

Socio-Economic Development of Women Para-Vet

Background:

Livestock plays a vital role in rural life and economy even today animal husbandry and agriculture are twin occupations which are practiced by the rural household since ancient times. Livestock rearing is being a way of life in rural areas and with more than seventy percent of the people relying on it. The farmers are in need of timely support to treat the animal to avoid the mortality and economic lose. In this context Kendra felt that, some educated, unemployed rural youth, if properly trained to provide timely precautionary measures, thus to improve the health scenario of livestock and also to increase the standards of living of the trained person.

Kendra which is technology transfer project has responsibilities in take up challenge to train the rural youth on Animal health promotion build their capacity to provide better Veterinary services to the community. At frequent intervals Kendra is imparting long term training on Animal Health Promotion (6 months) and developing effective trained youth and they are providing timely veterinary services to the un-reached areas. Totally 51 trainees in 6 batches were trained on Animal Health Promotion by KrishiVigyan Kendra.

Introduction:

Mrs. D.Bama aged 25 is coming from middle class rural family back ground from a small village called Kalingiyam near Gobichettipalayam. She is house wife having a 4 year old daughter studying in LKG. Her Husband working in company with an average income of Rs 5000 per month, with which they have to manage three members family. Her husband Mr.Damodaran who had constant communication with MYRADA KVK, coincidentally come across an advertisement in the newspaper regarding training on Animal health promotion. As he had already a job in hand, he encouraged Bama to attend the training.

Mrs. Bama joined in AH Promoters training in 2006-07 batches. After completing her six month training, she gained knowledge on Livestock management and employed herself as para-vet and started generating income out of the skill received in the training program.

Intervention:

- Identifying the interior places where there are no access to Veterinary services
- The interest persons were called for interview before the commencement of the course
- After which real interested members were selected for six months trainings
- During the training period students were taken to exposure visits to different organizations like State Animal Husbandry Department, Dispensaries, ASETI (Sponsored by Canara Bank), Aavin, Veterinary University Training and Research Center (VUTRC), Erode and TNAU Coimbatore.

- Trainees were placed in the dispensaries which are near to their local area to build relationship with Doctors and get familiar to the local people.
- Youth were trained on different types of veterinary service
- Youths were oriented on First Aid, de-worming, vaccination, artificial insemination and other need based techniques.
- They were also given up gradation training on artificial insemination with the support of TamilNadu Livestock Development Agency, Chennai.

Impact:

Details on various services provided by Mrs.Bama (December 2007- December 2010)

Nature of treatment	Cow, buffalo and bullock	Sheep and goat	Poultry
Deworming	1280	2250	-
Vaccination	1059	1367	830
First aid	66	158	37
Castration	45	197	-
Enteritis	93	535	-
Artificial insemination	346	-	-
Pregnancy diagnosis	358	-	-

Mrs. Bama says that, because of this training she is economically and socially stable, gained well recognition in her family and society. After stepping out of her limited boundaries from her family responsibility she also been confidence to mingle with the people. This in turn has made her self-sufficient and self-reliant.



- Mrs. Bama covers totally of 12 villages in and around + Kms he Kalingiyam which spreads to more than 30
- She has purchased two-wheeler worth of Rs 28000 to attend distance cases on time
- Timely services to the village people and reducing burden of farmers (usually farmers spend a day to take cattle to hospital which would cut their daily wages and have to walk for 3-4 Kms)
- Mrs.Bama earns Five thousand rupees per month, now a day's which is the additional income for her family
- From her profession she has saved Rupees Ten thousand worth of gold (6 grams). And purchased some electrical appliances worth of Rs 5000.00
- Today she is also contributing 50 % of her daughters' education. She also joined two chit funds of and have the savings of Rs .28000.00

Future plan:

In future, she seeks to gain external services and expand her knowledge in this field. And also she plans to purchase a site and build a house of her own and finally aims to provide the best education to her daughter.
