment and improve the health of the community.
I would like to kindly request you to visit us and support our work.
-wild team*

Support our work

1. In installing a Solar dryer for training
2. Cost for Agroforestry model farm
3. Millet processing training
4. Butter fruit (Mahua) oil value addition
5. Plantation of trees
6. Collaborate and volunteer us to regenerate barren land

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wild in media

1. Kanthari blog- "Born to be wild"
2. Dainik Jagran News- "Kayi prakar ke rog men labhkari Cassia Tora"
3. Dainik Jagran News- "Paramparik Khan-Pan ko kar rhi jagruk"



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