

Mixed Cropping on Fallow Land

Marangburu Mahila Dal and Jaher Ayu Mahila Dal

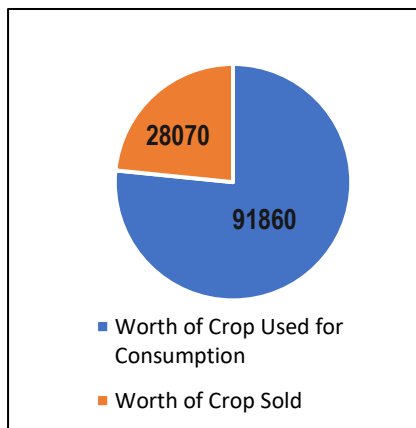
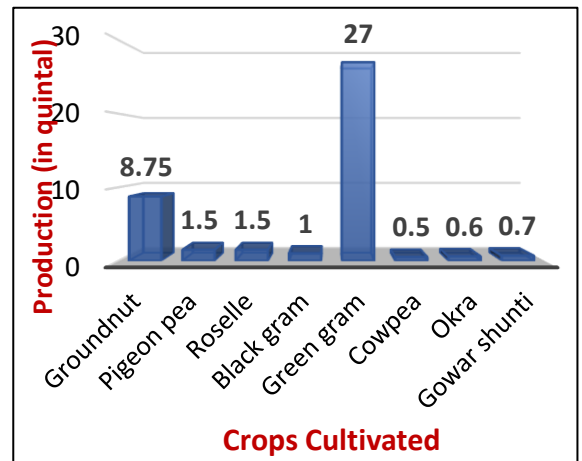
No. of Members: 25

Bodma, Kashipur, Purulia

Total Land Area: 15 Bigha

Like any other woman in the world, the women of one of the most drought prone villages of Purulia had to play triple role in their lives; but their efforts never bore fruit as compared to the male counterparts of the households. As a result of the common characteristics of the western part of West Bengal e.g., undulated terrain, surface runoff, topsoil erosion, traditional way of farming, poor scientific knowledge around agriculture and improper management of resources, most of the land used to remain unused and fallow.

In 2018-19 two of the SHGs of the village determined to cultivate their land together. Using the knowledge gathered after attending training session organized by DRCS they went for mixed cropping in 15 bighas of fallow land.



The Result:

- Barren land is being utilized for production for 6 months a year
- Land is being protected from soil erosion by grazing
- In 2019-20, women have saved Rs. 16828 by selling the surplus
- Group cohesiveness has increased
- Each family has diversified their food basket
- The cultivation is done in organic manner using traditional seeds



The women of Marangburu Mahila Dal and Jaher Ayu Mahila Dal in the Mixed Cropping land