

# PROJECT SRIJANA

## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF MIGRANT YOUTHS

### Quarterly Update

#### SUMMARY

This is the second quarterly update of Project SRIJANA. In this report, interventions up till July 2021 have been covered. The major achievements of this reporting period are: Successful roll-out of quick impact on-farm livelihood support for migrant returnees including high-value vegetable cultivation in tunnels, poultry farming, and apiculture. Supporting inputs such as citrus saplings, drip irrigation, plastic tunnels, mini-tillers and skills such as compost manure preparation, construction of plastic ponds for irrigation were conducted.

Additionally, orientation on psycho-social counselling was provided to field staff, radio jingles were aired to improve community awareness and dispel misinformation related to COVID-19 and the stigma of returnee migrants as a source of transmission in Bajhang. Similarly, a social audit with duty bearers and community members, and municipal level Project Advisory meeting with elected representatives was conducted in Jumla.

#### TRAININGS AND INPUT SUPPORT FOR RETURNEE MIGRANTS

Dev Bahadur Nepali is a migrant returnee from Kuch village Ward no. 3 of Thalara Rural Municipality, Bajhang. He returned from India after he lost his employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nepali received agricultural inputs as per his interest to start an agriculture-based micro enterprise. 19 members/migrant returnees in his group received agriculture inputs like green-house construction materials, drip irrigation installation materials, plant cutting scissors, thermometer, homemade insecticides sprayer etc. as agriculture-based enterprise start up support.

Similarly, another migrant returnee, Dipendra Khadayat and his 15 farmer group members have also received plants for Citrus Farming in ward no. 4 of Thalara

#### MAJOR MILESTONES

**QUICK IMPACT ON-FARM LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIGRANT RETURNEES – ONGOING.**

**PUMP IRRIGATION INSTALLED IN SETI-COMPLETED.**

**INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON COVID-19 PREVENTION AND REDUCING STIGMA AGAINST MIGRANT RETURNEES – ONGOING.**

**SOCIAL AUDIT AND MUNICIPAL PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - COMPLETED.**

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Municipality, Bajhang. They received a total of 600 citrus plants including (Orange-200, golden lemon-200, banana-100, Sichuan pepper-100) as start-up support for their citrus farm.

A summarised overview of input and training support provided in this quarter:

**Input support for Poultry Farming :** 16 participants of the 3 day poultry farming training(14 male/2 female) received 50 chicks and 50 kg of chicken feed each.

**Training on Apiculture:** 16 participants received training on beekeeping and safe hive management.

**Input support for Vegetable Farming:** 24 participants received high-quality hybrid vegetable seedling to start tunnel farming.

**Input support for irrigation:** 8 participants received input support to construct plastic ponds for irrigation. 16 participants received 100 ltr plastic drums and pipes to set up drip irrigation.

**Training on compost and liquid manure preparation:** 24 returnees received training on compost manure and liquid manure preparation.

**Mini-tiller support:** 4 returnees received mini-tiller support to reduce reliance on time intensive manual tilling.

**Citrus seedling support:** 15 returnee migrants received 600 citrus seedlings to start higher value fruit cultivation.

## BARSHA PUMP INSTALLED IN SETI RIVER FOR IRRIGATION



In Thalara Rural Municipality, a Barsha pump has been installed in the Seti River with the help of the project. The river-powered Barsha pumps derive their energy from the river flow and scoop up the river water, pumping it to farm fields inland and to elevated farm fields.

This is an ideal technology that is affordable, has no operational costs, and is clean due to its reliance purely on the flow of the water and wind. This pump is able to provide vertical lift of 20 meters, and covers a horizontal distance of 2 kms. With this installation, 35 households in Thalara have gained access to year around irrigation for vegetable farming.

"We always did well in vegetable farming. However, despite the fact that the Seti river flows right next to our village, without an irrigation scheme, we could not farm our lands in the winter month. But now, with the installation of this pump, we will finally be able to farm year round," shared Dinesh Sunar.

The installation cost Rs 300,000 and will help move these households towards commercial vegetable production.