



Seeds of Hope

Community agro-ecology, biodiversity protection, training and education in India



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Project outcomes



Peasants more connected to their land

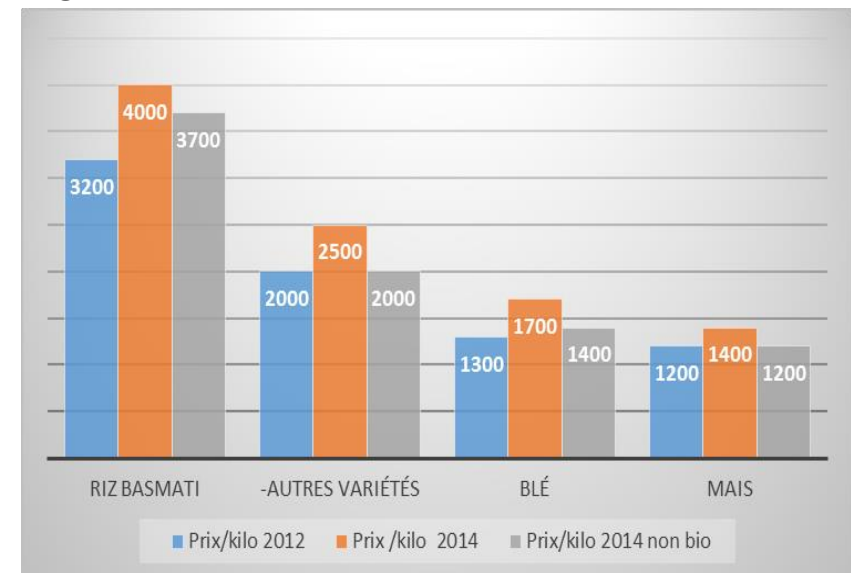
Professional training

- **486 farmers** trained in agro-ecology (95% women)
= **+ 62% beneficiaries** (compared to expected overall results)
- **100% of beneficiary farmers** adopted organic farming
- **124 seed keepers** = **+ 24% trained** (compared to expected overall results).
- **100 reference model-farms** created = **+50% created**
- **6 other districts** incorporated in the peasant training



Impact on productivity and incomes

- **80% of them** notice a yielding increase
- **of 5% to 20%**
- **25% increase in revenues (food crops)**



Project outcomes



Impact on the biodiversity of the area

- ✓ Vegetable production in the region increased from an average of 3-4 species per family upto 27
- ✓ + 24% increase in the variety of species produced and (re)introduction of 35 species
- ✓ + 60% beneficiaries: 2,400 people have now a more diversified and nutritious diet



Infrastructures for the preservation of biodiversity and natural resources

- 13 seed banks = 100% of the farmers use their own seeds
- Support for 300 home gardens = 55% of farmers have surplus

Today the 486 farmers who benefited from the project are autonomous !

Project outcomes



- **1 nursery:** in 2014, **526 farmers** received plants and seeds
- **56 irrigation / water harvesting systems** implemented, and distribution of **115 organic fertilizers units**
- **13 herbarium and biodiversity registers** created
- **11 demonstration gardens** created in **14 schools** = **1000 sensitized and better fed children**

Support on food processing

- **1 food processing unit implemented:** 1 dryer and 2 packaging machines.
- Training of **262 farmers** on the final processing of local organic products = **+12% beneficiaries** (compared to expected overall results)
- **276 women from 15 Mutual Aid Groups** found support for the development of savings and credit activities



Project outcomes



Information, awareness

- In total: **7 festivals**, **3 informative marches** and **9 rallies** organized over 3 years.
- **9,000 people** attended awareness workshops while participating in the annual festival, marches and rallies.
- **25,000 people in total** attended the annual festival, marches and rallies.
- **3 discovery tours** for **29 farmers** have also been organized



Conclusion



The final objectives have been achieved: **A full transition to organic farming**

- Creation of an **ecological safety plan** = **100% of the beneficiaries preserve seeds and 60% use village seed banks**
- Preservation of **local biodiversity** = **25% increase of biodiversity**
- **Food sovereignty** has become reality = **100% of the beneficiaries are autonomous: they produce and sell their food themselves**
- **Community Awareness** = **Farmers feel more connected to their land**
- **A solidarity system has been created** = Farmers now **share their knowledge and their surplus** with their neighbors and family, thus multiplying the number of indirect beneficiaries, towards the conservation of traditional seeds and agro ecological production!



Together to meet the goals

Continuation of the partnership with Navdanya

- ✓ We will **keep working on the transmission of knowledge**, and especially on the **use of agricultural techniques** (e.g. crop rotations) and the conservation of traditional seeds, so that 100% of the farmers in the area use the seed bank.
- ✓ We will also **carry on with the marketing development** that has taken longer than expected.
- ✓ We will issue **capitalization documents** for the project's replication in other areas.
- ✓ **SOLIDARITY wishes to maintain a full support**, and focus on the conservation of seeds more resilient to climate change and the development of marketing and transformation activities (farmers training, awareness...).

We are grateful to all our partners for their valuable support in the creation and implementation of this project!



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