

## **Organizational Set up of Regional Center, NAEB, Mumbai**

### **Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd Regional Center- National Afforestation & Eco-development Board, Mumbai Ministry of Environment & Forests, GoI**

AFC is operating two Regional Centers (RC), one each at New Delhi (established in 1988) and other at Mumbai (established in 1996), of the National Afforestation and Eco Development Board (NAEB), Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI. Through these centers a wide range of services are provided to various stakeholders under forestry schemes like Social Forestry, IAEP, AOFF, NTFP, SGVSY/NAP etc. in a number of States covering Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa states and UTs of Daman, Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli in Western Region. These centers assist the NAEB under the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, and the State Governments, by organizing workshops and conducting studies and focusing on key issues relating to environment and forests. The centers organize workshops for exchange of ideas and experiences among forest officials, voluntary agencies, NGOs and the representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. They also facilitate in monitoring and evaluating the plantations programme of the NAEB, such as Non-timber Forest Produce Scheme, Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Project Scheme, Evaluation of Nominees of Indira Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra Awards and also sample checks on Survival of Trees Planted under the Twenty Point Economic Programme. Documentation of successful efforts in afforestation and eco-development is also one of the activities undertaken by the Centers.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

The objectives of the centre are as follows:

- Provide extension and technical assistance to the States and Union Territories, Forest Department, State Forest Development Corporations and such other concerned agencies.
- Assist NAEB in project implementation and evaluation of programmes implemented through States/Union Territories, Forest Department/Corporations and suggest measures for improvement.
- Provide a forum for cross-fertilization of ideas and experience among forest officials, Voluntary Agencies, NGOs, Academicians and the representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions mainly through experience sharing sessions.
- Conduct problem-specific workshops & studies relevant to afforestation/regeneration of degraded forests and eco-development of such fragile areas through people's participation.
- Organization of training programmes in project formulation, Micro-planning and Geographical Information System.
- Dissemination of technologies for the improvement in functioning of various ecosystems with special reference to standing water bodies; coastal ecosystems, mined areas, fragile forest areas, arid areas and desertified regions.
- Monitoring of survival rate studies of district-wise afforestation activities & plantations.
- Evaluation of performance of the concerned agencies and documentation of successful efforts in the field of afforestation and eco-development.

## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE: RC MUMBAI

To facilitate its functioning, the Regional Centre has an advisory body known as Advisory Management Committee comprising:

### Members of Advisory Management Committee (AMC)

Managing Director, Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd., Mumbai	<b>Chairman</b>
Deputy Inspector General of Forests National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India Regional Office, Western Zone, Bhopal	<b>Member</b>
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Maharashtra Nagpur, Maharashtra	<b>Member</b>
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Gujarat Gandhinagar, Gujarat	<b>Member</b>
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Govt. of Goa, Panaji, Goa	<b>Member</b>
Chief Conservator of Forests, UTs of Daman, Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman	<b>Member</b>
VIKSAT, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	<b>Member</b>
<b>NGO</b> BAIF Development Research Foundation Pune, Maharashtra	<b>Member</b>
Coordinator, RC: NAEB, Mumbai.	<b>Member-Convener</b>

### MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP

In pursuance of the MoU with NAEB, the Centre has established a Core Group to conduct its activities. Members of Core Group are as follows:

<b>Shri A K Garg</b> Chairman (AMC)	<b>Managing Director, AFC</b>
<b>Shri P M Kshirsagar</b> Coordinator, AFC, RC:NAEB, Mumbai - Convener	<b>Executive Director</b>
<b>Dr. M.C. Pandey</b> AFC, RC:NAEB, Mumbai	<b>Project Officer</b>
<b>Ms. Ekta S Sangode</b> AFC, RC:NAEB, Mumbai	<b>Research Associate</b>

In addition to the core group, experts and consultants are engaged from time to time to provide area-specific inputs as and when required. Field Investigators are also appointed as per requirement of various studies undertaken by the Centre.

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 2010–2011: RC MUMBAI**

**Sl. No. Items**

**A. Workshops**

- i) Workshop on implementation of JFM/FDA programme for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Nagpur/Gandhinagar
- ii) Workshop on enhancing marketing linkages of NTFP products of JFMCs and buyers and sellers meet in Nashik FDAs
- iii) Workshop in promoting local MFI in Dhule/Nandurbar FDA, and establishing linkages for Tier I Capital
- iv) Workshop on Development of Eco-tourism spots through natural resources of Saber-katha/Banaskatha region of Gujarat

**B. Training Programmes**

- i) Training need assessment under its jurisdiction for all levels of trainees, preparing curriculum and training material

**C. Exposure Visits**

- i) Exposure programme – inter/intra exposure programme to enhance the confidence level, marketing skills and group cohesiveness amongst SHG members – 3 to 7 days for SMFE – Dhule/Nandurbar FDA
- ii) Inter state visit for NAEB, RC and Forest officials to best work done under afforestation programme for Gujarat
- iii) Exposure programme – inter/intra exposure programme to enhance the confidence level, marketing skills and group cohesiveness amongst SHG members – 3 to 7 days for SMFE – Saber-katha/Banaskatha FDA

**D. Research Studies**

- i) Study to elicit the status and resources of the area in promoting SMFEs in one district and to conduct Business Development Strategy (BDS) and investigation to ascertain viable activity and required market linkages for the same.
- ii) Study on preparation of economically viable proposals for undertaking identified major forest-based micro-enterprises in Gujarat.
- iii) Study on existing value addition processes and National scenario of market linkages for prioritized NTFPs in Western Region.
- iv) Study on collection and generation of data base of FDA works from 2000 - 01 to 2009 -10 (For Maharashtra )
- v) Study on participation of Women and their empowerment in FDA programme in Maharashtra.
- vi) Action research on strategy and approach for Forest governance and conflict management: understanding forest-related livelihood conflicts in JFM areas.

vii) Role of SHGs/SHGs Federation in the Management of Forest and Natural Resources in the FDA areas of Maharashtra

viii) Study on collection and generation of data base of FDA works from 2000 - 01 to 2009 -10 (For Gujarat)

**E. Success Stories**

i) Success story on good work done under FDA programme in Maharashtra and Gujarat

**F. Awareness Raising**

i) Celebration of World Forestry Day on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011

ii) Create awareness among masses about afforestation and tree planting through screening of films etc., in Schools/Colleges/Panchayat meeting etc.

**G. Others**

i) Arrangements in marketing of SMFEs products for Nashik FDAs

ii) Success stories in vernacular languages

**H. AMC meetings (Two)**

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