Employment Diversification & Livelihood Opportunities in a Post-Watershed Development Village

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Watershed Organization Trust (WOTR)



- Naralewadi, Maharashtra, India
 - Completed program in 2008
 - Livelihood opportunities study
 - 1-6 December 2010

Why WOTR?



- Experienced*
 - 1,011 villages
 - < 585,365 hectares</p>
 - < 808,473 people</p>
- Livelihood improvement
 - Employment, Empowerment, Participation, Investment
 - Poverty alleviation &Quality of Life
- Areas of impact
 - Agriculture
 - Micro-finance & small business
 - Gender equality
 - Environmental stewardship

*Source: WOTR

Research Question



 How has employment diversified after the watershed development program?



Data Collection



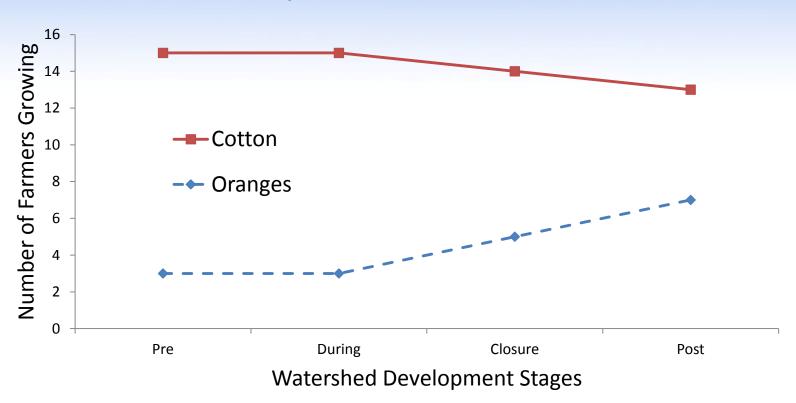
- Case Study, qualitative focus
- Immersion
 - Direct Observation
- Key informant & group interviews
 - Purposive sampling
 - Translator assisted



Agricultural Findings



Crop Diversification



Program Initiative Matrix



- Lists initiatives for the Naralewadi watershed development project
- Rated for capacity
 - Under
 - At
 - Above

Assessment of WOTR Programs Sustained Two Years After Project Closure			
	Under	At	Above
Maintenance of the watershed			Х
Vermi composting	Х		
Flour mill		х	
Chaff cutter		х	
Dal mill		Х	
Solar home lighting		х	
Bio gas		х	
Household toilets			Х
Drinking water system		0	
Cycle for school girls		х	
Grocery shop			Х
Lift irrigation		0	
Agriculture & livestock related activities		0	
Agro horticulture		Х	
Kitchen garden	Х		
VDC – Village Development Committee		Х	
SHGs – Self Help Groups		х	



Entries marked with an **O** means there is insufficient data to form an opinion on this program.

X

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Chicken roost

Seamstress (new employment)

Sustainability Challenges



- Record-keeping
- Access to credit
- Access to land
- Citrus fruits
- Dairy production
- Vermi composting
- Training

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Opportunities



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Future Research



- Interrupted time series approach
- Comparative village studies
 - Include non-watershed villages
- Employment diversification specific studies
 - Training
 - Partner development
 - Government schemes

