

# 2ND QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER 2022

April 2022 to June 2022



At **AGRO RANGERS**, we are working towards to connect farmers with marketing linkages. We had a great meeting with Satyajit Hange, co-founder of Two Brothers Organic Farms® about collaboration for providing a marketing platform to our AGRO RANGERS organic farmers.

As initial step, we have given samples of organically grown Green Gram, Brown Gram, Moth Bean, Horse Gram and other pulses by our farmers. We will be working with TBOF to grow cereals, pulses and millet organically with AGRO RANGERS farmers. The collaboration with TBOF is providing an opportunity to scale a number of farms and convert their land into organic land. We are very thankful to Mr. Akash Vavhal for his support to make this collaboration possible.

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# Key Activities

## CLIMATE RESILIENT INTERCROPPING MODEL VIDEO

We are working on videos to make farmers understand how intercropping farming can save crop losses in changing climate. Our farmer has broadly explained in the video the difference between chemical farming practices and natural farming practices. In the video, he is explaining his experiment with the benefits of a diversified farm and how it can sustain in a changing climate.



## RAIN WATER HARVESTING

We had a pre-monsoon rain on 1st June 2022 in our Village Dhamari, Shirur, Pune, where we are setting up a regenerative organic farming training center.

In our first project, we completed a rainwater harvesting system at our farm on 2 acres of land to collect rainwater in trenches. We are preparing this area to make a biodiverse forest with proper utilization of water. As per calculation from just one day's rainfall (20 mm), we have collected around 161800 liters of water through trenches that will recharge the farm's groundwater level. We are making our training center's farm sustainable with a holistic approach.



# FARMERS MARKET AT KOREGAON PARK, PUNE

One of our focus to educate consumers about healthy organically grown food. To connect consumers and farmers directly, we have collaborated with Monalisa Kalagram and One0eight café. In one day of event, we have exhibited all our organically grown food crops by our farmers including vegetables, cereal, pulses, fruit and millet at Monalisa Kalagram, Koregaon Park, Pune. We are very thankful to Lisa Pingle for providing such an amazing opportunity to connect with consumers. We are working to help organic farmers by providing direct selling market linkages through farmers market.



## SHARING AGRO RANGERS STORY AT BHUMI ANNUAL AWARDS

Our founder got an opportunity to interact with the Bhumi organization's volunteer at their award function. The Bhumi volunteer team has immensely helped us to make our website, and they invited to share AGRO RANGERS journey and how the Bhumi team can get involved in AGRO RANGERS work. It was very overwhelming experience to receive such amazing experience from Bhumi team. We are very thankful to Bhumi team for their contributions in our website making.



# FARMERS MARKET AT BHOSALE NAGAR, PUNE

As a part of the consumer awareness program, we have showcased our farmer's organically grown produce in farmers market organized by Mauji cafe at Bhosale Nagar, Pune. The farmer's market was organized for 4 Sundays in May month starting from 8th May 2022. We got great exposure and connected with more than 50 consumers directly. We sold more than 450+ kg of produce in all 4 Sundays.



## INDIA'S FIRST MILLET MEET-UP

On 24th June; we organized India's first millet meet-up together with Indradhanusha Youth Social Foundation and the help of Mitti Ke Rang (MKR) at WeWork Futura, Pune. It was the first meet-up in Pune to network with all millet lovers.

It was a great gathering and network meet-up to organize the future agendas of millet. We got people from very diverse backgrounds like Vegans, Farmers, Consumers, Dieticians, Nutritionists, Social entrepreneurs, Millet-based start-ups, Doctors, Development professionals, etc to learn about the world of Millet and healthy eating.

We are starting the millet movement to create awareness among consumers about healthy and nutritious millets. The increased demand for millets from consumers will help us to empower millet farmers through millet based products.



# ACCESS AGRICULTURE HAS MADE VIDEO ON TOMATO FARMING

Access Agriculture has made video on tomato farming . The video was about to how to tie tomato to bamboo stick and need of support for tomato plants. Mr. Atul Pagar has made an amazing video on stacking tomato plants with one of our farmers. The video is published on the access agriculture site. Click here to watch the video-



## MILLET SEED DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

On the 26 June, "Millet Day"; we organised a millet seed distribution program in Kaldari and Bahirwadi village of Purandar Tehsil with Indradhanusha Youth Social Foundation and Agriculture Department of Maharashtra Government. We have guided the farmers in cultivation techniques, pest management and health benefits. We have distributed millet seeds a bunch of finger, proso, kodo, barnyard, foxtail, browntop to a total of 85 farmers from these two villages.

## NATIVE SEEDS FROM MR. KISHOR

We have received more than 10000 native trees seeds from Mr Kishor Thosar for preparing saplings for forestation. We supported these seeds to Farmers for Forest organization



# NEXT 3 MONTHS PLAN

Next three months plan-

1. Organize a millet festival in Pune to create awareness about millets.
2. To set up seed bank plots to produce indigenous native seeds.
3. Complete training centre work and office setup for AGRO RANGERS team.
4. Revival of indigenous "bardhanya " intercropping model.



*"Thank you so much to all partner organizations and supporters who made our work possible. We believe one day we will achieve our vision of rejuvenating soil and improving farmer's life. I would like to invite you to be part of our journey by contributing financially, volunteering and in collaboration.*

*-Siddhesh Sakore (Founder and Director)*

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