

## **1. Pashu Sakhi Fortnightly Meeting**

Fourteen PS fortnightly meetings have been convened till September, 2020.

Two meetings with PS took place in the month of April. First meeting was organized on 15th April. In this meeting PS were sensitized about the objective for 50 Goat Entrepreneurs and 100 Extended Goat Beneficiary selection. Second meeting was convened on 30th April. PS were sensitized about the need to supply nutrition to malnourished children during covid19 lockdown in backdrop of diminished wage employment. They were also sensitized about the Body Mass Index (BMI) as a measure to gauge malnutrition. PS supported in mobilizing children for milk distribution in the month-long activity.

Two meetings with PS took place in the month of May. First meeting was organized on 16th May. In this meeting PS were sensitized about the need to organize goat entrepreneurs into goat farmer clubs. Goat club will provide platform for community experience sharing. It will be an interactive platform for issues identification and participatory solution. Second meeting was convened on 30th May. Post realization of unavailability of good breed goats for goat bank due to lockdown, team decided to tinker with kid nursery idea as means for rural micro enterprise. Consequently, pashu sakhi's were introduced to kid nursery concept and were asked to briefly disseminate the same with goat entrepreneurs.

Two meetings with PS took place in the month of June. First meeting was organized on 16th June. In this meeting PS were sensitised to gather their respective village goat infertility data. The data would help towards reasons for infertility and direct action to remove it for higher livestock production. Under preventive healthcare they were sensitised about the importance of

livestock deworming and vaccination. Pashu sakhi were given a task to organise a deworming camp in their villages by end of June with support of The Goat Trust. Second meeting was convened on 30th June. Infertility data provided by PS were studied and rectified by TGT technical resources. Team also consolidated learnings from deworming health camps organized by pashu sakhi's in their respective villages. Towards the next step for preventive practices, Pashu Sakhi's were given the task to organise vaccination camp in their region.

Two PS fortnightly meetings were convened in July. First meeting was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> July. In this meeting PS were sensitized on importance of Goat rearer groups (GRG) regular meeting to discuss issues and opportunities with livestock rearing. PS as a result resolved to conduct monthly GRG meetings. Second meeting was convened on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Pashu Sakhi shared experiences of organizing GRG meetings in their villages.

Two meetings with PS took place in the month of August. First meeting was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> August. In this meeting discussions were held with PS regarding Concentrate Feed (*danamishran*) productivity enhancement sensitization to goat farmers and its uptake by them to have productivity gains. TGT has installed mini feed plant to provide fresh feed to farmers. PS enables doorstep delivery of fresh and affordable concentrate feed to goat rearers. Pashu Sakhi, through their continuous efforts were able to generate demand from goat rearers for 15 kg of concentrate feed.

Second meeting was convened on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Pashu Sakhi here discussed in detail regarding benefits of artificial insemination in goats and how to take this practice further with goat rearers. PS resolved to enhance practice of AI with goat farmers to enhance local productivity at reduced costs in upcoming months.

Two PS Fortnightly meetings were convened in month of September. First was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> September and Second on 31<sup>st</sup> September. PS shared their experience with respect to promoting AI in goats as a practice for breed improvement among farmer. PS mentioned that the novelty of program renders adoption by farmers to less initially. PS were motivated to cite existing examples of AI in their village in goats by The Goat Trust and in cattle by other agencies to generate adoption. Demand for AI is expected to increase in upcoming months.