

Tour Report Summary

**Village Dynamics in South Asia (VDSA) Project
Induction-Cum-Orientation Program for Karnataka Field Investigators at Field Level**

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Key Institutions & persons visited:

- Dr. R Poddar, Associate professor (Agril. Economics), College of Agriculture, Bijapur;
- Dr. SM Mundinamani, Associate professor (Agril Economics), UAS, Dharwad;
- Dr. GN Kulkarni, Associate professor (Agril. Economics), UAS, Dharwad
- Dr. CP Gracy, Professor, UAS, Dharwad
- Dr. Lokesha, Assistant Professor, UAS, Raichur
- Met Village president, local leaders, key informants, progressive farmers and other farmers of all the four villages namely Kappanimbargi, Markabbina Halli in Bijapur district, and Tharati-Ajji Halli, Belladamadugu in Tumkur district

Activities during the period from 12-09-09 to 29-09-09:

Visited two villages namely Kappanimbargi, Markbbina Halli, in Bijapur district along with all the field investigators (four resident field investigators and one female field investigator) during the period from 13-09-09 to 18-09-09. From 21-09-09 to 26-09-09 visited two villages namely Tharati-Ajji Halli and Belladamadugu in Tumkur district along with the three field investigators (two resident field investigators and one female field investigator) The four resident field investigators who are supposed to be stay for five years in the village for collecting household level data using different structured questionnaires and other information from selected sample households in each village.

Visited all the four villages and met village officials, progressive farmers, and local leaders and introduced resident field investigator and explained about the project, objectives, selection of village and about sample of households, type of information to be collect, time period and outcomes are explained and seek their co-operation for implementing the project in their respective villages.

Conducted focus group meeting and explained about the project and the study. Requested the villagers to co-operate and support for implementation of the project in the village. On the same day, we enquired and searched houses with toilet and other facilities to establish VDS office and accommodation for the field investigator in these villages.

Village census module was discussed and given training before collecting the data. Census data collection was started by visiting each house and recorded information about household, land holding, resource endowments and family composition with the help of local persons. Agriculture is the main occupation for the majority of the households in these villages. We conducted Focus Group Meeting (FGM) in all these villages with the villagers, progressive farmers, farmers, and key persons in the village and collected general information, cropping pattern of the village over the period,

We also have transact walk through the village and noted down the observations and discussed with schoolteachers and villagers whom we met on the way and requested their co-operation. Every body agreed to extend their co-operation and support for implementing VDSA project in the four villages of Karnataka state.

VDSA office in the concerned villages and accommodation for the field investigator was also identified in each village and wherever some repairs and modifications is required, we requested the owners to take up the activity and handed over the same with in a stipulated period.

Explained the methodology which we are going to use for the selection of forty sample households (Landless, small, medium, large) by random number indicating that it is not possible to collect information from all villagers so that everybody understands why his/her name is not included in the final list.

Met all the TL – II partners located in Karnataka state and collected all the filled questionnaires of tropical legumes project from each partner located at Dharwad, Bangalore and Raichur and discussed about the progress of the project and early adoption survey to be conducted in 3 year

Description of the VDSA selected villages:

Village 1:

Village: Kappanimbargi

Gram Panchayat: Nandagri

Taluka: Indi

District: Bijapur

Distance: 40 kms from Bijapur north

Name of the field Investigator who posted in this village: Basavaraj Y Birukul

No. of households: 320

Village 2:

Village: Markabbina Halli

Gram Panchayat: Markabbina Halli

Taluka: Basavanna Bagewadi

District: Bijapur

Distance: 46 kms from Bijapur towards Gulbaraga highway

Name of the field Investigator who posted in this village: T S Desai

No. of households: 387

Village 3:

Village: Tharati-Ajji Halli

Gram Panchayat: Agrahara

Taluka: Koratagere

District: Tumkur

Distance: 25 kms from Tumkur

Name of the field Investigator who posted in this village: BL Mohana

No. of households: 381

Village 4:

Village: Belladamadugu

Gram Panchayat: Doddaveergoudanna Halli

Taluka: Madugere

District: Tumkur

Distance: 15 kms from Madugere

Name of the field Investigator who posted in this village: Anil Kumar Yadav KN

No. of households: 274