

Proceedings of Sub- Committee Meeting of ARICARE Community Services.

The meeting was held in the conference hall of ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata on 8th April, 2024. The meeting was attended by Drs KK Satapathy (President) , M Datta (Chairman) , K Das (Convener) , D C Nayak (Secretary) , S Chakraborti and P Sanyal.

Welcoming all present in the meeting, President had initiated the discussion with an information that an amount of Rs 1,11,000/ was donated by ARICARE members for implementing different programs under Community Services. It was decided in the Governing Body meeting held on 6th February, 2024 that the fund as raised in the financial year of 2024- 25 will be utilised in Education, Health related area and Agriculture/ Rural Development.

Following are the tentative decisions undertaken in the meeting.

1. In order to spread the necessity of Computer literacy, assistance will be given to an instructor @ Rs 2000/ per month for a period of 6 months in an elementary School run by a NGO in Sunderban area (Basanti) , 65 km away from Kolkata. Total expenditure will be around Rs 12,000/. A visit to the School to explore the feasibility is to be done shortly from the members of Community services

2. Sanitary pads about 500- 1000, available at a cheap rate will be distributed among the rural women in the remote areas under the banner of ARICARE.

3. Goatary is one of the economic activity (for meat purpose) in rural Bengal. Goat female kids of Black Bengal Breed, 5-6 month age will be distributed to villagers through KVK's in South 24 Pgs (Sonarpur/ Nimpith) . 1-2 female kids / per farmer will be given to 10- 20 persons along with the supply of male kid in the ratio of 1 male in 8-10 female goat in order to avoid inbreeding. The average cost of goat kid is Rs 2500- 3000/. The total cost involved will be around Rs 30,000/ for 10 goats , No other input will be given. Goat normally breeds 2 times in an year after attaining puberty and system will be generated for the supply of goat kids to KVK for future expansion of the programme. In case of increase of no of goat or gamers covered , expenditure will be around Rs 60,000/.

4. Blankets may be distributed among the inmates of Old Age Home.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair. Dr Krishnendu Das ,

Convenor,

Community Service Subcommittee