

PROJECT REPORT ON
Financial Assistance for Piggery Farming
with Hand Holding Program

Under Mising Autonomous Council

Department: Animal Husbandry & veterinary

INTRODUCTION:

Piggery is a traditional secondary economic activity among all the Tribal communities of North-Eastern Region which gives livelihood support to rural people in a significant way. Consumption of Pig Meat (Pork) has been an ever growing trend in Assam.

The majority population of Mising Autonomous Council are Scheduled Tribe and piggery is a part of life among the Misings and other tribal communities. Dhemaji which have almost half of MAC area is presently the highest piglet producing district of the state. When recurrent flood and erosion has devastated the agrarian economy of MAC area by damaging crops, livestock played a major role in sustaining livelihood of the rural population and it holds key to sustainable economic development.

Therefore, the Mising Autonomous Council has earmarked an amount of Rs. 126.00 Lakhs (Rupees One Hundred and Twenty Six Lakhs) to financially assist 600 (Six Hundred) poor families/SHGs with Rs. 21000.00 (Rupees twenty One Thousand) each during the financial year 2013-14 under its Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

Estimate for a small Piggery Unit:

A. Non Recurring Expenditure of a Pig Rearing Unit					
Sl. No	Item	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Total Amount (Rs.)
1	Construction of Pig Sty 80 sq.ft/Pig			(L/S)	12,000.00
2	Cost of of Exotic Boar at the age of 2-3 months		1 No.		2,500.00
3	Cost of of Female Gilt at the age of 2-3 months		3 Nos.	2,500.00	7,500.00
4	Cost of Transportation				600.00
5	Cost of utensils				2,000.00
6	Cost of Water Supply (Hand Tube well)				4,000.00
A	Sub Total				28,600.00
B. Recurring Expenditure :					
1	Cost of Medicine and Vaccine	L/S			2,000.00
2	Cost of Insurance @ 6 % to the purchase value				600.00
3	Miscellaneous (Cost of Training etc.)				1,000.00
B	Sub Total				3,600.00
C	Total (28600.00+ 3600.00)				32200.00
	Beneficiary Contribution:				11200.00
	Financial Assistance from MAC				21,000.00

Rupees One Hundred and Twenty Six Lakhs only.

Project Implementation Strategy:

Implementation Committee: The Project will be implemented with a hand holding approach rather than giving away the assistance and leaving the beneficiary on his/her own. A Central Implementation Committee with the following Members will guide and monitor the entire implementation;

1. Executive Councillor i/c AH&V, MAC, Chairman
2. Principal Secretary
3. District Veterinary Officer, Dhemaji
4. Representative from a reputed NGO
5. General Member of MAC: 2
6. Junior Engineer, MAC

Selection of Beneficiary: Beneficiaries will be selected and recommended by the General Members of the MAC by holding Gram Sabha or equivalent meeting. Beneficiary must belong to BPL category with preference being given to women.

Sharing of Project Cost: The MAC is opposed to giving 100% assistance or subsidy to any beneficiary and holds a view that such an act is detrimental to the very object of developing a self-reliant rural entrepreneur and economic growth in true sense. Therefore, the beneficiary, out of his own effort, must bear the Cost of constructing a Pig sty, feed and all other ancillary expenditure.

Training & Motivation: Although, the rural people have the traditional knowledge of pig rearing and they have been rearing pigs for centuries; yet, there is need for training on certain important aspects of pig rearing from commercial point of view like – feed management, hygiene, medicines and motivation for pig breeding rather than rearing it for meat. This will be achieved by holding a series of workshops in batches of 20 to 50 beneficiaries where the local Veterinary Doctor, NGO personnel and successful entrepreneurs will be involved.

Monitoring & Evaluation: The Implementation Committee shall be responsible for visiting the villages, interact with the beneficiaries, evaluate their performance, identify the problems and critical gap area and intervene as and where necessary. The Committee will submit a Report to the Council on the basis of which future similar schemes will be formulated incorporating important recommendations of the Committee.

CONCLUSION:

Pig farming can be taken up as an income generating Livestock activity in the entire MAC area. The Project is considered for Piglet Breeding instead of meat purpose as there are rising demand for quality piglets. Besides, Piglet breeding is more profitable than rearing for meat purpose.

The project can be considered for taken up as an economically viable Livelihood activity.

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