

Project Update: May 2012

- 1) Policy level impact to make MGNREGA more effective is ongoing. Our work impacted on district level and large population is benefitted from the same. We are working on three main issues: 1) Timely wages to all laborers working very hard on eco-restoration work in the entire Washim district; 2) Laborers must get compensation for delayed payments; 3) Monsoon rain is expected soon so all the incomplete water harvesting structures must be completed in timely manner (Which is not happening); and 4) Agriculture area should be targeted extensively for the MGNREGA work. The impact is showing its positive results and most of the laborers got their delayed payments.
- 2) 3rd May 2012. RSGF team members visited National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) office, Washim and had in-depth discussion with NABARD district project director Mr. Parhate regarding various NABARD schemes. NABARD has various schemes which can help in the conservation of natural resources and can strengthen people's sustainable livelihood.
- 3) 3rd May 2012. RSGF team members had meeting with Deputy Collector (EGS) Mr. Shailesh Hinge and had discussion about MGNREGA.
- 4) 3rd May 2012. Visited scientifically managed orchid farm near Washim.
- 5) 7th May 2012. A *Gramsabha* (formal village meeting) arranged at Dhotra village of Karanja block regarding long term involvement in the Watershed Development work.
- 6) 9th May 2012. Discussion with Block Development Officer (BDO) regarding MGNREGA.
- 7) 12th May 2012. Village meeting at Vilegav regarding Adarsh Gram Yojana (Government scheme of the Excellent Village Program) of holistic village development.
- 8) 16th May 2012. Delivered speech at teacher's meet at Washim arranged by National Green Corps program of social forestry.

