

Farmers at Mulia, Koila Village Bantwal taluk,Dakshina Kannada constructed farm pond



Figure 1 Mulia farm pond renovation completed on 28-6-2020

Mulia is a small cluster in Koila village which comes under Rayee panchayath, Bantwal taluk. The farmers of this cluster are hardworking and earn their livelihood from cultivating vegetables, coconut, arecanut, beetle leaf etc. 8 families of this cluster had a common source water. That is Mulia spring water pond. It was 15 feet wide 20 feet long and 12 feet deep. It was not repaired since 50 years. It almost filled with debris and springs were blocked. This summer the

8 families came together and decided to repair. DISHA TRUST® Mangalore, a NGO working in 20 villages of Bantwal Taluk is helping farmers through well-wishers support was approached by Leo Vas, Sunil and Felix Lobo who expressed their desire to repair and renovate their pond. They also told that other beneficiaries were also interested and ready to contribute in repairing the pond. Since all the 8 beneficiaries are not well to do families their resource is not enough to repair it completely. DISHA TRUST appealed to the public people who came forward and raised about



Rs173000. The 8 families raised Rs 77,000. Friends of 8 families came forward and donated Rs 50,000. Thus Rs 300,000 was raised for the cause. From this fund they widened the pond, deepened and fenced the boundaries. They have a unique system of using the farm pond water. Each family syphon water with 1.25 inch pipe and use it in his/her farm for one day. Next day another family use it. Thus everybody gets water once in 8 days. They have installed QRC (quick raise coupling) in which one family can use it at a time. The

families are storing the water in their wells, tanks etc and use it as and when required.