

# Reliance and Livelihood importance of NTFPs

## Village Rundi in context of SHG and FRC



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Rundi is a tribal populated village in Bhainsadani GP of Boden Block. Surrounded by thick forest and hills. The people are poor and marginalized. Mostly every one earns their livelihood by collecting NTFPs from nearby “Guru Dongar forest”. They collect bahada, harida, amla, chara and other NTFPs and sell it to local traders. Due to lack of education and awareness they always fall pray of distress selling. YAR with the support of Azim Premji Foundation started a project named “Aadavasi”. The project is about capacity building of target villagers so that they can learn how to earn their livelihood sustainably. YAR is working with 1286 villagers from 12 villages in 3 GPs (Bhainsadani, Nagpada, Boirgaon) of Boden Block. With association of Forest Right Committee and SHGs YAR organization arranged seven days training programme to train the villagers about Collection Storage, Value Addition and Marketing of NTFPs. After intervention the villagers started making pickles, Murraba, Pachan Amwala and many other items from collected NTFPs and getting good amount of money. YAR is also helping in market linking as a result now they are able to get more profit. This year they earn more than rupees one lakh which is a good amount as compare to last years. Before intervention they had to suffer huge loss because of middlemen. Now they are trained and their living standard is improved.