Promotion of Kadaknath poultry breed through backyard rearing for livelihood security of tribal farmers

Kadaknath poultry is indigenous disease resistant breed and having much medicinal values such as low fat percentage, high protein content, low cholesterol and wide adoptability, farmers preferred this breed for rearing in their backyard. With an objective of providing quality breed of poultry bird Kadaknath, a hatchery unit was established at KVK Kanker during the year 2013. There are 11,000 chicks have produced and provided to the farmers for backyard rearing since its establishment. There are 10 units were established by farmers in the district and five units other districts for producing Kadaknath chicks. However farmers rearing Desi poultry breed in their backyard system but due to low selling price farmers attracting for rearing of Kadaknath poultry bird. Sale of eggs and male bird for meat purpose is the main source of income. This birds lay 90 to 120 eggs in a year and average annual income Rs. 1200.00 per year per birds by rearing Kadaknath breed.

Sl.No	Year	No. of district covered	No. of block covered	No. of villages covered	No. of birds supply by KVK	No. of benefited
1	2013-14	2	4	15	4000	85
2	2014-15	11	15	55	7000	145

Kadaknath hatchery unit at KVK Kanker

No. of units established – 10 (100 chicks/unit)

Interventions by KVK

- Trainings and awareness among farmers
- Provided Kadaknath chicks to farmers
- Low cost shade

Income & Employment Generation from 10 units

- Employment generated – 900 mandays/year
- Income Rs. 2,80,000.00

Kadaknath unit of farmer Siyaram Marrapi Village Kulgaon

View of visit of Agriculture Production Commissioner and District Collector at Kadaknath unit of farmer Lallu Ram Kureti village Aturgaon