

Rich harvest despite coronavirus pandemic

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Harvesting season is still ongoing in our project region in Tonk. Already now, it is safe to say that the season has been a good one for the farmers and that they will earn a comfortable income both from the sale of the mustard seeds and from the sale of the mustard crop residues to our biomass plant. The supplies of biomass at the plant, which have been continuously depleted since the last harvest, will soon fill up again and the plant will have sufficient biomass to operate during the rest of the year.



India currently is under a government-imposed lock down due to the coronavirus pandemic. In many parts of India, the lock down led to a lack of workers in agriculture to bring in the harvest. The farmers in the neighbourhood of our biomass plant however are families who cultivate their fields themselves and are not affected by the lock down. The same is true for our biomass plant: It is considered an essential service provider, and staff at the plant is working day and night to secure the energy supply of the region.



While in 2018, mustard farmers were suffering from severe droughts, a good monsoon with sufficient rainfalls in 2019 led to ideal conditions for growing mustard plants. This year's rich harvest will secure the livelihoods of the farmers in the project region for another year.