

Action Taken Report on Recommendations in Evaluation Report of KEA

1. **Title of the project:** Evaluation of the Bhoochetana scheme (2009-10 to 2011-12) [2013-14]
2. **Department:** Agriculture Department
3. **Consultant Organization:** M/s. NABARD Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd

Sl. No.	Recommendations	Action Taken Report	Action to be taken/Remarks
1	The input supply has to be augmented through larger procurement programmes and has to be effectively distributed through cluster godowns in the villages.	2012-13 was the last year for Bhoochetana Ist phase and IInd phase started from 2013-14. During II phase for effective distribution of inputs number of cluster godowns were increased.	-
2	In order to avoid short supply of inputs both seeds and micro nutrients, village / cluster-wise indents as per the requirements of farmers may be obtained well in advance and procurement may be done accordingly.	In order to avoid short supply of inputs advance procurement system was allowed in taluka levels before onset of monsoon. Further provision was also made under soil enrichment programme – another state scheme to meet the requirement of micro nutrients if needed.	-
3	Institutionalize „Farm Facilitators“ to make them accountable for the responsibilities entrusted to them.	Necessary documents like Farmers facilitators dairies were obtained to fix their responsibilities entrusted to them and also payments were made after ensuring the completion of responsibilities.	-

4	The technical staff at the RSK level need to be augmented as the RSKs have been identified as one-stop input supply unit at the hobli level for implementing the programme. Further their infrastructure in terms of buildings, storage facilities, office equipment etc., has to be scaled up for effective delivery of different services, as envisaged from them.		To improve the infrastructure of RSK's, department has made provision to construct own new RSK buildings and storage facilities under RIDF Programme and also Agriculture infrastructure facilities scheme. Computers with internet facilities along with other office equipments has been provided in order to work efficiently.	-
5	Infrastructure for setting up seed banks should be created in each village panchayat or cluster villages and it should be left for maintenance by the farmers themselves so that they do not depend on Raitha Samparka Kendra in the long-run except for introduction of new varieties and to guide the farmers in improved agricultural practices.		-	Department has separate section for procurement and action taken from seed section.
6	The FPOs are found to be an excellent tool for improving the standard of living of the small and marginal farmers, therefore, more and more number crop specific FPOs may be formed in the State. This would not only help in farmer to farmer extension but also increase their bargaining power while marketing their produce.		Bhoochetana II phase was from 2013-14 to 2017-18. Many activities has been carried out through RSGs and SHG's in field level. with the aware of importance of FPO's Department has formed 25 FPO's during 2012-13 and 2013-14 under NFSM programme. Further,,efforts are being made to form policy on FPO's from watershed department and FPO formation guidelines were framed . NABARD is also formed 2000 FPO;s in Karnataka till date	-
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7.	The reporting system from taluk to districts and from district to SNO needs to be prepared uniformly duly filling and following the GOI format in the relevant columns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As per GoI the ERMS portal is only the provision being made for review of progress and hence strict instructions have been given to the district / taluka staff to update progress from time to time. Hence, such issues will not be repeated. 	Implemented
8.	Efforts should be made to implement all the cafeteria of activities approved at State level during relevant month based on the calendar of events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each ATMA staff at field level is asked to prepare Action Plan for himself comprising of farmers based activities and see that either through convergence factor or through ATMA assistance the planned activities are to be implemented and monitored accordingly by the dept. ➤ The month wise programmes are now planned in each district and the same will be monitored. 	Implemented
II.	Long Term:-		
1.	Adequate representation to women be given during implementation of activities, Farmer Advisory Committees, mobilizing them into groups and providing training to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As per the Guidelines the districts are now ensured the women representation in all activities and committees. The Food Security Groups which are formed only for rural women. ➤ Dept. is ensured the required representation for women in the project as per the suggestion. 	Implemented
2.	Timely and adequate release of funds be made to implementing Officers as per the approved action plan keeping in view the administrative expenditure and expenditure towards implementation of ATMA cafeteria of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Action is being ensured in getting the release of Grants from the Government and will ensure that these Grants will be released to districts in time. 	Soon after receipt of GO, grants will be send to district through K.2

3.	The services of NGOs, input dealers, Agripreners need to be made use of in planning and implementation to the prescribed extent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This year the implementation of ACABC, DAESI programme are given importance and their involvement in transfer of technologies being considered. ➤ NGO's / input agencies representations are ensured during committee meetings. 	Partially Implemented
4.	Refresher training to ATMA functionaries need to be given by SAMETIs. (South and North).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This will be ensured on priority through SAMETI's. ➤ The district level programme are being organized to orient all types of extension functionaries on ATMA Scheme implementation. 	Implemented
III. Policy issue :-			
1.	An Officer to plan, co-ordinate, guide and monitor the ATMA activities at district level has to be designated instead of the present adhoc arrangement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This issue has been discussed in IDWG meeting held on 25-3-17. ➤ To achieve this issue one DPD on contract terms who is provided in each district. Efforts are made to appoint one DPD on deputation from the Government in each district. ➤ These staffs are given responsibilities to ensure convergence, monitoring as well as implementation of the scheme. 	Implemented

