SWALAMBAN Project — Goat Support Summary

Location: Azamgarh District, Uttar Pradesh
Implementing Agency: ROSA SANSTHAN

Project Overview

The "**Swavlamban**" **P**roject aims to strengthen the livelihoods in the most marginalized families, particularly from the Musahar community. Goat rearing was selected as a livelihood intervention due to its low capital requirement, rapid reproduction cycle, and potential for steady cash income.

Geographic Coverage

The intervention is concentrated in rural areas of Tarwa Block, covering villages including Basganv, Devraypur, Gobardhanpur, Lokaipur, Rasepur, Saraytrilochan, and Sonvarsha. In these resource-constrained settings, goat rearing has emerged as a practical income-enhancement strategy.

Key Achievements

- **Total beneficiaries:** 17

- **Initial herd size:** 26 goats

- **Current herd size:** 61 goats

- **Net herd growth:** +35 goats

- **Estimated current herd value:** ₹187,000

- **Average herd value per family:** ₹11,000

Village-wise progress:

Village	Families	Initial Herd	Current Herd	Net Growth	Current Value (₹)
Sonvarsha	6	13	23	+10	69,000
Saraytrilochan	4	4	15	+11	42,000
Lokaipur	3	5	12	+7	35,000
Devraypur	1	1	3	+2	12,000
Gobardhanpur	1	1	3	+2	11,000

Rasepur	1	1	3	+2	11,000
Basganv	1	1	2	+1	7,000

Community-Cantered Approach

- **Participatory selection:** Families were involved in breed selection, fodder planning, and market linkage decisions.

- **Animal health access:** Regular vaccination and de-worming schedules coordinated with local para-veterinarians.

- **Herd growth support:** Availability of breeding bucks, improved housing/fencing, and interventions to increase kid survival rates.

Operational Recommendations

1. **Health camps** combining vaccination, de-worming, and parasite checks.

2. **Breed improvement** through community buck stations for crossbreeding with high-yield breeds.

3. **Market integration** with collective transport and price information sharing.

4. **Monitoring & Evaluation** through family-wise herd registers and monthly tracking of births, deaths, sales, and vaccinations.
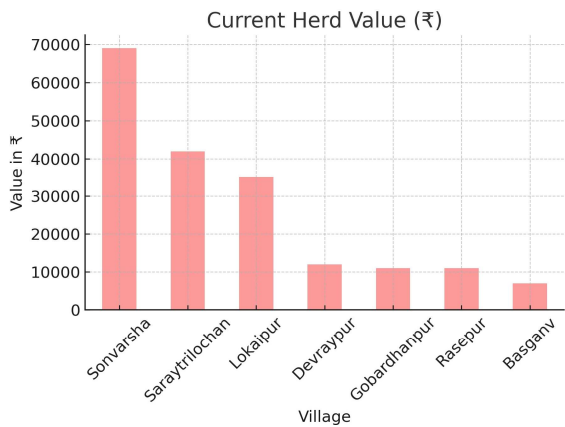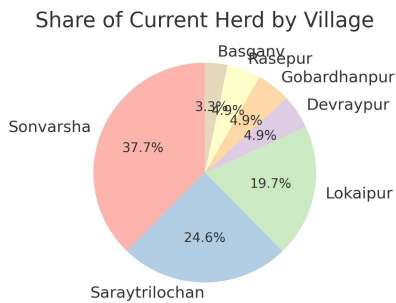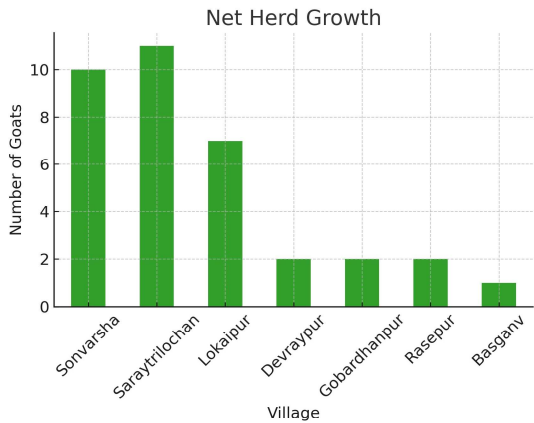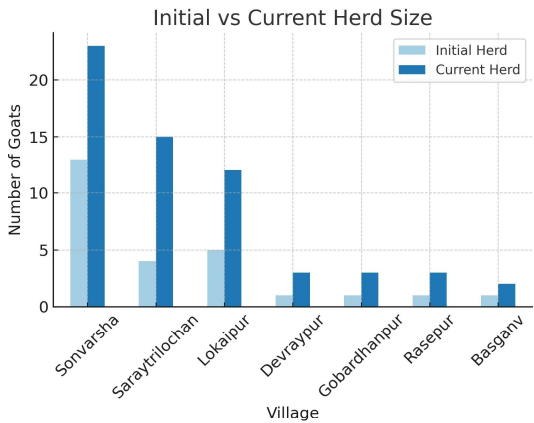
Key Monitoring Indicators

- Herd growth rate (initial vs. current)

- Vaccination and de-worming coverage (% of families)

- Annual goat sales (volume and value) and net income

- Kid survival rates and average herd size

- Linking with another needy families

Achievements

The Self-Reliance Project aims to strengthen the livelihoods of marginalized families, particularly from the Musahar community. Goat rearing was selected for its low capital needs, rapid reproduction, and steady income potential. This summary presents key achievements and data from the project.

Total Beneficiaries	Initial Herd	Current Herd	Net Growth	Estimated Value (■)
17	26	61	+35	187,000

Overall Impact:

Within a short period, participating families—primarily from the Musahar community—have experienced notable herd growth, translating into improved asset ownership and enhanced livelihood security. The model demonstrates strong potential for scaling in similar socio-economic contexts.

"ROSA" team.