

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

WORKSHOP ON RESILIENCE BUILDING IN TIMES OF DROUGHT IN PAMBAR BASIN

- 09.30 am Registration
- 10.00 am Prayer and lighting Lamp
- 10.15 am Welcome address - Mr. J. Praveen Kumar, Project Executive, DVTF, Kottampatty
- 10.25 am Inaugural Address - Mr. N.Venkatesan, CEO, DVTF, Madurai
- 10.50 am Purpose of Workshop - Mr. J.Mohan, Team Leader, DVTF, Pambar Basin, Sivagangai
- 11.00 am Chief Guest Address - Mr. Rahul Kulhari, Project Manager, Axis Bank Foundation, Mumbai
- 11.20 am Lead paper presentation - Mr. M.Pathinettam Padian, Project Executive, DVTF, Singampunari
- 11.50 am Presentations by stakeholders - Dr. Senthurkumaran, Professor, KVK, Kundrakudi, Sivagangai
Mr. Ganesan, Joint Director of Agriculture, Sivagangai, Dr. Kannan, Professor, TNAU, Chettinadu, Sivagangai
- 01.30 pm Lunch
- 02.30 pm Sub group discussion
- 04.30 pm Sub group presentation
- 05.30 pm Evolving Action points
- 05.45 pm Synthesis and concluding remarks
- 06.00 pm Vote of Thanks - Mr. Selvapandian, Project Executive, DVTF, Ponnamaravathi.

VENUE AND DATE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held at Thamukkam Grounds on 23rd (Saturday) September 2017.

REGISTRATION AND CONTACT

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MADURAI SYMPOSIUM 2017

Map showing Pambar Kottaikaraiyar basin :
Phase 1 and Phase 2 DHAN-A Project Blocks coverage



Thamukkam Ground, Madurai
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INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is the predominant livelihood and livestock rearing is the secondary livelihood in Pambar basin area. The State and Central Government take lot of measures to reduce the poverty and minimize the risk and vulnerabilities. To improve the income of families and reduce the risk, government allocated fund and implementing many development works through various line departments. But, Holistic Integrated approach needs to be there by integrating all schemes, all officials to reach the poor. During heavy flood situation the tanks are functioning as flood moderator and during the heavy drought situation the tanks, Ooranis, and water bodies are drought mitigator and it is very useful to stabilize their livelihood and manage the risk and vulnerabilities. During the drought situations the stakeholders would be done many development interventions to protect the farmers and poor community from vulnerable situations. The role of all stakeholders needs to be synergized to bring greater impact in addressing climate change. The Pambar Basin Stakeholders Forum discuss on their role to improve their livelihood by resilience building in times of drought in the basin.

ABOUT PAMBAR BASIN

Pambar Kottakaraiyar River Basin is one of the 17 Basins in tamilnadu and it is a rainfed river. Only during the rainy season the water flows in this river. This river Originate from Karanthamalai Hills situated near by Nattham of Dindigul district and it flows towards South Eastern side. This river crosses Kottampatty block of Madurai District, and reach Sivagangai district, and it drains in Bay of Bengal at Thondi block of Ramanathapuram District. Total area of the basin is 5867 Square Kilometre. Though it is a drought prone area, sometimes excess rainfall in the basin creates flood and damage the livelihood of farming community. In the basin village tanks, Ooranis, and ponds are serving for the need of irrigation, domestic and drinking water purpose. Renovation of tanks, ooranis and ponds could be a measure to mitigate the heavy drought. In Pambar Basin tanks are interlinked and function as a chain of tanks and it is safeguarding the agriculture pattern in the basin.

STAKEHOLDERS IN PAMBAR BASIN

Pambar Basin, the major portion spreads in Sivangangai District and small portion of basin covered in Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Dindigul, Madurai districts. During heavy drought situation the stakeholder's response and involvement is essential to resilience with climate change effects and vulnerabilities to the farming community.

The stakeholders are the officials from Public Welfare Department, WRO, Revenue Department, Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Central Ground Water Board, District Rural Development Agency, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, NABARD, Fisheries Department, Forest Department, Veterinary Department, Commercial Banks, Bankers Training Centre; DHAN is believing community centric focus, building people institutions like Vayalagam, Cascade Vayalagam, Federation and Basin Vayalagam and implementing development work through community organizations with their contribution and involvement. During Symposium 2017 event, the stakeholders forum discuss on resilience building in times of drought in Pambar Basin

OBJECTIVES OF WORKSHOP

- To share the experience of different stakeholders interventions building resilience on drought in Pambar Basin
- To prepare / evolve the action plan with stakeholders on building resilience in drought in Pambar Basin
- Shared understanding among different stakeholders efforts and their development plans, projects and schemes
- Cross learning among stakeholders by interacting with farmers, professionals, and Community Based Organizations

DHAN VAYALAGAM TANK FOUNDATION IN PAMBAR BASIN

DHAN Foundation is working in the basin since the year 1992 through its water thematic collective. The Vayalagam tankfed agriculture development programme was initiated in Kottampatti block of Madurai district during the year 1992. Then it was expanded to Singampunari and Thirupathur Blocks of Sivagangai District based on the support received from ITC through its Mission Suneherakal CSR project. Then during the year 2011 the three new blocks namely S.Pudur in Sivagangai district, Natham in Dindigul district and Ponnamaravathy block at Pudukottai district as mega expansion along with the Kottampatti block in Madurai district with the support from Axis Bank Foundation support.

DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation has promoted social capital around the tanks like Vayalagam (Tank association), Cascade Vayalagam (Cascade association) and Basin Vayalagam to bring back the people management. Lot of flood and drought mitigation measures was implemented with the active participation of the people and financial support of donors. The traditional knowledge of the community and efforts of DVTF has reduced the impact of the vulnerabilities among the people due to floods and droughts. We hope that the symposium 2017 will be the right place to share the experience of the people and people institutions in Pambar basin on drought management practices and to discuss on the future perspectives.