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AN APPROACH TO TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT IN ORISSA:-

A CONCEPT IN PRACTICE
BY OPDSC, RAYAGADA

Objective

Prime objective of OPDSC is to provide professional backup support services to the rural Community Based Organizations (CBOs) operating in the remote inaccessible under developed pockets of Orissa. The focus of the work emphasizes on facilitating greater control and access of the weaker and poorest section such as the Tribes and Dalit communities in harnessing and judicious utilization of the local natural resources.

- Capacity building of elected Panchayat Representatives and communities through trainings, workshops, information dissemination and field demonstrations
- Extension of professional support service for creation of community assets in rural areas that promotes sustainable livelihoods through local resource management and ensures community participation in the development programme.

- Facilitation for increased income and employment generation by utilizing the skills and resources of the community and through the created assets in the rural areas.
- Policy advocacy on Ownership Rights of Panchayats on Local Natural Resources.
- Lobby and Advocacy issues concerning the livelihood of the poor in collaboration with the local CBOs getting them to a common platforms in a Consortium Approach, conducting studies and organizing consultations, workshops and facilitation for resource mobilization for grass-root originations by providing backup technical support.
- Enhancement of production and productivity for sustained livelihood opportunities.

THEMATIC INTERVENTIONS:

- Natural Resource Management
- Livelihood Security and promotion through Sustainable Agriculture
- Food Security
- Popularizing Right to information for good governance
- Gender Mainstreaming
- Child Rights Protection
- Tribal land Entitlement & Community Right on Natural Resources
- Rehabilitation & Livelihood Restoration

- Youth Mobilization & Skill promotion of Rural Young Professionals
- Rehabilitation & Restoration of Livelihood for Flood affected Communities
- Organic Farming & Sustainable Agriculture
- Impacting Livelihood through better Governance in Scheduled Area
- Awareness on Community Health & Environment

OPERATIONAL AREA (IN ORISSA)

DISTRICT	BLOCK
RAYAGADA	PADMAPUR, CHANDRAPUR & GUDARI
KORAPUT	POTANGI & DASMANTPUR
NABARANGPUR	KOSAGUMUNDA & PAPADAHANDI
SUNDERGARH	SUNDARGARH SADAR, BORGAON & RAJGANGPUR

PROCESS

- Formation of Village Development Committee
- Selection of programme Participants / Beneficiary
- Village Level Planning (Micro-Planning)
- Approval of Plan in the Palli Sabha
- Issue of Job Cards
- Registration Form for Cash for Work

- Attendance & work monitoring by VDC
- Activity Plan with Estimate for Cash for Work
- Weekly Payment through Village Committee against Cash for Work
- Muster Roll Payments available with the VDC
- Interface with PRI & Line Department
- Collaboration with Government and PRIs
- Collaboration with CBOs and International Development Agency

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN BRIEF:

Skill Development for Rural Youths, Supported by CAPART, New Delhi(GOI)

SUNDARGARH DISTRICT:

- 490- numbers (183 Male, 307 Female) of Rural Youths from Sundargarh Sadar, Borgaon & Rajgaonpur Block got skill development training in vocation like; Tailoring, Food Processing, Dairy Management, mushroom Cultivation, Poultry, Fast Food, Electrical Repairing, Dying & Fabric Print etc.
- 160- Trained Youth linked with Self / Institutional Employment

TRAINING TO RURAL YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

Supported by CAPART, Ministry of RD,GoI, New Delhi

RAYAGADA DISTRICT:

- 60- number of Tribal Youths (40 Male, 20 Female) from Rayagada Block in the trades like; Motor winding, Bee keeping and Food Processing.
- 40- Youths have already linked for self / Institutional Employment
- 65- Youths from Padmapur Block trained on Mason training & Low Cost Technology-All are Self Employed.

LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION THROUGH GOOD GOVERNANCE

Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Sundargarh & Gajapati Districts:

- 208-Rural Youth from the Tribal blocks like; Padmapur, Rayagada , Potangi, Dasmantpur, Mathili, Sundargarh Sadar & Raygad Blocks. Got training on Government schemes, Role of PRI and Leadership Skill to act as bridge between community and Government Agencies.

**SKILL UP-GRADATION ON ORGANIC
FARMING & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE,
SUPPORTED BY GOVT. OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
NOFC, GAGIABAD,INDIA.**

RAYAGADA DISTRICT:

- 300-Farmers got trained in Pulses and Vegetable Cultivation in GUDARI & CHANDRAPUR Block of Rayagada district. Supported by European Commission (ECHO) & Concern World Wide India (CWI).

- 1600-Farmers got input support for Pulses & Oil Seed Cultivation. (ECHO, CWI)
- 1500-Farmers mobilized on Organic Farming & Sustainable Agriculture.
- 1000- Farmers got input support for taking of Vegetable Cultivation. ECHO, CWI)

**ROAD MAP FOR CHECKING
SOCIO-ECONOMIC TENSION
IN THE VULNERABLE
POCKETS OF ORISSA: -**

**SUGGESTIONS TO PROMOTE
THE TRIBALS AT PAR:-
COMBATING EXTREMISM**

**Problems of tribal pockets needs
focused debates and attended to-in
the areas like;**

F O R E S T

Enforcement of tribal rights on forest with seriousness taking into account the recent policy to settle forest land in those names who are in occupation by 2005.

Regeneration of local forest species than plantation of any kind alien species.

Backup market support for NTFP.

LAND

Landless family given productive land or steps to be taken to make the minimum land given to them productive and agriculturally viable to suffice the food need.

Land ceiling to be strictly enforced and revisited at regular intervals.

Settle able Government land Banjar / fallow land to be distributed among the landless families.

One lakh acre of Bhoodan land remains kept with the Government in Orissa, should be distributed to the landless.

The dispute being land-holding, needs a thorough assessment of ownership, which the tribals believe in "possession and cultivation", the landlord (Sahukar) and Sarkar (Govt.) believe in "ownership on the basis of land Patta Document".

The last settlement was done in most of the tribal areas (Undivided Koraput and Kalahandi district in 1961 (around 50 years back) which needs immediate attention for conducting survey and settlement in the area.

Change of classification of land on the basis of land use.

Land not used for specific purpose for which it was acquired from the people/forest dwellers should go back to the tribals / original land holders, giving a space of minimum time frame.

There should be provision for SHGs to buy land under SGSY, which only restricts for trade and business. (Sahukars ready to sell their land but no buyers)

Land based rehabilitation and in case of big dams / industry, land to be compensated to the displaced in the command area / in the adjacent area.

Livelihood & Youth Mobilization

Skill training to youths to sustain livelihood with backup support programmes.

Rural Youths skill development programmes to be organized at the village level to promote small scale industry, cottage industry, handicrafts which are local specific and economically viable.

Vocational education and backup support to carry forward their trade with package.

Livelihood related skill training on carpentry, bamboo work, masonry, motor winding, food processing, weaving etc to be promoted to give alternative employment options with reduced pressure on land and agriculture.

GOVERNANCE

Bhuria Committee Report to be reanalyzed and accepted as a whole fine tuning the report in the form of provision Panchayati Extension in Scheduled Areas (PESA) has become a misnomers and excuse to tribal development.

Corruption, a dangerous trend, needs serious attention at all levels to be combated. PC. System which is infamously popular & widespread requires to be whipped and eliminated. In the process the system primarily exploits the labour, RTI fails, transparency become victim of manipulative practices.

The copy of muster roll of all payments in phased manner to be kept in the village and common man should have the access to it for community vigilance.

Accountability of bureaucrats to be fixed in case of starvation deaths, corruption non utilization of funds who are at the helm of affairs. Token punishment to subordinates does not generate seriousness of senior bureaucrats. Exemplary punishment sought for.

Under NREGA emphasis to be given on creation of productive assets then road works.

Zilla Parishad should consult the Gram Sabha in the matter of land acquisition for mining and industrial purpose. The decision of the Gram Sabha should be binding in Orissa context.

Minimum wages to be strictly enforced and widely advertised by Public Relation Department and executing agencies through Audio System / along with other systems.

Women headed families, physically challenged, and destitute to be provided minimum basic survival support.

Fresh BPL list should be prepared for inclusion of the poor and ultra-poor and elimination of the well to do families.

Release of funds which very often happens towards the end of the year would encourage corruption and manipulation.

Quarterly / half-yearly fund allocation would expedite work progress and financial achievements.

The recent Naxal attack on armory at Nayagarh of Orissa indicates that out of 400 extremists in operation 70% were at the age group of 16 to 19 and 50% of them are Girls. (Sources-News Paper). The problems of Youth needs serious attention.

MINING

Displaced families due to mining, big dams, industrialization etc. need to be rehabilitated with "land for land" packages along with provisions for livelihood opportunities.

In the mining operation and industrialization process profit sharing with the tribals / affected people, Minimum up to 20 percent of the profit Or 10% of the "capital investment" to be kept "fixed deposit" with appropriate bodies and interest accrued there upon whichever is more may be given to the affected families.

Migration is rampant in the tribal areas of Orissa due to corruption in NREGS, which need to be checked with all sincerity of spirit.

No land acquisition on mining industry and other purpose could be done without approval of Gram Sabha

Repression by Mafias sponsored by industrial houses/MNC/police should be strictly discouraged. State tolerance to it should be condemned. Extremism is bound to continue if livelihood of the tribal and the poor is threatened by the so called development agenda which creates poverty & promotes tension.

Thank You!!!

