

A Quarterly Narrative Report
On
Comprehensive Integrated Rural Development Project
Of
CORD, AT/PO-Deuladiha,PS-Telkoi, Dist-Kendujhar 758019 Odisha
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Social sectors have gained importance with the emergences of the concept of human development index. This sector focuses on education, health, safe drinking water, sanitation as well as development of the marginalized groups and backward regions. We are working in a border area of the backward Kendujhar which is dominated by tribal people. The first and the foremost duty of a social organization have to educate the parents who are the prime builders of their children for a present and future healthy society.

Majority of population in the state depends on agriculture directly or indirectly. Lack of irrigation still remains a major stumble block in enhancing agricultural productivity.

Malnutrition among children and mothers, and destitution of old and disabled persons is a serious problem for all of us.



So many ups and downs happen during the past quarterly period. But we still slowly and steadily progress towards our goals. Pure and firm faith is born on discrimination as well as early Samskar acquired from our past thoughts and deeds. We have to exhibit it through our wards and actions. Happily welcome what comes and willingly give up what goes and humbly accept Gods desire as **Prasad Budhi**. He is only Mahatma and devoted worker who keep the tongue and mind perfectly under control in spite of all provocations. In the early dawn of this New Year we should pray to God for all these noble

qualities to maintain harmony and peace to fulfill our target. On centre day spiritual classes on Tattva- bodh is taken by Dr S. B Rath to enlight the inner capacity in our worker to serve, love and scarifies. We always remember the great saying of Param Pujya Gurudev,

'We Can,
We must,
We will;

During the last quarter our activities in difference spheres are narrated as follows.

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

Mahila Mandals:-Four new Mahila Mandals, two at Bhimkand GP and one each at Kardangi and Dabalapal GP were formed during the quarterly period to take the total number from 23 to 27. Membership base increased from 856 house hold to 935 households. Awareness programs on basic health, safe motherhood, mother and child health and family planning are conducted through regular visit to Mahila Mandal meeting by Dr. S. B Rath. Free health check up camp and spiritual advice by her empower the MMs.



Some of our MMs are activity involved in issues like anti alcoholism, forest protection, cleanliness ect. The 58 members of Chinmaya Shreemaa MM of village Deuladiha get a sum of Rs.1000 as award from GKS fund for their noble work i,e cleaning of community pond (Samuka Bandha), public road and drainages. One of our Chinmaya Kshama Devi MM of village Deuladiha (Patra Sahi) makes an anti alcoholism campaign and cease some country liquor by the help of local police station. Registration of two MM under the society registration act is under process. We distribute 300 pcs of vegetable seeds kits of three varieties of seeds to all our MMs in subsidies rate (in Rs.5/- of Rs.30/-) in this scheme **Green Kitchen Garden** from horticulture department. We are planning for formation of five new MMs within the next quarter especially in SNurgoda GP and properly rearrange the old MMs in form.

Self Help Groups:- Now a day in our operational villages the women SHGs funds become the main source of



investment in every direction of their day to day life. In order to keep an eye, we formed 4 new SHG in previous quarterly period. The total number of SHGs managed by us increased from 92 to 96 and the membership base increased from 1062 to 1106 households. We fix our target to exceed 100 SHGs within this quarter. In the previous quarter our 5 SHGs have been sanctioned SGSY loan of Rs.19.8 lakhs for goatery purpose. Now we are giving more emphasize to making them independent in maintaining their book of accounts and repayment of outstanding bank loan.

Farmers Club / Krushak Sangha:- By using the platform of farmers club, we have prompted paddy under System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in near about 11.4 hectares by 66 beneficiaries and paddy under line sowing in 21 hectares by 73 beneficiaries in our operational areas. We provide them all type of technical support by our worker, mechanical and financial support from government scheme **Rastriya Krushi Vikash Yojana (RKVY)**.



One square meter of demonstrative harvesting in Dobalpal GP yield 1050 gms of paddy in SRI where as 560 gms in traditional and 800 gms in line sowing method. In the same case in SNpurgoda GP, yield 4.8 kgs of paddy in five square meter of demonstration in SRI in presence of state statistical department officials. They show their satisfaction on our organization.

We were arranged successfully two training programs of post harvesting in SRI of 100 farmers each in Dobalpal and SNpurgoda GP by the help of agriculture department and NABARD. Farmer's are given a target of SRI in 50 hectares of land in next rainy season. Now we work with 7 farmers club of 114 beneficiaries and it will increased by numbers and a plan for extension to other activities in future.

It is a good symptom by women workers participation actively in SRI including farm operation like sowing, transplanting, weeding and harvesting. Whereas the majority of male worker attend to plugging operation.

To keep an eye on the growing market rate of fertilizer we aware to people of farmers community for construction of more and more vermin compost pits and green manure pits, by the help of some government scheme like **ATMA**.

Yuvati Mandal:- Two new Yuvati mandal were formed during the quarterly period and total number goes to 9 including 128 numbers of girls. The main problem of adolescent girls that their ignorant about their secondary growth and mentally they are not adjusted with this changes. So they feel some psychological imbalance and in rural areas the families are very much conservative. Health education and health

awareness are very much necessary for them. Due to regular awareness by our female workers in these issues they are become close with us. This will prove by one of our Chinmaya Parvati yuvati mandal by cleaning of community pond (Kunde Bandha) and it will very much appreciate by community.

Youth Club:- The great says of our Pujya Gurudev “**youth are not useless, they are used less**”. Youth from



the backward communities go for temporary migration with post harvesting. To stop migration by them we have selected for cropping of watermelon by a means. Because agro-climatic condition and growing market demand have create a scope for cultivation of watermelon in our Telkoi block. We have created awareness among our 4 youth club and some outside young farmers since last one month by which we are able to cultivate watermelon in near about 35.5 hectors of lands in operational areas (8.9 hectors in Kardangi GP, 12.6

hectors in Deuladiha GP and near about 14 hectors in Dabalapal GP). We have provided technical support to them by our field workers and some farm machineries like two 5HP diesel motor, 6 sets sprinkler pipe, 8 set medicine sprayer and pesticide by different government scheme like **Integrated Scheme of Oil Seeds, Pulse, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM)** and **National Food Security Mission (NFSM)**. The continue rain fall since last six days in the end of December 2011,affected 15 percentage nursery of the youth farmers, we give them moral support to go ahead. Our field workers also made awareness to all our youth clubs to support Annaji’s movement for India against Corruption.

MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 entitles guaranteed employment of 100 days to the rural poor households as a means of sustenance. It comes into operation in 19 districts of Odisha in 2006. Since 2008-2009, it is operational in all 30 districts. Due to lack of awareness on community and willingness of government department it was not fruitful for poor people. For the first time we attended block level meeting of public hearing on MGNREGA in presence of Additional District Magistrate (ADM) political leader and block officials. In the meeting community leaders were get a opportunity to discuss some issues like muster rolls with fake signature, nonpayment of wages, poor quality of works, use of machine in a huge, not by fearing to political leaders and contractors present there.

GRAM SABHA

During the month of October 2011, Gram Sabha for verification for muster rolls and social audit was conducted. We mobilized the community through our CBOs to participate in large numbers in their respective GPs. Participation in all the 6 operation GPs are remarkably higher than comparison to all other non operational GPs.



HEALTH AND HYGIENE

The topical geographic and forestry environment favour the mesquites to enhance their progeny which affect the community by spreading malarial fever and cause of death, of course the hazards due to malaria is no more a treating. danger to inhabitants as the people are more conscious and prevent to restrict the death fearing terror, government as well as all the NGOs including CORD have a consistent effort to aware the people through various ways and means. So the combined and continues endeavour of all source is becoming successful in avoid the endemic diseases causing high causalities in the past.

CORD centre has a Chinmaya First Aid Health Unit to treat the patients basically belonging to poor and weaker sections everyday in a room on the ground floor of CORD building. The patients are supplied with free medicine and health advices. The critical cases are being referred to CHC, Telkoi and else other place for better treatment. An ambulance service is a great blessing to the need patients. The number of patients treated in our health unit varies from time to time seasonally. We are also arranging free health check up camp at different interior areas to render service in view to inaccessible tour place. Our resources are limited to meet the requirement. We are also approaching the government machinery to extend here vitality and vigourity to do needful to the suffering in remote areas. The scenario as to health and hygiene is changing in course of time. The tribal people are now more conscious about their health care.



Another deficiency is found in living of tribal people that the taking of country liquor regularly. Foodstuff taken for their physical wellbeing is not so vitamin as they fill up belly with rice water and a little addition of burnt vegetable which do not provide the essential energy to be healthy and activity. CORD here activate the local people to grow vegetable on season wise to meet the health challenges. our female workers motivated some couples of villages Deuladiha for family planning, and such four genuine couples are advice and helped as per tubl-ligation.

SUPERVISION OF ANGANWADI CENTRE FOR SPECIAL NURTITION

Malnutrition among children and mothers is a major problem for our country. Performance of Odisha in child nutrition is very poor. To improve nutritional status of children below 6 years, pregnant lady and lactating mother are giving nutritional supports for 300 days a year through Anganwadi centre. We were targeted for 6 months supervision for special nutritional program in Anganwadi centre in our operational areas. This gives a significant improvement in attendance and appropriate nutritional development to children. Now our CBOs leader awake for this.

EDUCATION



The essence of human life is manifested through education it helps in reading, writing and understanding the objective world and becomes a source of life and living. No doubt in rural Odisha basically in tribal areas the implementation of education is not so effective and purposeful. Infrastructure for education has developed a lot, but the rate of literacy and quality of education is not satisfactory. We cannot make responsible for a particular factor for its decline, rather we find deficiency starting from the homely atmosphere in which

the parents are not educated and are unaware. The care and vigilance upon children lack a lot to create interest in learning, poverty of the family is also a responsible factor in tribal communities to send the children to the school. Up course government has facilitated free education with free clothing and fooding, the students are not attracted to study, the institution have no required number of teachers to teach the students of each classes. There is also no proper method and arrangement to impart moral and ethical education in syllabus. Everything appears to be mechanical and material. The divine relationship between teacher and students is not found owing to the lack of love and respect. So entire government machinery and its force appears futile in achieving the aim and objective of education.

So we are putting forth our maximum in rearranging the atmosphere with our traditional methods. We are conducting Balvihar classes, Geeta chanting practices, moral and ethical classes, a number of competition,

junior and senior Bal Mahostav programs, college talks, workshops, interaction classes etc. to create awareness among students. Through various competition and prize presentation we are trying drawing the attentions of the students to their respective studies. Our field workers also took some classes in respective field in absence of teachers. We are not harassed rather hopeful to bring innovating ideas in whole system.

BASE LINE SURVEY

Base line survey in all the 11 wards of SNPurgoda GP is completed in this quarter. This Gram Panchyat is dominated by tribal people. The survey covered the following useful house hold data apart from the basic amenities, as follows

1. Ward wise basic house hold data
2. Ward wise land use, cropping pattern & production of food grain data
3. Ward wise house hold data on live stock
4. Ward wise house hold data on production and consumption of food product
5. Ward wise house hold income and expenditure data
6. Ward wise house hold data on assets and entrepreneurship potentials
7. Ward wise house hold data on consumption of water and fuel
8. Ward wise house hold data on basic health and hygiene
9. Ward wise house hold data on membership in CBOs and debts

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The monitoring and evaluation team lead by our National Director Dr. Kshama Metre visited the office and operational villages in associated with senior program manager Mr. Narendra Paul, Account and office administrative Mr. Vijaya Singh, Smt Kausalya Devi and Mr. Rashis from our resource centre at Sidhbari from 19th Oct to 22nd Oct 2011.

Hari Om!