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Guidance Note for Selection of Pashu Sakhi

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1. Introduction:

Pashu Sakhi is a Community Animal care Service Provider (CASP) which will enable the last mile coverage in rural areas where clinical services for livestock is not available on time or expensive to afford for rural poor. *Pashu Sakhi* is envisaged to create awareness and capacity building of the community on livestock based livelihoods activities and facilitates aggregation and marketing of the livestock products. **(Reference: Advisory Note on Livelihood Strategy for MKSP under National Rural Livelihoods Mission). *Pashu Sakhi* is not an employee of ASRLMS, they are Community Agriculture care Service Provider (CASP) selected by VO/CLF.**

For sustainable livestock based livelihoods at SHGs/household level, *Pashu sakhi* model has proved to be useful and fruitful. A pool of identified *Pashu Sakhi* shall provide the basic technical support/treatment to the rural livestock rearer. *Pashu Sakhis* will be developed through structured training programmes by the livestock experts conducted by ASRLMS. They will act as medium of interface between Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department and rural poor by linking the HHs to the nearest Veterinary aid centre at the time of need.

2. Objective:

The objective of this model is to make livestock based livelihoods sustainable and viable enterprises for the rural poor. There will be specific focus on the ultra poor households who have limited or no access to land or other factors of production. It would build a strong extension network of livestock workers who are the community based practitioners and are accountable to the community institutions. The model would aim at strengthening the existing livelihoods of the rural poor by bringing in a clear impetus on livestock related activities.

3. Eligibility Criteria for Pashu Sakhi:

- 3.1. She should be a native and residing in the same GP (Member from women SHG).
- 3.2. The age of the Pashu Sakhi should be between 20-45 Years.
- 3.3. She should be a good livestock (Small ruminants and poultry) rearer of the GP at least having 1-2 cattle and/or 2-3 sheep/goat and/or 2-3 pigs and/or ten poultry birds with him/her and having basic knowledge on Animal Husbandry.
- 3.4. She should have functional knowledge of writing and reading of local language. She should be minimum class 8th Pass, however higher educational qualification and knowledge of writing and reading of English language will be preferred.
- 3.5. She should have a good and hygienic livestock housing system.
- 3.6. She must be in a position of differentiating healthy and sick livestock.

- 3.7. She must have knowledge on heat diagnosis of ruminants.
- 3.8. Having knowledge on animal first aid will be preferred.
- 3.9. She should have good motivational and communication skill.
- 3.10. She should have no mobility constraints to provide handholding support to the livestock of the GP.
- 3.11. She should be willing to undergo different trainings and exposure (within/outside the state) organized under NRLM/other organisation or institutes.

4. Process of Selection:

Village Organisation with the help of its livelihoods sub-committee will aware the concept of *Pashu Sakhi* among the villagers. The *Pashu Sakhi* identification process will be done at the VO level by the Livelihoods Sub-committee where BPM/BC will be facilitator of the team. VO will organise a meeting on identification of *Pashu Sakhi* and the livelihoods committee along with President and Secretary of the VO will conduct the identification process. The local Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS)/Extension Officer-Veterinary/his representative may be invited in the meeting. The panel of member's of livelihoods Sub-committee in consultation of BPM, President/Secretary of the concerned VO and along with the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS)/Extension Officer-Veterinary/his representative will select the *Pashu Sakhi* for the said area based on interview/written test. At present, one (1) *Pashu Sakhi* per 50 mahila kishan will be selected. After completion of selection process, VO/CLF will send the detail profile of the selected pashu sakhi to BMMU for record and uploading the data in MIS.

5. Roles and responsibility of Pashu Sakhi:

The intention of creating *Pashu Sakhi* is to guide the poor households technically and bridge the gap between Veterinarian & livestock households.

- i. To collect necessary information of each individual farmer/producer Group member and update the data on number of livestock at HH level, nearest veterinary aid centres and practitioners.
- ii. To prepare monthly activity plan for livestock interventions.
- iii. Provide Technical assistance to the livestock based HHs.
- iv. Disseminate knowledge and information on improved practices to the animal grower
- v. To demonstrate various steps of the improved practices, feed and fodder program and treatment.
- vi. Ensure timely vaccination to the livestock within the assigned areas.

- vii. Actively participate for de-worming and vitamin and mineral supplementation program of the available livestock of the assigned areas.
- viii. Identify the breed able livestock and breed them effectively.
- ix. Ensure the Artificial Insemination Practice (AI) in animals.
- x. Introduce weaning practice.
- xi. Maintain breeding male for mating and creating awareness among the farmers for practice of rotation of breeding male among the village.
- xii. Ensure the Castration of male animals at right and post care.
- xiii. Guide on feed and fodder program to the producers
- xiv. Guide the HHs on best nutritional practices of the resource available.
- xv. Motivating the farmers for developing fodder area for the livestock of the village
- xvi. Educate the producers on captive and rotational field feeding
- xvii. Aggregation/identification of the animals for marketing in seasonal condition
- xviii. Monitoring of marketable products and market linkage
- xix. To ensure insurance coverage of the individual livestock.
- xx. To ensure monthly meeting of the livestock producer group.
- xxi. All the day to day activities need to be recorded in the prescribed diary and time to time reporting of the activities as and when required by the VO at present (later to Producer Group).
- xxii. Any other assignment periodically assigned by the livestock Producer Group/ VO / CLF / BMMU officials at present (later to Producer Group).
- xxiii. Report to the nearest Veterinary Aid Centre in case of emergency, other necessity or any casualty.

7. Area of operation:

Initially, for better implementation of the activities and sustainability of the *Pashu Sakhi* a minimum of 500 small ruminants/small animals and 1000 poultry stock has to be monitored under her within assigned areas.

8. Capacity building and exposure to the Pashu Sakhi:

Pashu Sakhi are to be trained enough on good rearing, housing, nutrition, breeding, disease control, vaccination and marketing activities. H/She will also organize the training programs for the stakeholders with the help of resource persons of the line department as and when required. They can directly support the HHs on Animal Husbandry practices, Veterinary first aid and help to bridge between the veterinary experts. The training of the *Pashu Sakhi* will be conducted in phase manner at various levels by the resource persons.

9. Monitoring and Evaluation:

- i. Work done of *Pashu Sakhi* will be on the basis of assistance given to members of Livestock Producer group /animal attendant.
- ii. All the day to day activities need to be recorded in the prescribed diary and should be signed by the member of Livestock Producer group whom she has assisted or whose animal has been treated. Consolidated report of work done should be submitted to VO for the release of payments.
- iii. VO will be responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the work done by *Pashu Sakhi*. Time to time reporting of the activities should be done as and when required by the VO at present (later to Producer Group).
- iv. Minimum days of visit should be twenty (20) and households to be contacted are 50 numbers per month.