

Case study of Kunda Sambri

Kunda Jaitu Sambri is a 65 year old widow from village Mograj, Post Aambiwali situated in Karjat Taluka. She is mother of three. After the death of Jaitu, her beloved husband and the backbone of the family, she found herself in great pain and helplessness with



responsibility of 3 children and no way to feed them. Before his demise, he used to grow rice on 4 acres of land the family owns, and also used to go to others field to work and earn on daily basis. Kunda accompanied him sometimes to support the family. After the unfortunate demise of husband, Kunda took charge of the

situation and started working daily chore jobs in village to try to fill the infinite economic and parental vacuum left behind by Jaitu. Over the period of time two daughters and son got married and left home because of difference in opinions. After the demise of her husband, Kunda used to grow rice on 3 quarter acre land which was sufficient for her as she lives alone. But in the last 4-5 years, because of her old age and unavailability of resources, she couldn't continue farming, As there was no one in her family she started working as the daily wage earner to fulfill her basic requirements.



In the year 2019, Kunda came in contact with the team members of APT, when organization started the process of promotion of women self-helps in village Mograj. She became the member of one of the self-help group. She started attending various meetings conducted by APT. When APT started the dialogue with the women SHG members on the possibility of goat rearing in the village, she decided to take up the goat rearing programme and her group also supported her. APT provided her the information on goat

rearing process. She was supported by providing the unit of 4 female goats and one male goat. The APT staff was visiting her regularly for the guidance and monitoring her efforts. Out the unit of five, 2 goats died of some disease.

During the last two and half years, additionally 2 male goats and 5 female goats were produced. These 7 goats were sold in the market from which she earned Rs. 24,000/- after deducting the expenses of goat rearing amounting to Rs. 4500/- She has got the 5 goats with her from which another batch of new goats is expected in coming months.

Kunda got exposure and experience from this activity so she got inspired and wanted to do it on a large scale. She wants to convert this activity at the group level so that the other needy women also start earnings. She is now ready to support other widows and landless women in the village to take up goat rearing.

It is a classic example of how the women can attain economic stability with a little support and encouragement.