

CORD, Gajapati

A Narrative Annual Report for the year 2008-09

(From 19th May 2008 to 31st March 2009)

**C/o. Chinmaya Mission, Chinmaya Nagar, (In front of GRIDCO),
Paralakhemundi, Gajapati**

Cord Gajapati is initiating the sustainable livelihoods of poor farmers and strengthening the poor families through income generation activities.

Gajapati is one of the backward, poor and tribal district of Orissa province. Paralakhemundi is the Sub- Divisional headquarter of the District. The District is also the Boarder District of Orissa and Andra Pradesh for which 30% of total population are Telugu speaking. Maximum inhabitants are ST (Soura) in cast and few people are SC, those who have changed their religion from Hindu to Christianity, which breaks the Peaceful living between ST &SC. The district is surrounded by and spread with big mountains hills and forest but there is no deep forest, mines & mineral produces to support the livelihoods of the inhabitants. The inhabitants mainly depend upon cultivation & collection of seasonal NTFP.

Education, Health, and the Socio-economic conditions of the inhabitants of the said district are the barrier in their livelihoods and economical status. In this condition, with the blessings of Param Poojya Gurudev & Puja Gurujee CORD, Gajapati has started its service for the all round development for the inhabitants of the villages of Laxmipur G.P. of Rayagada Block of Gajapati District since 19th May '08. CORD took 8 villages of Laxmipur G.P. named Landu Sahi, Jhirjhira, Kinnoda, Khambari Sahi, Betarsing, Tendi, Tuburuda and Tapang as its operational area. During this period of about one year CORD, Gajapati has faced so many obstacles but it is rendering its service for the community.

Climatic conditions, Continuous illness of staffs and the religious violence in this area slowed down the activities not only of CORD, Gajapati but also other Govt. Deptt. and NGOs. Now CORD, Gajapati is running with a planned and sustainable way and geared up its speed to renders better service.

In first phase 3 staffs had gone for the training to Resource centre of CORD at Sidhbari and got themselves trained. They had started the activities on 19th May

'2008 and formed 06 mahila mandals each in Six villages, 07 farmers club each in 07 villages and 01 youth forum in one village. They had rapidly progressed but the religious violence broke their journey. From 15th January '2009 again the activities has already been speeding up and CORD, Gajapati has come forwarded to shake hand with Agricultural Deptt. Horticulture Deptt. Banker and NABARD, Gajapati (National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development) for the betterment of the community of its operational area.

PROGRAMME HIGH LIGHTS.

(From 19th May '08 to 31st March '09)

Formation of CBOs:

- **Mahila Mandal:** "Women's empowerment" is now a Global Slogan. The basic

development can be possible if the women of the society could be empowered. Keeping it in view, CORD, Gajapati had already been formed, Six Mahila Mandals in six villages. The list of Mahila Mandals is as follows:



		Name of Mahila Mandal	Total Member	Date of Formation
01	Kinnoda	Shri Chinmaya Durga	21	21.05.2008
02	Jhirjhira	Shri Chinmaya Mangala	32	23.05.2008
03	Tuburuda	Shri Chinmaya Tarini	16	24.05.2008
04	Tala Tendi	Shri Chinmaya Baitarani	09	28.05.2008
05	Tala Landu Sahi	Shri Chinmaya Tulasi	20	13.06.2008
06	Khambari Sahi	Shri Chinmaya Subhasini	23	03.11.08

Monthly meeting of the Mahila Mandal is conducted by the staff of CORD in a schedule date of the month, where they collect their monthly fees, maintain their books and discuss on their problems and the problems of village. Though the activities had discontinued for some period on the issue of the killing of Swami Laxmananda Saraswati but now it has been regularized since January '09. The

members of Mahila Mandal are rendering their services for the cleaning of the village environment. The members of Chinmaya Durga Mahila Mandal of village Kinnoda have actively participated for the success the Free Health Camp in village Kinnoda, organized by CORD, Gajapati.

► **SHGs:** Though there are so many SHGs have already been formed by the Govt. officials under Integrated Child Development society (ICDS) and other NGO's. Hence CORD, Gajapati keeps eyes on the SHGs activities formed by other.

► **Youth forum:** One youth club formed by the CORD, Gajapati at village Kinnoda and the club participates in the activities of CORD, Gajapati and now it will be registered under Society Registration Act.

► **Farmer's Club:** There are seven Farmer's clubs formed by CORD, Gajapati in seven villages of its operational area which are as follows;



Sl. No.	Name of Village	Name of Mahi	Member	Formation
01	Jhirjhira	Shri Chinmaya Kartikeswar	26	23.05.08
02	Tuburuda	Shri Chinmaya Pawanputra	16	24.05.2008
03	TalaTendi	Shri Chinmaya Baladev	11	28.05.2008
04	Betarsingh	Shri Chinmaya Parsuram	20	06.06.2008
05	Tala Landu Sahi	Shri Chinmaya Ekalabya	22	07.06.2008
06	Tala Tapanga	Shri Chinmaya Ram	39	01.07.2008
07	Khambari Sahi	Shri Chinmaya Subash	20	03.11.2008

To promote the agriculture and sustain the livelihood of the poor farmers, CORD Gajapati had taken the initiative to unite the farmers of the concerned villages under a roof with a forum. But in the middle of the year the regular activities had discontinued for 2-3 months due to communal riot. Now again it has been regularised since January' 09. In this context, now NABARD and its associate Bank Rushikulya Gramya Bank, Narayanpur Branch has assured to approve three farmers clubs out of

seven and will give its regular support for farmer club's development other four farmers clubs will get all type Bank linkage and the total support from the Agriculture Deptt.

In come Generation Programme

► **Training on Mushroom Cultivation:** To strengthen the Women Forum and promote the supplementary income to them, the income generation activities has already been initiated by CORD, Gajapati. In first phase, a Training programme on Mushroom cultivation was held on 28th march' 2009 at village Jhirjhira with support of Agriculture and Horticulture Department of Rayagada Block. The programme was inaugurated by Sri B.N Mangaraj, Junior Agriculture Officer, Rayagada Block and Sri Anil Kumar Mishra introduced the guests and addressed about CORD, its mission & vision and the future plans. Twenty Six women and Twenty farmers participated in the training and two demonstration bed were prepared in village Jhirhiri and Landusahi. Immediately one farmer was interested on the training and prepared a bed for his own at village Jhirjhira. No doubt it will be replicated to the community and a cluster will produce the mushroom in commercial basis. The follow- up action is going on.



Agriculture & Allied Sector

► **Vermicompost Pit:** To minimize the use of chemical fertilizer & promote the use of bio fertilizer to become the socio fertile, CORD emphasizes on preparing of vermin compost. The bearers of CORD are explaining on the usefulness of vermin compost in every farmer's club meeting. Being aware two nos farmers of Jhirjhira



village named Lakhmana Bhuyan and Ghanashyam Karji built two nos of Low cost vermin compost pit and CORD Gajapati had supplied vermin to them. There are other the four farmers, one farmer from village Landusahi and three farmers from village Jhirjhira are also constructing their vermin compost pit on 50% subsidy price under the scheme of Agricultural Department. There are another nine farmers of village Jhirjhira enlisted by CORD Gajapati to constuct the same on 50% subcidy price. CORD, Gajapati has requested Agriculture and Horticulture department to provide the quota to the enlisted farmers where Horticulture Deptt. has already given permission for five pits and another four is under consideration of Agriculture Deptt. Now the Scenerio is that six vermin compost pit has already been completed, the construction of five vermin compost pit has started and four pits are under consideration. It seems a revolution to use the bio fertilizer in agriculture land will be started in Laxmipur G.P of Rayagada Block of Gajapati District in first time and all the Block Level departments will be surprised to see the change.

► **Cultivation of paddy in SRI:** On survey by CORD Gajapati it was found that a farmer named Mangala Jani of village Landusahi had got the training on SRI conducted by Agriculture Deptt., but not taking risk to cultivate the paddy in SRI though he has one irrigated land. CORD, Gajapati initiated him to cultivate it and assured him that there is no loss in this method. He has cultivated paddy in SRI in his 0.80 Acre land. Agriculture Department has provided him all the kits for the same like, seeds, Cono weedier machine, bio



nutrient etc. The total cultivation has been done without use of any chemical fertilizer except cow dung. Now one plant has given 80 pilos (stream) and it reflects a positive sign on the Local farmers. The members of farmers' clubs are invited by the CORD staffs to see the process and use the process to get a good production.

Training and social service:-

- ▶ **SRI under ATMA Scheme:** Success in initiation to cultivate Paddy in SRI



and observing the result of replication, CORD, Gajapati has planned to associate more and more farmers to promote the process. In this context, on request of CORD, the Office of the Junior Agriculture Deptt., Rayagada Block provided a training on cultivation of paddy in SRI

Under ATMA Scheme on 28th March '09 at village Jhirjhira. Thirty nos. of farmers participated in the training programme and the total expenditure for the training was borne by the Agriculture Deptt. Now CORD, Gajapati has targeted to initiate cultivation of paddy in SRI at least in 20 Acres of land in village Jhirjhira and Landasahi to establish a green revolution in Agriculture. Junior Agriculture Office. VLW (village level Worker) of Agriculture Deptt. and the staffs of CORD had given their assistance to make the Programme. a success .

- ▶ **Free Health Camp:** A free Health Check _up Camp was organised by CORD with support of Chief District medical officer Gajapati at village kinnoda on 09th February '09. There were near about 250 nos.

Patients who Checked up their health and took free medicines. Though it was for the first time in this area, the Programmewas appreciated by all. In the concluding session, the President of Chinmaya Durga Mahila Mandal, Smt. Pramila Badamundi thanked



CORD, Gajapati for the selfless service to the Poor and venerable People. The Camp was conducted by Dr. Prasanta Kumar Sahu and the Pharmacist Mr. Kanhu Behera and was inaugurated by Pujya Swami Nigamananda Saraswaaati .

- ▶ **Visit of National Director and the CORD Team:** Padmashree Dr, Kashma



Metre and the team consisting with Sri Bijay Singh, Sri Narendra Jamual and Smt. Kaushalya Devi visited and

evaluated the activities of CORD, Gajapati from 14th November' 2009 for 3 days . She interacted directly with the inhabitants and gave her heartiest advice to CORD, Gajapati for initiating the Programme. Her advice is followed by CORD, Gajapati at the level best. Dr. Kashamajee also met District Collector, AGM, NABARD and also addressed a public meeting during her visit to Gajapati, Orissa.

► **Administration & Accounts:** There are four staffs consists with One Programme officer, one Community Development Worker (Sr.) and two Community Development Worker (Jr.) rendering their services under the guidance of Pujya Swami Nigamananda Saraswati . The accounts and transaction of money is regularly supervised by the Executive body of Central Chinmaya Mission Trust, Paralakhemundi. The accounts for the financial year 2008-09 has been given to Auditor for auditing in time.

Lastly, we seek the blessings of Param Pujya Gurudev and Pujya Gurujee for the successful implementations of CORD activities and further development of CORD Gajapati.

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