

## **BAIF INSTITUTE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT – ANDHRA PRADESH**

BAIF Institute for Rural Development – Andhra Pradesh (BIRD-AP), formally established with its headquarters in Hyderabad in 2007, is implementing an integrated rural development programme, benefitting one lakh families spread over 3000 villages in 9 districts.

The cattle development programme being implemented in association with the Andhra Pradesh District Dairy Cooperative Federations in 8 districts, since 1996, has helped to create ownership of farmers who are also playing an important role in advocacy to expand the programme in the state. The milk production has doubled in the operational districts. The programme is benefitting 60,000 families spread over 2285 villages through 172 cattle development centres.

The integrated watershed development programme covering 838 ha, is benefitting 584 families from 16 villages through 29 micro watersheds. Six agri-business centres have been promoted in Prakasam and Guntur districts to provide critical inputs and custom hire services for improving the agricultural production through efficient forward and backward linkages. The training and demonstration campus at Mahabubnagar is providing critical inputs to support the field programme.