

Ethnoveterinary treatment techniques for Thiruvarur farm women

- 1 Background of Farmer : NABARD Club farm women members group
- 2 Intervention Process : NABARD CAT Training programme
- 3 Intervention Technology : TANUVAS - VUTRC, Tanjore.
- 4 Impact Horizontal Spread : Thiruvarur farmers have animal husbandry as the integral part of their income. The main problem faced by the farmers in the animal husbandry is the incidence of diseases and treatment cost incurred is very high. The farmers identify the animals ailing only at late evening as they have their farming activity all the day. So an immediate attention with simple hands on technique with practical application is required. As an objective to reduce the cost incurred for treatment and to provide treatment on time, Ethnoveterinary treatment techniques have been developed by Professor. Dr.Punniyamoorthy of Veterinary University Training and Research Centre, Tanjore. He developed techniques with herbs available in the home itself. These basic techniques were demonstrated to NABARD CAT training programme for NABARD club members were demonstrated in three day training programme. The techniques learned by the farmers were practiced by the farm women. Now the farm women realized the benefit of the techniques and they save money spent for treating their animals.
- 5 Impact Economic Gains : The money spent for treatment for small ruminants is approximately Rs.100-200/ treatment and large animals is Rs.200-400 depending on the ailments. Now the farmers can save that money by treating the animals with herbal techniques of their own. Also unnecessary antibiotic resistance and drug induced stress has been reduced.
- 6 Impact on Employment Generation : The farm women have been happy with the visible results. They produce Ethnovet medicines by themselves and using it for their own purpose. The neighbouring farm women learning the techniques and saving their farm animals