

WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SUCCESS STORIES OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT IN KARNATAKA









Progress of ADP schemes upto Dec 2010

SI. No	Name of the Schem e	Financial (Rs. in Lakhs)					Physical (lakh ha.)			
		Target (Allocati on)	Amount rel.	OB as on 1.4.201 0	Total fund available	Ach.	%	Target	Ach.	%
1	DPAP	6204.31	3494.14	2180.11	5674.25	4899.02	86.34	0.95	0.82	86.34
2	DDP	3598.49	2710.16	2211.63	4921.79	3329.98	67.66	0.82	0.55	67.66
3	IWDP	4272.70	1462.33	1738.96	3201.29	1868.87	58.38	0.53	0.31	58.38
	Total	14075.50	7666.63	6130.70	13797.33	10097.87	73.19	2.30	1.68	73.19

A Success Story – DPAP XI Batch in Bilagadde Watershed, Tq: Koppa, Dist: Chikamagalur

- Problem statement
 - Topography was too much undulated and gullied area.
 - Highly eroded, red clay loamy, lateritic soil, poor in moisture holding and plant nutrients.
 - Acute drinking water problems during summer season.
 - Deforestation and faulty agricultural practices were effecting the biodiversity.
 - Unemployment of agricultural labours during non-agricultural season.
 - Depleted ground water level.
 - Low productivity.

Objectives & Methodology -

- To conserve and manage natural resources.
- Impounding run off water to recharge the ground water table and insitu moisture conservation.
- ➤ To achieve the objective of Integrated Watershed, the following activities were taken through community participation.
 - Bunding
 - Farm ponds
 - Vented check dams
 - Nala revitment.
 - Agro-forestry & Afforestation
 - Dry land horticulture



Farm Pond, Vented Check Dam and Nala Revitment





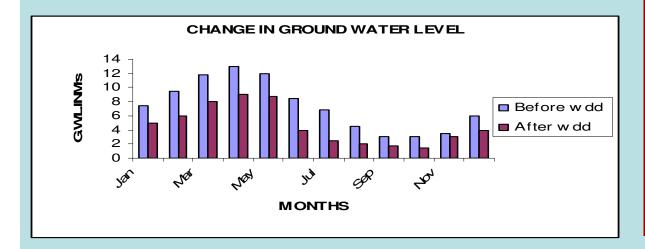
Farm Forestry and Dry land Horticulture



Result & Impact -

Ground water level status :

 Ground water level was increased in various water sources like open/borewells and nala's flow became perennial.

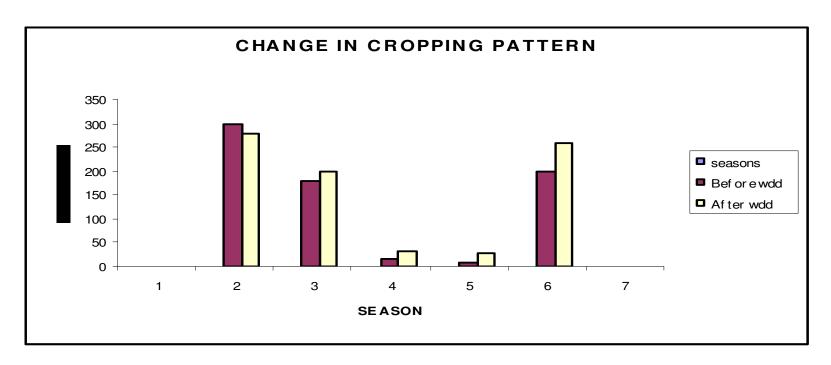


Ground water table in meters (Below ground level)

Months	Before treatment	After treatment	
Jan	7.5	5.0	
Feb	9.5	6.0	
Mar	11.8	8.0	
Apr	13.0	9.0	
May	12.0	8.8	
Jun	8.5	4.0	
Jul	6.8	2.5	
Aug	4.5	2.0	
Sep	3.0	1.8	
Oct	3.0	1.5	
Nov	3.5	3.0	
Dec	6.0	4.0	

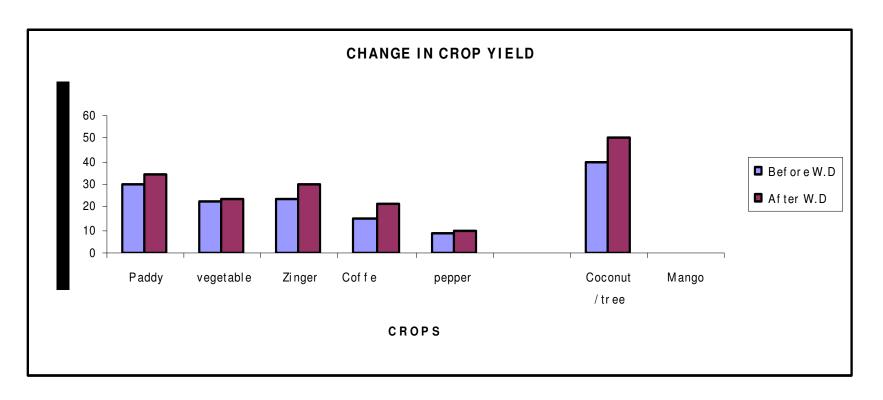
Increase in cultivable area (Ha)

seasons	Before treatment	After treatment	
waste land	300	280.0	
Kharif	178.0	200.0	
Rabi	14.0	30.0	
Summer	8.0	29.0	
Total	200.0	259 .0	



Increase in crop yield (quintals per ha)

Crops	Before treatment	After treatment		
Vegetables	22	24		
Zinger	24	30		
Coffee	15	21		
Pepper	9	10		
Coconut	40	50		
Paddy	30	34		



Replicability and Dissemination -

- The project area is used as demonstration centre to the farmers of the new watersheds.
- The practices which are followed in this watershed is being replicated in the ongoing watershed projects in the neighboring sub-watersheds.
- Exposure visit is being organized for the community people where new watershed is identified.

A Success Story – DDP H-2 in Hirehadgali, Tq: Hadagali, Dist: Bellary

Problem statement –

- Soil moisture & water availability was a constraint during pre project period.
- Due to lack of water harvesting structures, the run off was not efficiently utilised
- The dry land farming was predominantly practiced with uncertainity in crop yield.
- Migration of the community members

Objectives & Methodology -

- Promoting alternative cropping system such as dry land horticulture to secure assured income
- Soil and moisture conservation measure like field bund, rubble check, bolder check, check dam and nala bunds were carried out.

Result & Impact -

- Farmer : Gurumurthy.P.M s/o Fakeeraswamy beneficiary of dry land horticulture could not get minimum returns from growing hybrid maize crop
- > During 2007-08 under watershed programme, farmer was motivated to take up mango crop in 1 ha. of land.
- ➤ At present he is harvesting about 1000 to 1300 kgs, which resulted in enhance of Rs.20000 to Rs.26000 PA over earlier practice of growing hybrid maize crop.
- Double cropping of green gram, followed by cowpea was taken up which resulted in increased income.





Evaluation & Evidence -

The change in the land use from hybrid maize to mango crop has reaped Rs.20000 to Rs.26000 PA.

- Replicability and Dissemination -
 - The successful dry land horticulture practices has been disseminated to the neighboring areas
 - Motivating farmers to take up less risky and more secured crop under dry land agriculture.
 - The change in the land use practices and shift in the cropping pattern have been appreciated by the fellow farmers.



Activities undertaken under IWMP projects sanctioned during 2009-10



THANK YOU



