

## GANESH LIVELIHOOD GROUP TAKES ON AN UNCONVENTIONAL INCOME OPPORTUNITY

The 'Poolakunta' tank (water body) of Battuwanipalli village of Kalyandurg mandal got filled due to heavy rainfall in the month of October, 2006. That was the time, when many of the drought affected farmers were in search of new income opportunities. AF staff suggested them to rear fish in the water body. As the people are not in this habit for many years they were apprehensive about it and took many days to take initiative and invest on pisciculture. At last Ganesh livelihood group came forward and participated in the bidding to use the tank for pisciculture. They won the auction for Rs.36,500/-. They borrowed Rs.30,000/- from the surpanch of the village and the remaining amount was equally contributed by the twelve group members.



*AF helped us to purchase good quality of fingerlings and by supplying free food for the fingerlings. In the present condition as there is no scope for any other crop this became a very useful livelihood for our families. Thanks to AF.*

**Members of Ganesh livelihood group,  
Battuwanipalli**

AF staff arranged the fingerlings from Fisheries Department at Anantapur. They got several varieties that are suitable for the water body. Totally Rs.24,000/- was spent towards purchase of 1,55,000 fingerlings and the transportation charges. Rs.5,000/- worth of feed, husk, dung and mineral mixture was supplied by AF at free of cost.

After 4 months they fish attained the desired size. They spent Rs.5,000/- towards wages for catching 2,500 kgs. of fish. On the whole they spent Rs.67,500/- and got a net profit of 42,000/- in four months. Still 500Kg. of fish which cost about Rs.22,500/- are there in the tank and they are expecting to get Rs.21,500/- more profit on them after deducting the wages of the labour. Finally they hope to get a net profit of 63,500/- and when twelve members of the group shared it equally each one of them will get a profit of about Rs. 5,300/-.