



**Report of the Second meeting of the
imGoats Jhadol-Kanthariya Innovation Platform (IP)**

14th September 2011

Jhadol, Udaipur district, Rajasthan, India



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1. Background

The goal of the “Small ruminant value chains as platforms for reducing poverty and increasing food security in dryland areas of India and Mozambique (imGoats)” project is to increase incomes and food security in a sustainable manner by enhancing pro-poor small ruminant value chains in India and Mozambique.

The project is following innovation systems approaches within a value chain framework. Innovation platforms (IPs) provide spaces for value chain actors to interact, communicate and act to improve performance of the value chain and the resulting benefits to the actors. They will also be the mechanism to stimulate joint action to test feasible technical, organizational and institutional interventions for improving productivity of goats, their marketing and associated service delivery.

The imGoats Innovation Platform was formed in Jhadol block (covering Jhadol and Kanthariya clusters) of Udaipur, facilitated by BAIF. The first meeting of the Innovation Platform was held at Ankur Hall at Jhadol on 2nd August 2011.

This report provides an account of the second meeting of the Jhadol-Kanthariya Innovation Platform that was held at Ankur Hall at Jhadol on 14th September 2011.

2. Proceedings

The Project Officer of BAIF at Jhadol, Mr. R.B. Patel welcomed the members and introduced the new members. Seven women members joined in the second platform meeting.

2.1. Review of first IP meeting

The field guides and the IP members were asked to state whether the first IP meeting issues were discussed in the group meetings in the villages and if yes, what was discussed. There was mixed reaction to this. It is probable that some of the members did not take this up in the group meetings. This prompted B.G. Rathod to make an observation that the IP members are expected to represent all the community members and present the problems on their behalf and take back the discussions at the IP meeting to them. Hence, they are expected to facilitate two-way information flow.

Dr. Nikhilesh Modi provided a brief recap about the issues identified in the first IP meeting. The main issues identified by each subgroup, namely, the goat keepers, traders and input-service providers were presented through flipcharts:

Main issues identified in the first IP meeting by each group

Goatkeepers	Traders	Input and service providers
Breed related – Unavailability of good breeding bucks	Lack of adequate number of goats in the area	Goat keepers unaware about department facilities
Health related – Prevalence of diseases such as goat pox, contagious ecthyma and other ecto-parasites	Lack of healthy animals	Department does not get timely information about incidence of epidemics
Feed related – Fodder scarcity due to reduced grazing lands		Use of overdose of medicines by goat keepers
Market related – Goats sold earlier due to compulsions; Do not receive full value of goat due to inaccurate weighing (guesstimates); Unorganized nature of goat marketing		

2.2. Setting the stage for identifying issues to be taken up in the second platform meeting

Ramkumar (ILRI) elaborated that some of the issues are already being addressed by BAIF as part of their project activities. It is important to identify those issues that require immediate focus on which the IP members can collectively take decisions. Mr. B.G. Rathore then linked BAIF's activities with some of the issues related to provision of breeding bucks, deworming, etc. He asked the members as to what were the most important issue / event in the coming weeks. This prompted the members to indicate that *Navratra* festival (October 4-6) as the upcoming event. The issue boiled down to the animal sales during the *Navratra* festival. He mentioned that this could be a good opportunity to try organizing and linking with traders. This experience would help us to better understand the process involved in establishing such linkages.

Another issue that was raised was regarding the disease incidences. Rathore indicated that since the veterinary doctor was also present in the IP meeting, it would be a good opportunity

to plan out health care activities in the next two months. This was also linked to the issues identified both by the goat keepers and traders in the first IP meeting that of “need for healthy animals”.

This would again be an opportunity, especially for the field guides, to understand the process involved in identification of diseases and take preventive measures.

Therefore, the following two issues were proposed for the IP member’s consideration:

1. Catering to the demand for animals during the Navratra festival (October 4-6)
2. Healthy animals – Identify important diseases in the coming two months and establish a scientific basis for treating animals

The IP members felt that these issues were timely and they would be willing to take these up in this meeting.

2.3. Action plans

The members prepared their plans to address each of the issue in the following formats. Mainly the questions pertained to what is to be done, who would do it and by what time.

- (i) Organizing animals for sale during the Navratra festival (October 4-6th) (Planning for two weeks)

Plan of action for organizing animals for *Navratra* festival season

Particulars	What	When	Remark
Goat keepers	To provide information about animals available for sale in each village		Group representatives in each village to take initiative
Field Guides/Supervisor	To collect information about animals available for sale in their respective villages from the group representatives	Within 7 days (by 22nd Sept.)	

Project Officer/Manager	To contact traders	up to 17.09.2011	<p>To check with the traders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements – How many animals are they willing to purchase? • Whether they were willing to purchase animals on basis of live weight (using scales) • Location at which they are willing to come • What characteristics do they look for when they purchase animals?
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(ii) Health care (Planning for the next two months)

Dr. Bhatnagar, Veterinary Officer from the Animal Husbandry Department, Udaipur shared that in the coming months parasitic problems would be more frequent and it would be useful if proper diagnosis is made for identifying infected animals. This helps in avoiding unnecessary expenditure on deworming (where it is not required). Also, PPR vaccine can be given before the winter months (completed by October). He said that most often community members are ignorant about the government facilities available for diagnostic tests and also the importance of sending samples in a timely and proper manner.

For this, it was felt that the field guides could play an important role in developing two-way information system – Collecting samples, sending the samples for tests, diagnosis and feedback to producers. This can be done for all the interested households.

Plan of action for Health care

	What	Who	When	Remark
Exposure visit and training	Lab.visit, training for sample collection, vaccination, deworming	AHD ,BAIF	25 to 30 th Sept.	To be taken up in 3 batches
Faecal Sample Collection	for each selected HH	Field Guides, Supervisors	After the training	30 samples daily
Deworming	Treatment based on diagnosis	All		

Vaccination	Against PPR	to be made available by AHD & done by BAIF	15 days after deworming	
Regarding Insurance	training proposed	Mr. Mahendra singh Taylor, National Insurance Company	to be decided	

2.4. Insights into importance of disease specific treatment

Dr. Bhatnagar conversed in their dialect to explain how diseases spread in the rainy season and some suggestions to avoid them. He explained that poor quality water and poor quality feed result in infections. During this season, the goats drink water accumulated here and there in small depressions while grazing and pathogens get into the stomach and start effecting. The pathogen also gets transferred from water on to grass leaves on the water edge and when the goat eats it, it again infects the animal. Sample tests help in identifying which animals need medicine and which don't. This helps in avoiding indiscriminate application of medicines and unnecessary costs.

He also suggested that fodder issues could be addressed if the members identified which fodder trees are useful, how frequently they should collect the leaves, how to start depending less on grazing lands and start planting trees on their bunds. He also mentioned that we can also learn from other villages/ models/ schemes and adopt them in our context.

2.5. Next steps

The members felt that the next IP meeting could be on 14th October. The agenda would be to review and take stock of action plans (how we fared and what needs to done further). One proposal was to have the next meeting in Udaipur. Even though couple of women members showed interest, we still need to get their confirmation to finalize the venue for next meeting.

It was also felt that the initiative to coordinate and conduct the next meeting should be done by the members. Two field guides, Mr. Dhannalal Ahari (from Kantharia cluster) and Mr. Bheemraj Dungri (from Jhadol cluster) volunteered to take the responsibility. They were given to understand that BAIF project team would always be there to support them in executing their responsibilities.

The agenda for the next IP meeting would be to review the follow up of the action plans prepared in this meeting. Understand what worked and what did not and accordingly decide future course of action.

2.6. Feedback and Closure

Rasikbhai thanked the members for participating actively in the meeting. The women members mentioned that they found it interesting as it is first time that they participated in something like this.

Annexure 1: List of participants in second IP meeting

S.No.	Name of participant	Designation	Location
1	Mr.Bhurilal Ahari	Goat Keeper	Banswari
2.	Mr.Babulal Dhangl	Buck Keeper	Adol
3.	Mr. Kalyanmal	Goat Keeper	Khardiya
4.	Ms. Nakki Bai	Goat Keeper	Kherwada
5.	Ms. Amari Bai	Goat Keeper	Muhmadiya phalasiya
6.	Ms.. Raju Bai	Goat Keeper	Muhmadiya phalasiya
7.	Ms.. Ambavi Bai	Goat Keeper	Khardiya
8.	Ms. Dammi Bai	Goat Keeper	Khardiya
9.	Ms. Savitha Bai	Goat Keeper	Adol
10.	Ms. Lakshmi Bai	Goat Keeper	Adol
11.	Mr.Bheemraj Dungri	Bakri Mitra	Mohamad Falasia
12.	Mr.Dhannalal Ahari	Bakri Mitra	Banswari
13.	Mr.Basantilal Ahari	Bakri Mitra	Dhimari
14.	Mr.Bherulal Pargi	Bakri Mitra	Khardiya
15.	Mr.Harishanker Katara	Bakri Mitra	Awarda
16.	Mr. Mannalal Katara	Bakri Mitra	Lilavas
17.	Mr. Premchand	Bakri Mitra	Adol
18.	Mr. Roolplal Badera	Bakri Mitra	Talai
19.	Mr. Vinod Paliwal	Supervisor	Jhadol
20.	Mr. Mohanlal Rout	Supervisor	Ogna
21.	Mr. Khemraj Katara	Supervisor	Pilader
22.	Mr. Chavarsingh	Supervisor	Chawand
23.	Mr. Rakesh kumar	Supervisor	Bhagpura
24.	Dr. C.S. Bhatnagar	Veterinary Officer, AHD	Udaipur
25.	Mr. M.K. Tailor	Development Officer, National Insurance	Udaipur
26.	Mr. R.B. Patel	Project Officer, BAIF	Jhadol
27.	Dr. Nikhilesh Modi	Program Manager, RRIDMA, BAIF	Udaipur
28.	Mr. B.G. Rathod	Se.PC , RRIDMA, BAIF	Udaipur
29.	Ramkumar B	Special Project Scientist, ILRI	Udaipur

Invited but unable to attend

Name	Details
Mr. Gangaram	Butcher association, Udaipur
Mr.Mukesh Khatik	Butchers Cum Traders
Mr.Sitaram Khatik	Butchers Cum Traders
Mr.Nanalal	Goat Keeper, Mahadevji Ka Kad
Mr.Bhanwarlal	Goat Keeper, Ganeshpura
Mr.Mohanlal	Goat Keeper, Khardiya

Annexure 2:

Agenda of the Second IP meeting

Date: 14 September, 2011, 1PM to 4 PM

Location: Jhadol

Agenda:

1.00 – 1.05 PM: Welcome - Rasikbhai

1.05 – 1.10 PM: Introduction of any new participants - Rasikbhai

1.10 – 1.20 PM: Review of first IP meeting discussions – Nikhilesh

1.20 – 1.40 PM: Selection of most important issue(s) for immediate attention (From the issues identified in the first IP meeting) -- Facilitation B.G. Rathore supported by Nikhilesh and Ramkumar

- a. Establish the interrelations between the priorities established in first IP meeting
- b. Link with how BAIF activities under imGoats are already addressing some of the issues
- c. Take up the most important issue based on current needs – Examples,
 - (i) Catering to the demand for animals during the Navratra festival (October 4-6)
 - (ii) Healthy animals – For example, collection of samples and the system two-way information for sending the samples, diagnosis and feedback to producers

1.40 – 1.50 PM: Tea break

1.50 – 3.30 PM: Discuss and prepare an action plan for addressing the issues (Facilitation by B.G. Rathore, supported by Nikhilesh, Ramkumar)

- (i) Marketing of goats for Navratra festival (Action plan for next two weeks)*
- (ii) Healthy animals (Action plan for next two months)*

3.30-3.40 PM: Seek suggestions-- How to run the IP in the future? Who will take the initiative to be the facilitator and coordinate the next IP meeting? (B.G.Rathore)

3.40-3.50PM: Fix date of next IP meeting and agenda points for discussion

3.50PM: Closing remarks (Rasikbhai)