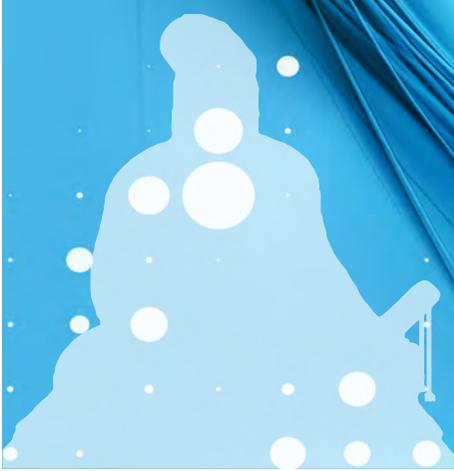




Workshop on Sustainable Watershed Development

*Key Grassroots Learnings and
Development Perspectives
in the Context of SDGs*

12th September, 2015
at Thamukkam Grounds, Madurai



Madurai Symposium 2015

Localizing Sustainable Development Goals

The Workshop

Madurai Symposium is a biannual event being organised at Madurai for the development practitioners and multi stake holders to share their experiences on various development themes and to advance their collaboration with the institutions and general public. The 7th Madurai Symposium is scheduled to be organised during the 12th to 16th September 2015 at Madurai. The focus of the Madurai Symposium is localising sustainable development goals with the various development interventions and sharing the field experiences to address the global issues of sustainable development. During the symposium it is prepared to conduct a workshop on Sustainable Watershed Development-Experiences and way forward of NABARD and IWMP Watershed implemented by DHAN Foundation on 12th September 2015.

Background

DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation (DVTF) is one of the thematic programme of DHAN Foundation, it is working on Tanks renovation and Tank based watershed programme through peoples participation for community development in the village small scale water bodies such as tanks and ponds. We are working with NABARD – IGWDP, NABARD – WDF Projects and IWMP – Project in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh.

SI No.	Name of the Region	Nature of the programme	No. of watersheds
1	Tank based watershed in Telangana State	NABARD-IGWDP & NABARD – WDF – Directly	11
2	NABARD – WDF - Telangana	NABARD – WDF – RSO in 3 districts	69
3	AP, Telangana, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh	IWMP Watersheds	6
4	Tamil Nadu	NABARD-WDF	5
Total			91

The predominant objective in watershed programme in the country is that it should serve in situ moisture conservation in dry land areas and drought proofing the vulnerable regions.

The present status of watershed projects handled by Tank thematic Programme under NABARD and IWMP Projects are as follows:

- ◆ **Institutional aspects of people for implementation:** They deal mainly about watershed association, watershed committee, functional groups and Self Help Groups (SHGs) of various categories of people for operational convenience.
- ◆ **Conservation & Development works:** The second important area focuses on soil & water conservation activities based on the rainfall, land slope, type of soil, land use.
- ◆ **Economic activities for landless:** Besides generating employment opportunities, the watershed programmes give importance for the landless. Some funds have been provided to support them with economic activities through SHGs.
- ◆ **Corpus (or) Watershed Development fund for future maintenance:** The focus is to keep the peoples' contributions in the watershed association as corpus to be used for future maintenance of works carried out under the project.
- ◆ **To fulfil the above needs, the NABARD, IWMP have introduced their own respective guidelines to implement and regulate the projects. For the benefit of Watershed Development Team (WDT's), a tabular statement of each of those guidelines is enclosed as Annexure 1.**

- ◆ The project period for each watershed ranges from 4 to 5 years with the funding support based on the geographical area, topography, soils, land use rainfall etc.

As we are involved in conservation of small scale water bodies like tanks, ponds and other water bodies since 1992, we attempted to get a few approvals for watershed development works in NABARD and IWMP by sending proposals.

Objectives

- ◆ To share the outcomes of successfully completed NABARD – IGWDP, NABARD – WDF projects and IWMP projects by DHAN Foundation and derive the learning for development community to adapt and practice.
- ◆ To exchange the ideas and hold brief discussions with all potential and interested partners in development mission and to join hands with us to spear head the mission.
- ◆ To pronounce the concept of tank based watersheds and their potential for scaling up their development in South India.

Participants

The expected participants for the workshop are Government Officials; Representatives from funding agencies, corporate, academia and research, Non Governmental Organisations and the leaders from tank based watersheds.

Expected outcome

To share the present experiences of Sustainable Watershed Development-Experiences and way forward of NABARD and IWMP Watershed implemented by DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation.

Programme Schedule

- 02.00 pm : Registration
- 02.15 am : Prayer and welcome
- 02.25 am : Purpose of Workshop
- 02.35 am : Chief Guest address
- 02.55 am : Lead Paper Presentation
- 03.30 am : Oral Presentation from field experience
- 04.15 pm : Sharing of field experience by members
- 04.45 pm : Concluding remarks

Venue and Date of the Seminar

The seminar is planned to be organized in Thamukkam Grounds on 12th September 2015

Registration and contact

Kindly confirm your participation and send your papers if any, along with your travel details through email to

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Tankfed Agriculture Development Programme was one of the thematic programmes of DHAN Foundation towards the purpose of reducing rural poverty. For up scaling the tank programme and for enriching the water related development interventions, DHAN Foundation promoted DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation (DVTF) which became operational with effect from October 2, 2006. The DVTF is striving for the conservation and development of small scale traditional water resources such as tanks, ponds, ooranies, supply channels etc in addition to the development of watersheds through people's participation. At present DVTF is working in 6 States with the support of Government, National and International Corporate Philanthropies and other funding agencies.

