



WORLD FISHERIES DAY 2021 AWARDS



Best Performing Fisheries Cooperative Society Kalong Kapili Cooperative Society Ltd

PROFILE:

The Kalong Kapili cooperative society is a registered society under Assam Cooperative Act having its business office in Bagipari, Kamrup district of Assam. The operational area of the society spreads over in the districts of Kamrup, Morigaon, Nagaon, Hojai, Karbianglong and Dima Haaso in Assam. It is one of the leading cooperative societies empanelled under FISHFED devoting in the development of agriculture and allied activities and Pisciculture for the rural upliftment. The cooperative strives to develop agriculture and allied activities, and pisciculture in particular working for the rural upliftment of the state.

The society is headed by Shri. Jyotish Talukdar, the Director of the society and they have a total of 105 fishermen members of which fisherwomen constitute 38.10% (40 numbers). They have undertaken various activities for the upliftment of fishermen folk like seed and feed supply, welfare activities, awareness camps, marketing of fish produce etc.



INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE:

In a span of 3 years (FY 2017-2020), the organisation enrolled totally 105 fisher members out of which 45 happen to be women. Regular meetings and a credible credit performance by the society have led to a net profit of Rs. 85.68 lakhs. The society has received a fund of Rs. 366.087 lakhs from different Government organization like NABARD and incurred an expenditure of Rs. 280.407 lakhs in the last 3 years.



The society has engaged in various business activities and impacted 7,050 fishermen by supplying seed, 4,060 fishermen through feed supply, marketing support to 3,936 fish farmers for their produce, developed 596 integrated farming (pig cum fish farming) units,



distribution of 29 solar pumps, provided accidental insurance to 890 fishermen and 211 fisherwomen, provided 3,740 Kisan Credit Cards to fish farmers and organised a number of awareness camps etc. benefitting thousands of fishers.

They have also established one Fish Seed Production Hatchery unit in the year 2016-17 with a production capacity of one million per cycle. Out of this unit, approx. 50 lakhs fish fry is produced, of which 47 lakhs fish fry is marketed in the last 3 years. This has earned the society a revenue of around Rs. 15.00 lakhs.

STRATEGIES ADOPTED:

To ensure an increased yield without compromising on quality, society has adopted various strategies. For increasing the production and value addition, they have introduced high yielding varieties such as Jayanti Rohu and Amur Carp and pelleted fish feed. For simplified backward and forward linkages, the raw material is collected from the farmers and stored whereas, fish feed is prepared with locally available ingredients and is sold to fish farmers keeping the marginal money less. Farmer Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) are linked for purchasing the feed.

For risk management, insurance to the fish farmers is given through FISHCOPFED, North East regional office under the National Insurance Scheme with a free premium for farmers. Integrated farming is followed for more sustainability through the introduction of small indigenous fish with carps and creating awareness about its nutritive values, introduction of Mola fish in paddy fish culture are some other measures taken by the society.

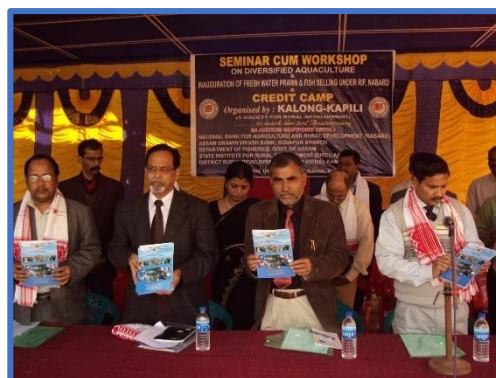
TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION FOR INCREASED INCOME:

The Society has adopted freshwater prawn culture with Carps to replace the bottom dweller fish and this has increased the income of farmers by 30% whereas culturing Jayanti Rohu for more production increased their income by 20-30%. Pen and cage culture of *Punitas sarana* to use riverine body through locally available bamboos provided sustainable use of under tapped waterbody. The culture of Amur carp replaced the poorly demanded common carp, which increased the income of farmers by 10%. Cage culture of Koi fish at culture pond, to reduce climbing from ponds raised an additional income of 5-10%.



TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING:

Through various activities, the society has generated employment for 5,600 fishermen and women. During the FY 2017-20, the Society undertook 70 awareness programmes benefitting 2,150 fishermen, 45 training of trainer's trainings, 10 exposure visits and 30 capacity building workshops with 900 participants. It also organised 6 health programmes which benefitted 400 stakeholders, 6 health programmes specific for women and 3 health programmes specific for children. The organization has conducted overall 180 such programs impacting the lives of 6,375 beneficiaries and other stakeholders.



COLLABORATION AND CONVERGENCE:

A collaboration with NABARD under the Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP) improved the land use pattern in the project area and for immediate benefits introduced fish farming, pig farming and local layer farming. This has resulted in the improvement of socio-economic condition in the project area and each family now has an average income of Rs. 3.80 lakhs. As a result of collaboration, ICAR-CIFA supported 10 models of 'Pig cum Fish Farming' in remote areas of West Karbi Anglong. Successful implementation of the model has led to its replication in various other districts.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Kalong Kapili Cooperative Society has bagged several awards and are being recognised at several platforms for their impactful contribution towards the society:

- ✚ The Society is the Brand Ambassador of Department of Fisheries, Assam.
- ✚ Represented the North East Region of India in the Federal Republic of Germany and Vietnam.
- ✚ Selected as member of Institute Management Committee of CIFA, Bhubaneswar in 2015.
- ✚ Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Government of Assam adjudged Kalong Kapili as one of the best societies on the occasion of Fish Farmers Day, 2017.
- ✚ Recognised as one of the best societies by NABARD, Assam during NABARD Foundation Day 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- ✚ On National Fish Farmers Day, 2019, the Society was recognised as one of the best societies by CIFA, Bhubaneswar.

