



Enhancing Livelihood through Duckery Farming

Smt. LaxmiNayak a PVTG widow aged-45 years hails from Naikanipalli village of Seegarh GP.She has one son and one daughter reading both in 10th standard. She has oneacre of cultivable land where she cultivates paddy in Kharif and vegetables such as tomato, brinjal, chilli and potato during Rabi season for consumption only which are the livelihood support of her small family. Besides cultivating paddy and vegetables she also collects cashew, Mohua and Tolla seeds from the nearby forests and sells in the market. It was very difficult for her to manage family and support for the expenses on study of two children.

During a Village Development Association (VDA) meeting under OPELIP atNaikanipalli, she expressed eagerness for getting an Income Generation Activity (IGA) support for Duckery farming which was new in the locality. According to her, OPELIP came forward and supported her 100 no. of ducks, 2 qtl. of poultry feed, feeder and drinker as per the OPELIP guidelines. Out of 100 ducks supplied by OPELIP, 20 ducks died and she grew up the remaining 80ducks properly. She sold 35 ducks @ Rs.500/- per single which were of around 2 kg weight and got a sum total of Rs.17, 000/- from these. She spent Rs.8, 000/- in purchasing poultry feed, medicines, however she spent Rs.9000/- in her daily expenses as well as study of her both children. She is planning to sell the remaining 45 ducks and purchase another 120 ducks. It is very difficult to develop ducklings from the eggs with the earning. She also got support in cultivating mushroom from Maa Kusumanali WSHG where she is an active member.

Although it is very difficult to manage her family's daily bread and butter from the low earnings but she manageswisely and systematically. She thanks to staffs of OPELIP, PBDA-Jamardihi for timely support, guidance and encouragement.