



CoOperatives and Dairy DevelopmentChanging Destiny of Rural Women

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2005. N.A. Book Condition: New. xx + 172 + photographspp Realizing the low status of women, Government of India made number of interventions for their socio-economic emancipation. Support to training and employment for women (STEP) is one among them, and Department of Women and Child Development, Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India has been implementing the scheme since 1986-87. Women dairy project (WDP) is one of the components of STEP, and a holistic program in which various sub-systems are adequately looked into so as to achieve system's overall objective. Under WDP, Women Dairy Cooperative Societies (WDCSs) owned, controlled, and managed by women only are promoted. Apart from providing financial support for planning and management of WDCSs, 10-15% of the budgets in the scheme are devoted to training women. Bihar is one of the states where STEP is being implemented for the last fifteen years. The state has completed four phases of WDP and organised women dairy cooperative societies in Barauni, Mithila, Ranchi, Shahabad, Tirhut, and Vaishali and Patliputra. The overall objective of the study is to evaluate impact of WDP (phase IV) in Bihar, and draw lessons for future policy planning. The study is...



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