

Addressing Infrastructure Inadequacies in villages and reducing post production losses

Every year the Farmers incur 15% loss of their agricultural produce because of poor post-harvest handling of their produce. There was always a need for proper storage and threshing yard by the farmers. After a thorough needs assessment through various PRA, NAF through support from its CSR partner was able to address this requirement of the farmers by constructing six threshing



yard facilities in Veliyambakkam, Manimangalam, Amanampakkam, Kunanakaranai and Seeyalam Villages. Within 15 days of establishment, farmers started using it. Earlier they used to carry their produce to distant areas thereby incurring transportation costs and other unforeseen losses. Marginal farmers, would dry their produce on the roads and in the event of unforeseen rains or winds, would lose their grain and incur losses.

This threshing yard caters to the need of 230 farmers having 312 acres of farmland. They are regularly utilizing the facility for threshing and drying their agricultural produce. Farmers are now able to get good quality grains and their post-harvest losses are reduced due to the creation of this infrastructure within their village.