



SGSY-ICAR Convergence

SGSY

- Launched in April 1999 after restructuring & combining the IRDP with allied programmes (TRYSEM, DWCRA, SITRA, GKY, MWS).
- Social mobilization of rural poor into Self Help Groups.
- Setting up of sustainable micro enterprises by selection of key economic activities depending on available resources, occupational skills, appropriate technology & ready markets.
- Training & Capacity building of SHGs in appropriate technology.
- Financial assistance through a mix of Bank credit & Govt. subsidy.
- Infrastructure, technology and marketing support forward & backward linkages.
- User friendly technology to match the needs of the Rural BPL Swarojgaries

Constraints under SGSY

- Lack of awareness about available & latest technologies.
- Absence of professionals at field level to provide technical support.
- Lack of professional advice in preparation of viable projects.
- Absence of marketing support – backward & forward linkages.

Need for Convergence

- To fill in the gaps due to above constraints
- More than 60% of SHG members directly or indirectly depend on agriculture/ horticulture/ animal husbandry/dairy based activities etc. for their livelihood.
- ICAR has developed technologies for increasing productivity, value addition, packaging and marketing of products and the extension network of ICAR may provide valuable inputs in extension of the latest technologies to the rural poor and SHGs, thereby enhancing their income.

Action by MoRD & ICAR

- After several meetings convergence guidelines were formulated
- The guidelines for convergence of the schemes of SGSY and NREGA with those of ICAR were issued to Chief Secretaries and Secretaries of RD of 21 States(50 pilot Districts) in Dec.2008
- The guidelines were also sent to the Project Director (DRDAs) of 50 identified Districts in January 2009
- The issue was discussed in detail in the National Conference of the PD(DRDAs) and CEOs of the Zila Parishads in January 2009
- Secretary (RD)'s were requested in March 2009 to send the progress report for the first quarter by 15th April 2009

NREGA – SGSY Convergence Framework

SGSY SHGs and Federations can be used for NREGA as under:

1. Awareness generation about legal rights under NREGA
2. Preparation and distribution of NREGA job cards
3. Selection of NREGA works according to their choice
4. Ensuring timely payment of minimum wages
5. Educated SHG members can be used as Bank Mitras in helping in opening of bank accounts and bank payments
6. Supervision of works under NREGA to ensure quality
7. Providing worksite facilities such as water, sheds, first aid, child care etc.
8. In grievance redressal system as part of Vigilance Committees
9. Assets created under NREGA can be further used by value addition for sustainable income.

ICAR-SGSY Convergence Model

A: Areas for Convergence

- KVKs to provide technological inputs related to production and distribution of quality seeds, vermi-compost and organic manure, bee keeping, poultry, lac production, artificial insemination of cattle, milk collection and testing, agro- processing etc.
- KVKs to provide professional advice in preparation of viable projects
- DRDAs and KVKs to organize training and skill development programmes for SHGs
- KVKs to assist DRDA in organizing training and demonstration for processing value addition and packaging of agro-based and animal husbandry products
- DRDAs may involve KVKs to prepare special projects for income generation and skill development

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B: Operational Steps

- DRDA to constitute small group at District level with representatives from KVKs and other officials implementing the programme
- Information about SHGs profile and database of ICAR regarding technology should be shared with the group
- The group to scrutinize the activities identified by the Block Level SGSY Committee and give its professional advice
- KVKs to indicate appropriate technologies for each activity and also for value addition
- KVKs to organize the demonstration/exposure visit for SHGs, regarding its technologies

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C: Monitoring of implementation

- Block and the District level SGSY Committee to monitor the progress and implementation of the pilot project
- The database to be maintained at District level regarding various activities and outputs relating to convergence.
- The concern Districts and the State to send quarterly progress report to MoRD
- The State Govts. and DRDAs to inform action taken and give suggestions for further improvement of guideline.

Thank You