

Scaling up Fish Farming

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I am picking up the flood thread again as I am back in Karachi during vacation. Much has happened where Heritage Foundation teams have worked hard to make 1,000 households as close to self-sufficiency as possible.

Based on the success of the Fish Farming village Kewal Goth which has been successful in making a success of fish farming in much neglected pond close to their village. The success is phenomenal. Beginning with literally nothing in the first week of October -- when they were provided some basic training due to the good office of Project Manager Naheem Shah by identifying a fish expert in the area. The process was begun with little hope of success, as hardly an attempt had been made in the past to use the much-neglected ponds in a fruitful manner.



There seem to be plenty of ponds around mostly so picturesque.

Sharing Knowledge and Expertise for Good

By earning an amount of over Rs. 50,000 last month, they have showed that with effort so much is possible. Fish is considered among the most nutritious natural foods and can prevent hunger.

I have decided that those of our villages in the Pono Village cluster which have become successful now should venture forth in surrounding areas to impart their skill to others and thus bring about a measure of prosperity and wellbeing by helping each other.

Methodology for Barefoot Fish Entrepreneurship

The following strategy has been taken up for which initial preparations are complete:

Based on the inventory of villages prepared by HF, 7 ponds have been identified along with their location markings. The quest and identification of more suitable ponds continues in order that we should help as to create as many fish villages as possible.

The Fish team is composed of Ramoo and Teekum from Kewal Goth who will visit 4 villages in a day. He has been asked to follow the following procedure:

- a. Invite as many people as possible to tell them about the success of their fish enterprise in Kewal Goth and ask for those who are interested to come forward.
- b. At a charge of Rs. 500, sprinkle the fish culture that he has with him into the pond and inform the assembly regarding the feeding and precautions that have to be taken. By promoting fish culture to 4 pond villages he will earn Rs. 1200 in a day as the fish culture itself costs Rs. 200 each.
- c. He will make 2 visits after two weeks each at a charge of Rs. 300 each, to ensure that the feeding is well understood. He will also provide training in preparation of feed using chicken droppings rolled in old chapatis.
- d. He will continue visiting every month for another 2 months to ensure that the villages are able to make a success of their fish farms.

Sr No.	Pond Picture	Location Coordinate	Village Name
1	No.	25.3317130,68.9384610	Dr.amarsing
2		25.3324080,68.9312810	Wasto beel
3		25.3429440,68.9386400	Haji rani mari
4		25.3429440,68.9386400	Dhoro bhai khan
5		25.3317330,68.9541050	Parkho koli
6		25.3212830,68.9200450	Jalojamadar
7		25.3129180,68.9484870	Taj mohammad