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SCOPE

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I.ABOUT SCOPE

1.1.Registration:

SCOPE is a non-profit making and non-political registered society with registration No. 141. It has began to work in Dharwad, one of the developing district of Northern Karnataka.

The great spontaneous support and inspiration given by masters of Rural Development like

- 1) Shri. Pramod Kulkarni, Director of PRERANA Raichur,
- 2) Shri.Vijay Kulkarni, Director RAPID Dharwad to set up the SCOPE society.

The society is committed exclusively for rural development activities basically on natural resource management projects.

1.2.Board:

SCOPE has excellent Governing Board whose members are Senior Bankers, Social Workers, Development Administrators, Lecturers, Management Graduates, Development Planners and Agriculture Engineers. All members have professional skill in the field of Rural Development.

1.3.Staff:

The society has a total staff of 3. They have extensive experience in voluntary sector. Secretary who is a Post-Graduate student from Center for Development Studies and Activities, School of Development Planning Poona, and has 15 year long experience in development field coordinates the activities of the society.

1.4.Location:

SCOPE is based in Dharwad one of the backward district of Northern Karnataka. For the last year it is working in Kalaghatagi, Dharwad, Hubli and Kundagol

blocks of the Dharwad district by creating awareness about importance of traditional tanks and securing them for generation.

II. Activities for the current year:

2.1. Rapport with government department: SCOPE has decided to work in the field of tank rehabilitation. For the purpose of project implementation it has started surveying the villages of all the blocks where there are existing tanks. To support this process the organisation has collected secondary information from the concerned departments like Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and Minor Irrigation Department (MID) Dharwad. The following is the list of small and big tanks of the district.

Name of the block	No of MI Tanks	Planned Command in hectors	No. of ZP Tanks	Planned Command in hectors
Kalaghatagi	57	5704	330	3752
Dharwad	37	317	63	976
Hubli	08	142	33	444
Kundagol	01	172	13	215
Total	103	6335	439	5387

Source: Respective Department

It was came to know that the big tanks (more than 40 hectors command) are under the control of Minor Irrigation Department (MID) and the small tanks (less than 40 hectors command) are under the jurisdiction of Zilla Panchayat (ZP). There was good coordination from the respective department hence good rapport has been developed by the organisation.

2.2. Rapport with villagers: Organisation has got good experience in dealing with villagers specially with farming community. As the community was not keen to participate in the program of the organisation, little more time has been spent

to convince them. The changes are slow as the community took longer time to absorb and internalise the concepts of the organisation. But the school children, teachers and women showed greater interest and willing to cooperate. The inputs were little more intensive and this has further strengthened the relations with community and organisation. This is the one of the important aspect that has been achieved during the year.

2.3.Farmers Motivation Camp:To motivate farmers at a larger scale, organisation has organised three motivation camps in different villages of Kalaghatagi block of Dharwad district. The objective of the camp; to organise the farmers under the banner of tank rehabilitation, to test whether farmers are interested in saving their village tanks through community action.

The details of the camps and number of farmers participated is given below.

S.No.	Name of the village	No. of farmers participated
1	Mosalikatti	42
2	Kudalagi	55
3	Kamadenu	63
	Total	160

The response of the farmers in above villages are different. The farmers of Kudalagi and Kamadenu has shown good interest for tank rehabilitation, where as in Mosalikatti response is not so encouraging. Organisation has to work out a strategy to peruse the farmers and participate in the next phase of the tank project.

2.4.Farmers awareness workshop on Tank: There is a need to educate the farmers of the tank command, catchment area farmers and users of the tank about the advantages of the existing tank. For the purpose of educating the users of the tank a workshop is organised in collaboration with University of Agriculture Science and local SHG's (Self Help Groups) of the village.

The objective of the awareness workshop is to know the tank potential available in the block, different issues related with tank irrigation and how best farmers can be involved in it.

This workshop is organised in only two villages where there is good response. The surrounding villagers are also called for the event.

Scientists of the Agriculture University and practicing agriculturist were addressed the gathering. Before to conclude the session, there was group discussion and queries was answered.

The place of the workshop and number of farmers participated is given below.

S.No.	Name of the village	No. of farmers participated
1	Kudalagi	92
2	Kamadenu	68
	Total	160

Farmers felt this workshop is useful to them. Some of farmers feed back is listed below.

- ◆ Farmers are came to know the tank potential of the block.
- ◆ They realised what are issues that can be handled by farmers on their own.
- ◆ What kind of support they would require from the government to rehabilitate their village tank.
- ◆ And how best they should be involved in the tank rehabilitation.

2.5.Save Tank Campaign :This is the big event of the organisation. The campaign was organised in two villages of Kalaghatagi block. The objective of the campaign is to sensitise the public about the common property resource like tanks. The villagers, school children, school teachers, elected Gram Panchayat Members, members of women SHG's and youth are participated in the campaign. About 100 to 150 members were gathered in one place and then took a procession by shouting "we want to save our natural tank", "we want to

conserve water for our next generation”, “save nature save mother earth” etc . This procession went around the villages and then came one place where some of the interested farmers leader were addressed the gathering.

2.6.Other activities of the year: SCOPE has been trying to collaborate with NGO's working in Dharwad district. With this agenda, we have organised one day workshop on “Human Development Index in Dharwad District” for the chief functionaries of the NGO's. About 15 NGO were participated. This program was jointly organised by Development Resource Center and SCOPE.

SCOPE has also involved in training 200 SHG members who have sponsored by Malaprabha Grameena Bank.

2.7.Future agenda of the organisation: SCOPE board has decided to work in the field of natural resource management, specially in tank rehabilitation. It was also decided to survey 100 sample tanks out of 542 tanks of Dharwad district for the coming year and produce a status report. This status report will be a base line information for future task of the organisation.
