



Tur Dal Initiative – Block Kotra



In the month of January 2008 Seva Mandir enabled the village groups in Medi and Nakola villages of Kotda Block to start procurement of tur (Pigeon Pea). Till date they have procured 25 qtl of tur and sold it in the local market of Khedbrahma Mandi. This initial effort has resulted in a profit of more than Rs 2500 for the villagers due to the increased prices they got at Khedbrahma. Apart from this direct impact, the other local traders buying Tur also had to raise their prices. So, on the whole farmers in this region got a slightly better price for the Tur this season. All this has boosted the confidence of the villagers enormously.

A team from Seva Mandir has also visited the machine manufacturer and a few other dal (pulse) mills to understand the process better. The team has gained the confidence to start the processing operation during the coming season. In the month of April one training on dal-processing was organized for 10 farmers of five villages.

Now the team is planning to appoint one person to take care of the village level operations of the dal mill initiative. Simultaneously we are working on creating the infrastructure, power connection, etc. to support the installation of the machinery.

We are expecting to procure, install and run the machinery in May and June, which will give everyone, hands on experience on the processing operation. This will help the villagers be well prepared for the next season's Tur which will start to come in during September to February.



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