

VISIT TO WATERSHED VILLAGE NOMULA

As a part of APRLP livelihood programme several visits were made to Nomula, a village in Suryapet division. In one of the visits, the watershed committee chairman, requested that the DCBC members address the women in his watershed village who are active and looking forward to taking up activities to improve their status. As the watershed committee chairman's and CBOs' objectives closely match those of APRLP (i.e. CBOs taking over the responsibility of land management, water management, structures and any village development activity to improve present socio-economic conditions.) DCBC members visited Nomula village to find out CBOs status, their readiness, people's own perceptions of the watershed programme and its impact.

Observations:

- Community organisation is good
- Most of the women are covered in groups
- Most of the houses have vegetation and poultry for their own consumption
- As they don't have milk collection facility during the night, consumption of milk is also high. As vegetable and milk consumption is high people are healthy.
- Natural resource management is also good.
- It is a common understanding among the people that nobody should cut trees without replacing them
- Avenue plantation is also good.
- Some landless labourers have become small farmers after taking land for lease.