

CASE STUDY

Vinod Cultivate – Finger Millet

My name is Vinod Oraon and I am a resident of Hutukdag village, Chhattarpur block, Palamu district, Jharkhand. I am 37 years old young farmer. I have 1.30 acres of land, out of which I cultivated ragi (Finger Millet) in 30 decimals this year. My 30 decimals plot yielded 96 kg of Ragi. I am using this ragi for food. Due to very less rainfall in our area, there is a drought this year (2022). In such a situation, the paddy crop did not grow at all, but the ragi grew very well.



In our village earlier coarse grains were cultivated on a large scale and it was used as food. But it was gradually becoming extinct. Four years ago, in my village, Vikas Sahyog Kendra (NGO) held a meeting with the farmers in my village and told them about the benefits of coarse grains. Having inspired by Vikas Sahyog Kendra, farmers started Ragi cultivation. 30 farmers of my village like Rajendra Singh, Bifan Oraon, Ganesh Bhuiyan, Pyare Lal Singh, Yadu Singh, Jaga Oraon, Mukhdev Oraon are continuously cultivating ragi. This year Ragi has been cultivated in 9.30 acres in our village. We grow ragi by using compost and do not use chemical fertilizers.

From my experience of four years, I felt that Ragi is a very good crop grown in less water. I wish that every farmer should cultivate ragi and use it in food.