

## Backyard country chicken farming

Name: Bandana Mudikora

Village: Kalpathar, Block: Chatna, Bankura



Bandana is a homemaker but her enthusiasm, passion to create something different is an example. Apart from her regular household chores, for some additional income, she has started doing livestock rearing with the technical support and advice from DRCS. Initially Bandana has procured 50 native chicks from the local market about 3 months ago for her backyard poultry farm. Now the chicks are full grown, and will start giving eggs shortly. Inspiring from the success, she has decided to do the business in large size; hence, she has taken a loan amount of 1.5 lakhs from the Group. (She is a member of Kalpathar Durga Mata Mahila Group). With the amount she has built a huge structure / shed in the backyard for rearing about 3000 hens. She is confident that she will be successful with the project.

Besides, she is rearing *Black-Bengal* goats and local variety of rabbits. Adjacent to her poultry farm, she has an organic mixed cropping land; vegetables like taro, coriander; tomato, spinach etc. are cultivated there. From there her family is getting pesticides-free vegetables for regular consumption. Thus, Bandana has become a model women farmer in the Kalpathar village.



Exclusive of Bandana, other women in Kalpathar village took an effort for doing backyard poultry with the technical support from DRCS and where Bandana's work is a radiant inspiration to all.