



AMA JANGALA YOJANA

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ODISHA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (OFSDS)

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Chapter 1

About Ama Jangala Yojana

1.0 Introduction

Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) is a Flagship Programme of Government of Odisha since 2016-17 with the objective of promoting sustainable forest management and alternate livelihoods to the communities living in forest fringe villages of the State. The Scheme is being implemented through Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) in partnership with selected NGOs and VSSs at village level in line with the JFM guidelines and prescriptions of Working Plan. AJY is basically a Community Forest Protection and Management Scheme which focuses on conserving forests through people's participation through formal village level institutions called Vana Surakshya Samities (VSS). These VSSs are registered in the respective Divisional Forest Offices in accordance with the Joint Forest Management Resolution of the Government of Odisha. The basic aim of the scheme is to reduce the biotic pressure on forests of the State through the sustainable management of Forests with community participation and at the same time, enhancing the socio-economic status of the local communities through viable alternate livelihood options. The initial duration of

Ama Jangala Yojana was six years i.e. from 2016-17 to 2021-22 which has been extended till 2024-25. The Scheme covered 4,601 Vana Surakshya Samities (VSSs) under 135 Forest Ranges of the State covering about 4.2 lakh households.

The major components of Ama Jangala Yojana can be broadly classified into four categories, viz. community mobilization and capacity building, institution building & strengthening, sustainable forest management and livelihood promotion. The regeneration of degraded forests through ANR (Assisted Natural Regeneration) and Block Plantations were taken up during this period as major forestry interventions. Several initiatives have also been taken up at Project Management Unit (PMU), Divisional Management Unit (DMU) and Field Management Unit (FMU) levels to mobilize resources through convergence under AJY for livelihood promotion and infrastructure development at the community level. All these activities are carried out through active participation and involvement of local community based institutions called VSS & SHG.

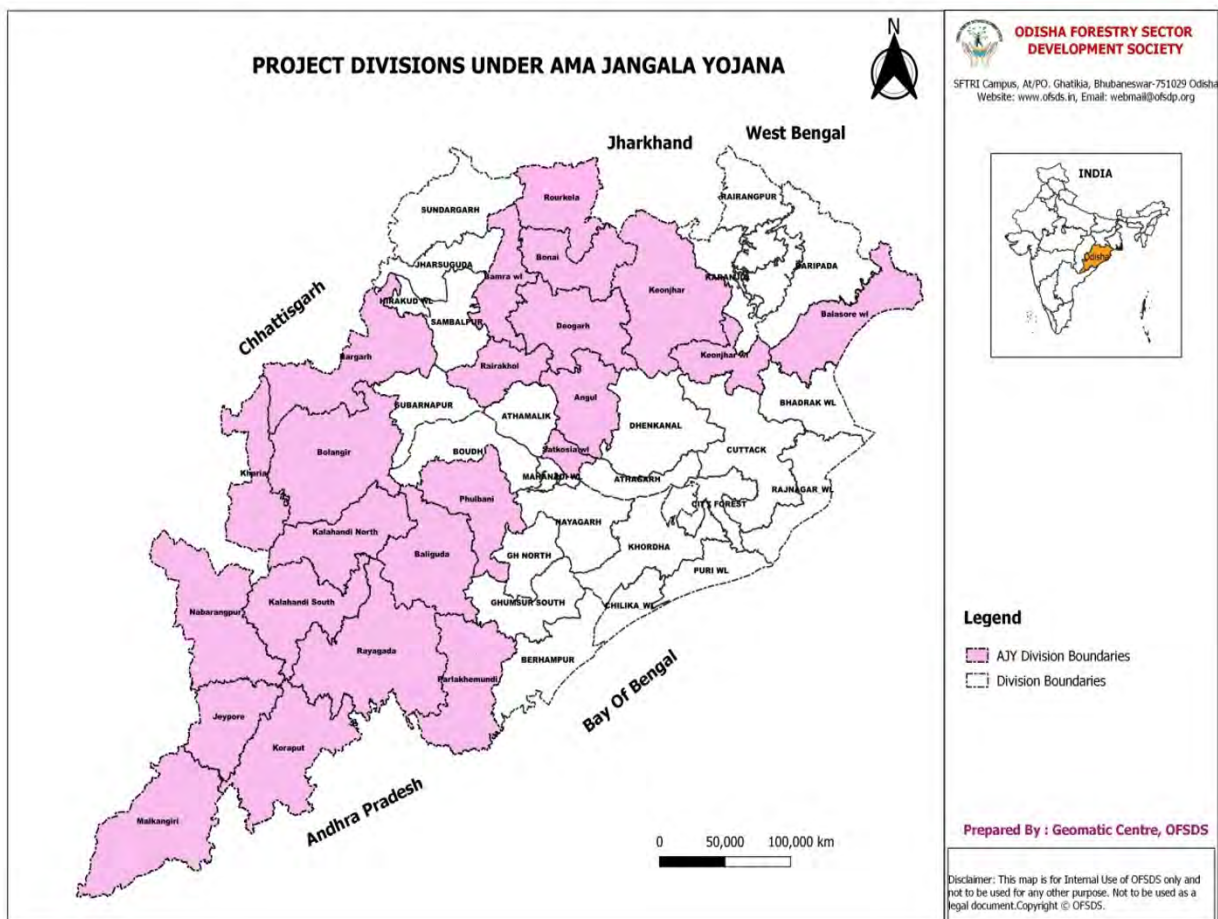
1.1 Objectives

- To conserve and restore degraded forest through forest restoration initiatives
- To arrest further degradation of forests through participatory forest conservation and management strategies
- To empower forest dependent communities by building their capacity to participate in the sustainable forest management
- To provide and promote the livelihood opportunities of the forest dependent communities so as to reduce their dependence on forests.

1.2 Project Area:

During 2023-24, the Project area of Ama Jangala Yojana covers 22 Forest Divisions in 125 Ranges and 1424 VSSs spread over 16 Districts. The Divisions covered under AJY include Bonai, Deogarh, Rourkela, Keonjhar, Angul, Balasore (WL), Keonjhar (WL), Rayagada, Jeypore, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Malkanagiri, Phulbani, Parlakhemundi, Balliguda, Bamra (WL), Rairakhol, Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi (S), Kalahandi (N) and Khariar.

Fig-1: Divisions under AJY



1.3 Project Design

The Scheme is based on the following key components which are rolled out sequentially in a phased manner:

1.3.1 Preparatory Works

The preparatory works of the scheme comprises of following activities:

- a) Soil and moisture conservation measures
- b) Silvicultural operations (climber cutting, thinning, high stump cutting, fire line tracing and maintenance etc.)
- c) Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) without gap and with gap plantation
- c) Block plantations

In ANR with Gap Plantation and Block Plantations, local indigenous species such as Bamboo, fuel wood, timber and non-timbers including fruit bearing species have been given priority. Planting of 18 month old seedlings have been preferred to ensure higher survival rate in all plantations under AJY.

ii) Supporting Managerial Activities

The different organizational mechanisms for planning as well as implementation of the scheme activities at various levels with defined roles and responsibilities, there are Project Management Unit (PMU) at State level, Division Management Units (DMUs) at Forest Division level, Field Management Units (FMUs) at Range level and VSSs at village level. All these units have put their utmost effort for achieving the project goal and objectives. Support for mobility, operation and office maintenance including contingency are provisioned under State Plan (Programme Expenditure) to the PMU, Divisions and Ranges for smooth implementation of the activities under the Scheme.

iii) Support Activities

Fifteen numbers of Partner NGOs have been engaged in the project areas in order to ensure effective community mobilization and smooth implementation of the project activities at field level. Technical support has been extended to the VSSs through these P-NGOs for micro-plan preparation as well as capacity building of the Vana Surakshya Samits and SHGs. In order to provide technical as well as administrative support to the targeted VSSs and SHGs, the Project Divisions have engaged one AJY Co-ordinator and one DEO (Accounts). One DEO is also positioned at each FMU (Range level) for accounting and day to day record keeping. In the State level, three Subject Matter Specialists, one Accounts Manager and other staffs are engaged to support the Scheme activities.

1.3.3 The Maintenance Phase

During the entire project period, 2,30,523 ha of Assigned Forest area was covered under Forest Restoration Initiatives through 4601 numbers of VSSs. Out of the above, Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) without Gap Plantation was carried out in 2,09,543 ha, ANR with gap plantation in 19,975 ha and Block Plantation was carried out in 1005 ha of Assigned Area. As per the provision in the Plantation Cost Norm approved by the O/o the PCCF-HoFF, Odisha, periodical maintenance activities need to be carried out in the plantation/treatment sites up to the completion of the 4th year. Hence, maintenance operations for last 3 years plantations have been provisioned during the extended period of AJY, i.e. 2022-23 to 2024-25 in 1964 numbers of VSSs under 22 Forest and Wildlife Divisions. In addition to this, construction of 250 numbers of VSS Buildings-cum-IGA Facilitation Centres has been provisioned during the extension phase. The community mobilization and livelihood promotion activities will also be continued in all the 1964 VSSs under maintenance, out of which, the target for maintenance during the current year was in 1424 VSSs.

i) The Forest Maintenance Initiatives

Usual maintenance activities in ANR sites such as watch & ward, casualty replacement, weeding, soil working, manuring, fire line tracing and maintenance of SMC measures have been provisioned under forest maintenance initiatives as per the schedule below.

The maintenance activities such as watch & ward, casualty replacement, weeding, soil working, manuring and fire line tracing are confined to ANR with Gap Plantation sites. However, watch & ward, fire line tracing and maintenance of SMC measures have been provisioned for maintenance of ANR without Gap Plantation sites.

Table-1.1: Year wise Operation and Maintenance Schedule of Forestry Activities under AJY (2016-17 to 2024-25)

S. No	Name of Interventions	Batch No	No of VSS	Total Area (In Ha.)	Year of Interventions								
					2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	ANR Without Gap Plantations	I	2086	106031	0th Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year				
		II	554	27700		0th Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year			
		III	540	25950			0th Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year		
		IV	540	27000				0th Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	
		V	516	22887					0th Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
2	ANR With Gap Plantations	I	446	20000					0th Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
3	Blcok Plantations	I	87	1005	0th Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year				
	Total		4601	230573									

ii) Support Activities during the Maintenance Phase

The community mobilization and livelihood promotion activities has been provisioned to be carried out in all the 1964 VSSs during the maintenance phase of AJY. Conducting VSS meetings (monthly VSS meetings, GB and EC meetings), strengthening of Women Self Help Groups and carrying out inter-sectoral convergence is continuing in the VSSs where maintenance activities are being carried out. Apart from these, the livelihood promotion

activities were expedited in these Divisions with the help of partner NGO teams. The AJY teams at Division level are exploring convergence opportunities available with the Schemes of other Line Departments and link them with the VSSs/ SHGs in the Project area so that the forest fringe dwelling communities are benefitted.

Additionally, construction of 250 numbers of VSS Buildings-cum-IGA Facilitation Centres has also been provisioned during the extension phase for the VSSs to carryout multiple activities.

1.4 Institutional Mechanism

The AJY Cell at the PMU of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) is exclusively responsible for facilitating the implementation of AJY activities in the State. OFSDS is a registered autonomous body under Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha. The Society (OFSDS) is registered under Societies Registration Act-1860, bearing a Registration No. 22321/49 of 2006-07. Presently three numbers of projects are being implemented through OFSDS, namely- Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (Phase-II), Ama Jangala Yojana and OFSDS-OMBADC Livelihood Promotion Project.

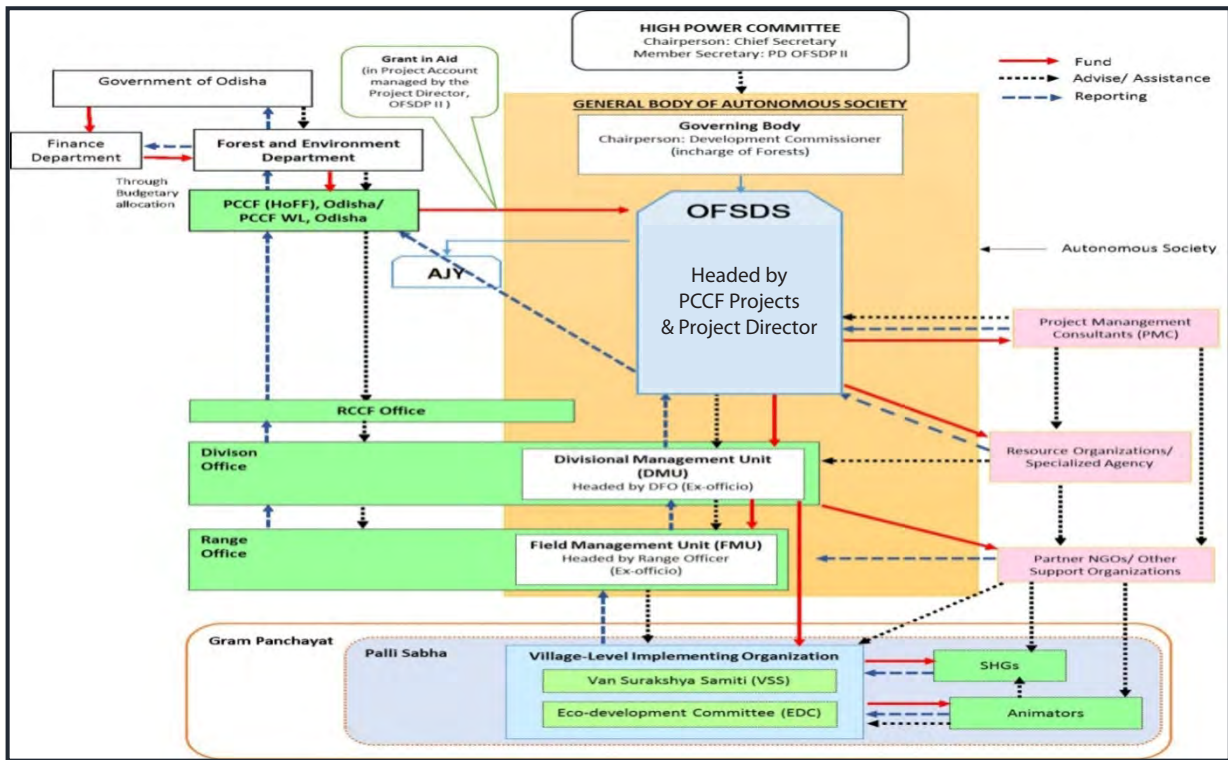
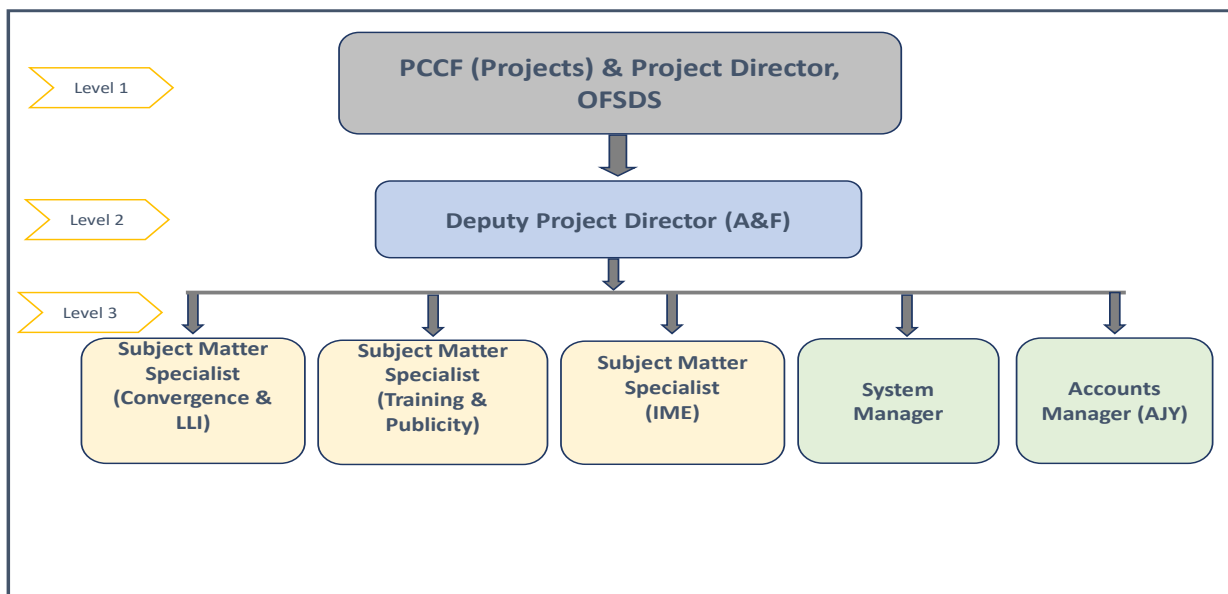
A. State Level Mechanism (HPC, GB and PMU)

There is a High Power Committee (HPC) of OFSDS at the State level who takes major policy decisions pertaining to Annual Work Plan & Budget and overall monitoring of project activities. The HPC comprises of 14 members, headed by the Chief Secretary, Odisha as the Chairperson and Additional Chief Secretary, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha as the Vice-Chairperson. The PCCF & Project Director, OFSDS is the Member-Secretary of the HPC. The Principal Secretaries of Finance, Health & Family Welfare, Women & Child Development, Revenue & Disaster management, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Agriculture &

Farmers' Empowerment, Rural Development, ST & SC Development, Minority & Backward Classes Welfare Department of Government of Odisha and Principal CCF & HoFF, Principal CCF (Wildlife & CWLW), Odisha under FE & CC Department are the members in the HPC.

There is also a Governing Body (GB) at the state level who takes policy decision pertaining to Annual Action Plan & Budget, overall supervision of project activities. The GB is headed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha as the Chairperson. The other 5 members are Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL), Special Secretary to Govt, FE & CC Department, Director (NRLM) and one NGO Representative. The PCCF (Projects) & Project Director, OFSDS is the Member-Secretary of the Governing Body.

The physical progress of planning, implementation and monitoring of AJY Scheme are executed by the AJY Cell of OFSDS. The AJY Cell at PMU has separate units for Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation (IME), Livelihood and Convergence (L&C), Publicity and Training (P&T), Finance and Administration (F&A). These units are headed by Dy. Project Director (A&F) and Subject Matter Specialists. The above unit heads report to the PCCF (Projects) & Project Director, OFSDS who oversees the functioning of the AJY Cell at State PMU.

Figure: 1.2 Organograms of OFSDS & AJY**ORGANOGRAM OF OFSDS****ORGANOGRAM OF AMA JANGALA YOJANA**

B. Regional Level Mechanism

All the AJY Divisions come under the jurisdiction of seven Circles viz. Angul, Berhampur, Koraput, Rourkela, Baripada, Bhawanipatna and Sambalpur. The Regional Chief Conservators of Forests (RCCF) at Circle level have been assigned for monitoring and supervision of the activities undertaken under Ama Jangala Yojana at their respective jurisdiction. The RCCFs have the administrative and financial control over the Divisions under their jurisdiction.

C. Divisional Level Mechanism

The Divisional Management Units (DMUs) under AJY are headed by the Divisional Forest Officers, who are also the Ex-Officio DMU Chiefs. They are supported with the Assistant Conservator of Forests/ Assistant DMU Chiefs for implementation of Project activities. The Divisional Forest Officers are responsible for effective implementation at the Divisional level. The Divisional Management Units are having financial and administrative control over the Ranges/FMUs for smooth and transparent implementation of the project activities.

D. Range Level Mechanism

The Field Management Units (FMUs) are directly responsible for implementing and monitoring the AJY activities at the VSS level under their jurisdiction. The Forest Range Officers are the Ex-Officio FMU Chiefs of FMUs. The FMU Chief extends all possible support and nurtures the VSSs under their jurisdiction for smooth implementation of various activities, including Ama Jangala Yojana.

E. Vana Surakshya Samiti (VSS)

Vana Surakshya Samities (VSSs) are the community level institutions entrusted with the responsibility for implementation of all activities under AJY with support from FMU and P-NGO team. The VSSs have an Executive Committee comprising of 14 elected members, headed by a

Chairperson duly elected by the VSS members. Besides, VSS has a general body comprising of all the adult members of a Revenue village. They work for the holistic development of the village with support from AJY following the provisions laid down under Odisha JFM Resolution, 2011 read with 2015 Resolution and Amendments thereof.

1.5: Project Outlay

i) Project Outlay during the Implementation Phase:

During the implementation phase (2016-17 to 2021-22), the total project outlay was Rs.1170.02 Crores which was earmarked from the following sources:

- a. Rs. 511.31 Crores from State CAMPA
- b. Rs. 285.35 Crores from the State Plan (Programme Expenditure)
- c. Rs. 322.18 Crores from MNREGS through program convergence and
- d. Rs. 51.19 crores from NRLM through Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Odisha through programmatic convergence.

However, the major direct financial support during the implementation phase was received from Government of Odisha through State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and State CAMPA, the details of which have been depicted in Chapter-11 (Financial Management).

ii) Project Outlay during the Maintenance Phase

During the maintenance phase (2022-23 to 2024-25), Rs.45.70 Crores has been provisioned from the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and Rs. 76.05 Crores from State CAMPA. The CAMPA fund has been provisioned for the Forest Restoration (maintenance) initiatives whereas the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund for meeting the Managerial Expenses (Engagement of Support Staff & P-NGOs) and construction of VSS Buildings-cum-IGA Facilitation Centers.

Table-1.2: Year Wise Funds Requirement during Maintenance Phase (2022-23 to 2024-25)

Source	Requirement of Funds			Total
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
State Plan (Programme Expenditure)	1815.00	1624.80	1130.46	4570.26
State CAMPA	3930.00	2375.00	1300.00	7605.00
Total	5745.00	3999.80	2430.46	12175.26

Chapter 2

Community Mobilization and Institution Building

Forest centric holistic community development through peoples' participation has been the core mandate of Ama Jangala Yojana. Hence, community mobilisation and strengthening of community institutions are considered as the major activities under AJY Scheme. Vana Surakshya Samities (VSSs) and women Self Help Groups (SHGs) are the major community institutions through which various activities in the grassroots level are being implemented. Therefore, strengthening of these institutions has been focussed under AJY Scheme. Preparation of participatory village micro-plan, capacity building of the community members, conduct of VSS meetings, support in inter-sectoral convergence with Line Departments and rural infrastructure development are the prime activities under community mobilization and institutional building.

Since inception, Ama Jangala Yojana has been focussing on village specific and need based approach to resolve the local issues. At the initial phase of project implementation, participatory village micro-plans have been prepared in all the villages under the project. These micro-plans have been approved by the respective Gram Sabha of the Gram Panchayat before implementation. Most of the community development activities captured in the micro-planning process are carried out for 10 years with periodical revisions,

if needed. In addition to this, 14,263 women self help groups are also linked with various Income Generation Activities (IGAs) under inter-sectoral convergence with other Line Departments, CSR agencies and NGOs. The Forest Development interventions are being taken up in JFM mode and are implemented through Vana Surakshya Samities. Hence, the Scheme emphasises on the importance of VSS by assigning them the central role in terms of deciding necessary interventions, implementation, monitoring and financial decision making etc.

2.1 Strengthening of VSSs under AJY

Strengthening community institutions towards achieving a broader objective of Sustainable and Participatory Forest Management is the basic objective of Ama Jangala Yojana Scheme. As mandated under the Scheme, formation/reconstitution of Vana Surakshya Samities and their capacity building has been completed in all 4,601 VSSs of the project. PRA & Micro-planning, VSS meetings, awareness campaigns on various aspects of forest protection and conservation have been conducted in all VSSs to strengthen the grass root level organizations. All the activities of Ama Jangala Yojana are being carried out by active participation of the local communities (VSSs) following Joint Forest Management principles.

Vana Surakshya Samities (VSS) are constituted within a village to implement all types of community development initiatives. Hence, strengthening of VSS is given the utmost priority in AJY programme. Identification/reconstitution/orientation of Vana Surakshya Samiti is the stepping stone for community mobilization. As on 31st March 2024, 4,601 numbers of VSSs have been covered under the Project to implement the project components and the members of all 4,601 VSSs have been trained through various capacity building programmes. (The Year wise total VSS Covered under Ama Jangala Yojana is given in Table No-2.1 and the Division wise number of VSSs covered during the Maintenance Phase is given in the Table No-2.2.)

The Executive Committee of VSS functions as the sub-committee of Gram Sabha for protection, conservation and sustainable management of forest resources in the areas assigned to them, under the Scheduled Tribes and other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006. In this context, the resolutions in Gram Sabhas of all 4601 VSS have been passed, authorizing the Executive Committees of VSSs to function as sub-committees of respective Gram Sabhas.

All the 4,601 VSSs under AJY have completed micro-planning in their respective villages. The Division wise status of VSS level Micro-planning up to 2023-24 is given in the Table No-2.3. In addition to this, monthly VSS meetings are being conducted on regular basis in presence of the P-NGO and Forest Department staff. Total 89,390 numbers of VSS meetings have been conducted so far in AJY VSSs to facilitate regular interaction among the VSS members. It has also been mandated to hold two numbers of GB meetings annually by all the VSSs for smooth implementation & transparency of the Project. The Division wise status of VSS level meetings conducted during last 4 years (2020-21 to 2023-24) is given in Table No-2.4.

Capacity building programmes on various components of forest protection & conservation, livelihoods and income generation activities have been conducted at the SHG, VSS, Range and Division levels. The details of the capacity building program are elaborated in the Capacity Building chapter of this report (Chapter-8).

Table-2.1: Year wise Total VSS Covered under Ama Jangala Yojana

Sl. No.	Name of Division	No of VSS Covered					Grand Total
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
1	Bonai	99	14	0	0	20	133
2	Rourkela	91	20	20	20	30	180
3	Deogarh	86	20	20	20	23	169
4	Jeypore	85	20	20	20	70	215
5	Keonjhar	95	20	20	20	25	180
6	Paralakhemundi	120	20	20	20	20	200
7	Angul	56	20	20	20	8	124
8	Koraput	125	20	20	20	90	275
9	Balasore(wl)	20	20	0	15	2	57
10	Phulbani	140	20	20	40	82	302
11	Baliguda	100	20	20	20	40	200
12	Rayagada	140	20	20	20	90	290
13	Keonjhar (WL)	100	0	0	0	30	130
14	Satkosia (WL)*	31	0	0	0	0	31
15	Bamra (WL)	71	20	20	20	27	158
16	Bolangir	140	20	40	50	40	290
17	Khariar	140	20	40	40	25	265
18	Bargarh	80	20	20	20	11	151
19	Malkangiri	80	20	40	40	30	210
20	Kalahandi (S)	125	20	60	65	84	354
21	Kalahandi (N)	160	20	40	30	84	334
22	Nabarangpur	-	98	40	20	34	192
23	Rairakhole	-	80	40	20	20	160
	Total	2084	552	540	540	885	4601

- No new VSS has been formed/reconstituted after the year 2020-21 owing to terminal phase of the project
- AJY Program has been discontinued in Satkosia (WL) Division since 2017-18 due to non-availability of VSS.

Table-2.2: Division wise number of VSSs coverage during the Maintenance Phase

No.	Divisions	Year in which the VSSs are taken up under AJY			Total
		2018-19 VSSs	2019-20 VSSs	2020-21 VSSs	
1	Bonai	0	0	20	20
2	Rourkela	20	20	29	69
3	Deogarh	20	20	23	63
4	Jeypore	20	20	70	110
5	Keonjhar	20	20	25	65
6	Paralakhemundi	20	20	20	60
7	Angul	20	20	8	48
8	Koraput	20	20	90	130
9	Balasore(wl)	0	15	2	17
10	Phulbani	20	40	82	142
11	Baliguda	20	20	40	80
12	Rayagada	20	20	90	130
13	Keonjhar (WL)	0	0	30	30
14	Satkosia (WL)*	0	0	0	0
15	Bamra (WL)	20	20	27	67
16	Bolangir	40	50	40	130
17	Khariar	40	40	25	105
18	Bargarh	20	20	11	51
19	Malkangiri	40	40	30	110
20	Kalahandi (S)	60	65	84	209
21	Kalahandi (N)	40	30	84	154
22	Nabarangpur	40	20	34	94
23	Rairakhole	40	20	20	80
	Total	540	540	884	1964

*The maintenance activities in one VSS under Rourkela Division has not been proposed due to unresolved issues with the VSS.

** Out of the above 1964 VSS, Forest restoration activities are being carried out in 1964 VSSs during 2022-23, 1424 VSSs during 23-24 and 884 VSSs in 2024-25. However, community development activities are being carried out in all 1964 VSSs and proposed to be continued till FY-2024-25.

Table-2.3: Division wise status of VSS level Micro-planning up to 2023-24

#	Division Name	Total no. of VSS formed up to 2022-23	No of VSS Completed Micro-planning	No of Micro-plans Approved by Gram Sabha
1	Angul	124	124	124
2	Balasore WL	57	57	57
3	Balliguda	200	200	200
4	Bamra WL	158	158	158
5	Bargarh	151	151	151
6	Bolangir	290	290	290
7	Bonai	133	133	133
8	Deogarh	169	169	169
9	Jeypore	215	215	215
10	Kalahandi (N)	334	334	334
11	Kalahandi (S)	354	354	354
12	Keonjhar	180	180	180
13	Keonjhar WL	130	130	130
14	Khariar	265	265	265
15	Koraput	275	275	275
16	Malkangiri	210	210	210
17	Nabarangpur	192	192	192
18	Paralakhemundi	200	200	200
19	Phulbani	302	302	302
20	Rairakhol	160	160	160
21	Rayagada	290	290	290
22	Rourkela	181	181	181
23	Satkosia WL	31	30	30
	Grand Total	4601	4601	4601

Table-2.4: Division wise status of VSS level Meetings conducted up to 2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of the Division	No. of VSS Meetings Conducted				
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
1	Angul	603	873	747	652	2875
2	Balasore (WL)	138	209	224	208	779
3	Bamra (WL)	843	820	831	566	3060
4	Bargarh	259	434	590	322	1605
5	Balliguda	684	782	1119	1153	3738
6	Bolangir	1098	1162	1640	1249	5149
7	Bonai	558	733	1182	1042	3515
8	Deogarh	633	1039	982	506	3160
9	Jeypore	919	1124	1486	1312	4841
10	Kalahandi (N)	1211	1753	2043	1631	6638
11	Kalahandi (S)	1022	1634	2425	2036	7117
12	Keonjhar (WL)	231	360	360	360	1311
13	Keonjhar	739	975	1238	565	3517
14	Khariar	629	1071	1160	1052	3912
15	Koraput	998	1546	1701	1674	5919
16	Malkangiri	705	923	1150	873	3651
17	Nabarangpur	585	705	1153	900	3343
18	Phulbani	1309	1709	1704	1464	6186
19	Parlakhemundi	504	769	761	480	2514
20	Rayagada	775	1142	1587	2000	5504
21	Rairakhole	662	956	967	425	3010
22	Rourkela	1687	2123	2118	2118	8046
Total		16792	22842	27168	22588	89390



GB meeting at Gamhardi VSS, Redhakhol Division



E.C. Meeting at Goeljhumpa VSS , Bamra (WL) Division



E.C. Meeting Chataguda VSS under Dabugaon FMU, Nabarangpur Division



VSS EC Meeting at Palsapada VSS, Kalahandi South Division



G.B. meeting at Badabahal VSS, Bamra WL Division



GB Meeting at Tamanguda VSS, Bamra WL Division



Range level VSS forum meeting at Keonjhar Range,
Keonjhar Division



VSS meeting at Karalapasi VSS, Keonjhar Division



VSS GB meeting for Livelihood Planning at Suakati VSS,
Keonjhar WL Division



VSS Meeting at Hariharpur VSS under Kuarmunda FMU,
Rourkela Division

Chapter 3

Survey and Demarcation of the Treatment Area assigned to VSSs

Forests have been considered as the major source of living for the people in and around the forest areas by providing direct and indirect benefits to them. On the other hand, the quality and extent of this valuable resource is in the verge of depletion due to several factors. Hence protection and regeneration of natural forests have become a priority area in almost all the States. Hence, Ama Jangala Yojana lays emphasis on forest protection and capacity building of the community members on sustainable natural resource management. Under the Scheme, each VSS is assigned with a particular patch of forest area for protection and regeneration where Survey, Demarcation and Pillar Postings activities are carried out as preparatory works, following selection of VSS. These activities are undertaken in the areas assigned to each VSS to facilitate to the implementation of various forestry and SMC Measures. Each VSS is assigned with Treatment Area of about 50 hectares, where Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR), soil and moisture conservation measures and other forestry initiatives are undertaken. A comprehensive guideline for survey & demarcation of assigned area and treatment area has been developed at PMU level and circulated to the Divisions to undertake the assignments with the assistance of P-NGOs and the Executive Committee members

of the VSSs. The presence of the Member Secretary of concerned VSS during survey, demarcation and pillar posting is made mandatory under the Scheme guideline. A systematic approach has been followed in conducting the survey and demarcation work in which the GPS coordinates of one permanent structure in each identified VSS has been recorded and spotted on GIS map. Further, the GPS co-ordinates of Treatment Area are uploaded in GIS domain and the polygons so formed are verified. This helps in accurate and authentic mapping of the area by eliminating the possibilities of overlapping or duplicating of the Assigned Area. The Treatment Areas have been digitally surveyed and maps for each VSS has been prepared and provided to respective Forest Divisions.

The preparatory activities such as Survey and Demarcation of the Treatment Area for all 4601 VSS have been completed during the initial years of the implementation of AJY in the respective VSSs. As the project is now in phasing out stage, no such preparatory works have been taken up during the extension as well as the current financial year, 2023-24. The details of the Division wise Assigned Area where the maintenance activities are being carried out during the maintenance phase is given in the table No-3.1.

Table -3.1: Assigned Area (Division wise) during the Maintenance Phase (2022-23 to 2024-25)

Division wise Assigned Area during the Maintenance Phase		
S No	Division	Assigned Area (in ha)
1	Angul	5834.90
2	Balasore	1024.00
3	Balliguda	4000.00
4	Bamra WL	4316.14
5	Bargarh	4958.00
6	Bolangir	9784.50
7	Bonai	1036.00
8	Deogarh	3195.00
9	Jeypore	10287.00
10	Kalahandi (N)	9549.80
11	Kalahandi (S)	10450.00
12	Keonjhar	3336.03
13	Keonjhar WL	1500.00
14	Khariar	5979.00
15	Koraput	6640.00
16	Malkangiri	6106.00
17	Nabarangpur	9433.00
18	Paralakhemundi	3134.33
19	Phulbani	9452.00
20	Rairakhol	6106.20
21	Rayagada	7127.00
22	Rourkela	3667.98
	Total	1,26,916.88

Chapter 4

PRA and Micro-planning

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) is a process where the people in a community create an information base for their own community through participatory planning and involvement. Preparation of a holistic community development plan through PRA is made mandatory in all the VSSs under Ama Jangala Yojana. The PRA is followed by micro-planning in AJY project villages. Micro-planning is a community empowering process in which the community members prepare the village level, need based and realistic development plan for their own village. The social, environmental, economic and technical feasibility of the interventions are taken into consideration while preparing the village level micro-plan. The micro-plan documents are perceived to be a guiding document for the communities and facilitate in implementing the planned interventions for forest management and livelihood enhancement for a period of ten years. Both PRA and micro-planning are the primary interventions under AJY and are facilitated by the P-NGOs engaged under Ama Jangala Yojana.

All the villages under AJY have completed micro-planning and are having a comprehensive micro-plan document in their community. This would act as a guiding document for the communities for a period of 10 years. The micro-plans have been prepared with the active participation of the community members with the facilitation support by the partner NGOs and Project personnel engaged under AJY. Prior to

initiation of microplanning, the communities are sensitized regarding the entire process, steps, methods and tools used to capture information related to forest and community development. The micro plan at VSS level covers all the development opportunities for sustainable forest management and livelihood needs of the communities, which subsequently gets approval of the Gram Sabha before implementation.

4.1. Status of Microplan Preparation

Micro plans for all 4601 VSSs under AJY have been completed. All the micro-plans prepared in this process are being approved by the respective Gram Sabhas and under implementation in the project villages. The year wise status of microplan preparation is given in Table No- 4.1.

4.2. Review of Micro-plans

The micro-plan documents are meticulously reviewed by the PMU team for rectification of procedural and documentation errors if any, and are sent back to the DMUs for necessary modification. As the project entered into the phasing out period, no new VSS has been taken up for project intervention, and hence, no new micro-planning has been conducted. As the project is in the maintenance phase, it has been mandated to conduct some of the time bound maintenance activities and community development initiatives in the extended period following the micro-plan document.

Table-4.1: Year wise Micro-planning status

Sl. No.	Divisions	No of VSS completed, approved and implemented Micro-plan					Total
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
1	Bonai	99	14	0	0	20	133
2	Rourkela	91	20	20	20	30	181
3	Deogarh	86	20	20	20	23	169
4	Jeypore	85	20	20	20	70	215
5	Keonjhar	95	20	20	20	25	180
6	Paralakhemundi	120	20	20	20	20	200
7	Angul	56	20	20	20	8	124
8	Koraput	125	20	20	20	90	275
9	Balasore(wl)	20	20	0	15	2	57
10	Phulbani	140	20	20	40	82	302
11	Baliguda	100	20	20	20	40	200
12	Rayagada	140	20	20	20	90	290
13	Keonjhar(WL)	100	0	0	0	30	130
14	Satkosia(WL)*	31	0	0	0	0	31
15	Bamra(WL)	71	20	20	20	27	158
16	Bolangir	140	20	40	50	40	290
17	Khariar	140	20	40	40	25	265
18	Bargarh	80	20	20	20	11	151
19	Malkangiri	80	20	40	40	30	210
20	Kalahandi(S)	125	20	60	65	84	354
21	Kalahandi(N)	160	20	40	30	84	334
22	Nabarangpur	-	98	40	20	34	192
23	Redhakhhol	-	80	40	20	20	160
	Total	2084	552	540	540	885	4601

*No new micro-plan has been included during the FY: 2023-24 as the target of preparing micro-plans in all AJY VSSs has been achieved.

Chapter 5

Soil and Moisture Conservation Measures (SMC)

In order to maintain the plant growth and soil health, Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) measures are important sub-components of ANR operations. These interventions are carried out in the Treatment Areas to conserve the rain water, recharge ground water, restrict run-off, enhance percolation, retention of moisture across the forest floor and check soil erosion which promotes growth of forest vegetation. Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) measures

are also labour intensive activities that generate wage based employment for the forest fringe dwelling community members. Hence Soil & Moisture Conservation Measures (SMC) have been considered as the important activities in the degraded forest areas under AJY. Activities like Staggered Trenching, Loose Boulder Check Dams (LBKD), Brush wood Check Dams etc. have been taken up in the Treatment Areas.

Soil & Moisture Conservation Measures (Maintenance Activities)



LBKD restoration Work At Tegadapalli Vss Kalimela Range of Malkanagiri Division



Restoration of SMC measures at Barita VSS under Harishankar FMU of Bolangir Division



Renovation of staggered trench at Muribahal, Bolangir Division



Restoration of Staggered Trench at Ranipada VSS, Keonjhar WL Division

Chapter 6

Forest Restoration and Protection Initiatives: Maintenance of Assisted Natural Regeneration

During the maintenance period, emphasis has been given for protection and growth of the vegetations created during the implementation phase. Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) without gap plantation, ANR with gap plantation and Block Plantations are the major forestry interventions during the implementation phase of AJY. Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) with and without gap plantation are considered as major intervention to restore degraded forests with minimum investment and effort. Forest regeneration activities under AJY are carried out through three major components, i.e. ANR without Gap Plantation, ANR with Gap Plantation and Block Plantations. Up to the financial year 2019-20, ANR without Gap Plantations and Block Plantations were carried out in the Assigned Forest areas. However, ANR with Gap Plantation was taken up in 19,975 ha of Assigned Forest Areas under 18 Forest Divisions during the year 2020-21 only. During the maintenance phase (2023-24 to 2024-25), the annual maintenance is being scheduled in the regeneration sites.

During the current year, activities such as 3rd year maintenance operation of ANR with gap plantation (200 seedlings/ha) covering 19,925 ha of area & ANR without gap plantation covering 22,812 ha were carried out. Similarly 4th year

maintenance work in 27,000 ha of ANR without gap plantation was also carried out during 2023-24.

6.1 Progress of Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)

The time bound operations, such as thinning, high stump cuttings, climber cutting and regeneration cleaning was undertaken in the ANR sites of the treatment areas of the VSSs under AJY. For the effective implementation of ANR, relevant trainings have been provided to the Project Personnel and VSS members during the implementation phase. Further, the ANR activities have been complemented with a comprehensive calendar of operation for ANR Plantation module to guide the concerned stakeholders.

Table 6.1 below presents the progress of ANR with gap plantation and ANR without gap plantation during 2023-24. During the year, 3rd year operation of ANR with gap plantation covering 19,925 ha of forest area (in 445 VSSs belonging to 18 Forest Divisions) and ANR without gap plantation in 22,812 ha of forest area (in 515 VSSs belonging to 22 Divisions) was carried out. Similarly, ANR without gap in 27,000 ha (in 540 VSSs) have been undertaken as 4th year maintenance operation in 22 Divisions.

Table: 6.1: Status of ANR Operations (Maintenance during 2023-24)

SI No.	Name of Division	ANR with GAP (3rd Year Maintenance) Plantation		ANR without GAP (3rd Year Maintenance) Plantation		ANR without GAP (4th year Maintenance) Plantation	
		Target (in Ha.)	Achievement (in Ha.)	Target (in Ha.)	Achievement (in Ha.)	Target (in Ha.)	Achievement (in Ha.)
1	Angul	-	-	375	375	1000	1000
2	Balasore (WL)	-	-	50	50	750	750
3	Baliguda	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
4	Bamra (WL)	600	600	695	695	1000	1000
5	Bargarh	-	-	400	400	1000	1000
6	Bolangir	1000	1000	1000	1000	2500	2500
7	Bonai	-	-	682	682	-	-
8	Deogarh	550	550	550	550	1000	1000
9	Jeypore	1750	1750	1750	1750	1000	1000
10	Kalahandi (N)	2000	1950	2200	2200	1500	1500
11	Kalahandi (S)	2000	2000	2200	2200	3250	3250
12	Keonjhar	600	600	650	650	1000	1000
13	Keonjhar (WL)	700	700	800	800	-	-
14	Khariar	600	600	670	620	2000	2000
15	Koraput	2100	2100	2400	2400	1000	1000
16	Malkangiri	750	750	750	750	2000	2000
17	Nabarangpur	850	850	850	850	1000	1000
18	Paralakhemundi	500	500	500	500	1000	1000
19	Phulbani	1600	1600	1560	1560	2000	2000
20	Rairakhol	500	500	500	500	1000	1000
21	Rayagada	2200	2200	2545	2545	1000	1000
22	Rourkela	675	675	735	735	1000	1000
	Total	19975	19925	22862	22812	27000	27000

6.2. Progress of Block Plantation Activities

Block Plantations were raised over 1005 Ha of area under 12 Divisions During the year 2016-17 @ 1600/ha of indigenous species. The

plantations sites have been maintained up to the year 2020-21 till completion of the 4th year. The overall survival percentage Block Plantations is nearly 100% and the growth is highly satisfactory.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANR AND BLOCK PLANTATIONS



ANR with gap plantation at Gopinathpur VSS of Keonjhar Division



Maintenance work of ANR with Gap site at Sundra VSS, Keonjhar Division



ANR With Gap Planatation at Dupenkonda VSS) under Motu FMU of Malkanagiri Division



ANR operations at Barhamundi VSS of Jamankira FMU, Bamra (WL) Division



Weeding, Soil Working and Manuaring at Mudiguda VSS, Nabarangpur Division



ANR with Gap 3rd year maintenance at Kendemal VSS under Jamankira FMU, Bamra(WL) Division



3rd year maintenance work at Bhulkabahal VSS, Deogarh Division



3rd year maintenance work at Kandiguda VSS, Keonjhar Division



Cleaning work at Gopinathpur VSS, Keonjhar Division



Cleaning work at Kaliakata VSS, Angul Division



ANR with gap plantation at Handibhanga VSS of Keonjhar Division



ANR Plantation at Burudipada VSS, Bolangir Division



ANR Plantation site at Jaypur VSS, Baragarh Division



Weeding, manuring & soil working at Khuntabandh VSS , Reamal FMU of Deogarh Division



Weeding, manuring & soil working at Munipalpur VSS, Khamar Range of Deogarh Division

6.3. Forest Fire incidences and control mechanism under Ama Jangala Yojana

The alarming situation of rising temperature and prolong dry period during the present year has created a havoc in forest ecosystem. The repeated fire incidences have been observed due to various conducive factors. However, the community based approach in preparedness, inter-sectoral initiative for fire surveillance and engagement of quick action teams for fire fighting has made it possible to minimize the fire hazards in the Assigned Forest Areas under AJY VSSs. Almost all types of ground fire, surface fire and loss of property has been effectively managed by the proactive response of the AJY team members holistically. The GIS based fire surveillance, monitoring and alarming system adopted at the National level has helped a lot for early detection and control of forest fire incidences.

Protection of forests from fire incidences is one of the prime objectives of Ama Jangala Yojana. Forest fire incidences not only affect the forest resources and ecology, a number of houses belonging to forest fringe communities also reportedly get damaged due to fire menace as they live in close proximity of the forests. The forest fire management involves timely creation & maintenance of fire lines, awareness generation among local people and engagement of fire watchers in the forest areas assigned to each VSS. These activities are performed with the active involvement of VSS members and Forest Department staff. The awareness generation through meetings at community, School and

college level, organizing awareness rallies and street plays, inter-Departmental coordination meetings for forest fire prevention, engagement of fire watchers and women SHGs, and swift action by the fire response team by the projects under OFSDS has a greater impact on forest fire prevention and control in the Assigned Forest Areas. Need based deployment of ODRAF teams is also adopted in many Divisions where the fire incidences were high. This year, the women SHGs have been engaged in fire line creation and maintenance work, which have shown exemplary results and the fire control was made easier. In addition to this, the AJY team conducted a number of meetings at VSS and Inter-Departmental level which strengthened the surveillance that supplemented the eradication of forest fire incidences to a great extent. In spite of continuous long dry spell and excessively high summer temperature during the current year, the fire management activities could be handled by the efforts of the proactive VSS members and responsive Project team, due to which no major fire incidence has been noticed in AJY Project areas. During this year, the fire incidences could be handled by commendable contributions of the VSS members and Project team for which no major fire menace has been noticed in the project areas under AJY. Hence, a lot of resources have been saved by timely management of forest fire.

Apart from these, various innovative approaches and initiatives have been taken up for creating awareness among the general public, school and college students for forest protection and regeneration.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Fireline work at Bolangir Forest Division



Fire Line creation work at Sindhigaon ANR site, Jeypore Forest Division



Team prepared to protect Forest Fire at Chhitkeljore VSS, Bolangir Division



Oath taking to protect Forest Fire at Chhitkeljore VSS, Bolangir Division



Street play on Forest fire prevention awareness at Podakhol VSSs under Kalahandi South Forest Division



Street play on Forest fire prevention awareness at Adri VSSs under Kalahandi South Forest Division



Fire Line creation work at Mardanga VSS, Deogarh Forest Division



Women SHG members volunteering fire extinguishing at Kambinaju VSS, Phulbani Forest Division

PHOTOGRAPHS



Rakshya Bandhan for Forest Protection Awareness at Kanjiapal VSS, Keonjhar Wildlife Division



Forest fire extinguishing at Deodongri PRF of Nabarangpur Division



Fireline work at Sambruli VSS, Balliguda Division



Forest fire prevention awareness rally by the VSS members under Patna FMU of Keonjhar Division



Rakshya Bandhan for Forest Protection Awareness at Kanjiapal VSS, Keonjhar Wildlife Division



Awareness building among Students at Th. Rampur North Range of Kalahandi South Division



Oath taking to protect Forest Fire at Ulibasa VSS, Keonjhar Wildlife Division



Rakshya Bandhan for Forest Protection Awareness at Parsukuna VSS, Bolangir Division

Chapter 7

VSS Building cum IGA Facilitation Centre

There is provision of construction of multipurpose buildings in some selected villages under AJY. These buildings with RCC Roof are constructed over 427 Square feet plinth area with the provisions for an office room, a meeting place and a toilet. The VSS building-cum-Income Generation Activities (IGA) Facilitation Centres are multipurpose buildings constructed for the use of Vana Surakshya Samities through State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund. In many places, these are the only Pucca house in the village which serves many purposes for the village communities including processing of NTFP items, community meetings, keeping records, rituals and festive gatherings, carrying out income generation activities and safe storage places for various produces. Apart from these, the buildings are also used as temporary shelters during emergency situations like cyclone, flash floods and fire incidences. The roof top has access through staircase which is also used as a drying yard for NTFPs collected by the VSS members.

7.1 Construction of VSS Building cum IGA Facilitation Centre

There was a target for construction of 100 numbers of VSS buildings during the year 2023-24 from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund. However, the Government of Odisha has made a special provision for construction of VSS Buildings in about 3000 villages through the Department of Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Odisha. Some of the AJY villages were also proposed to be covered under the above provision. Hence, the construction of VSS Buildings in the proposed villages has been postponed due to the above reason.

The cumulative total VSS buildings completed as on March, 2024 is 612. Target vis-à-vis completion of VSS Building- cum- IGA Facilitation Centres taken up till FY: 2023-24 is given at table No-7.1.

Table No-7.1- Progress of Construction VSS Building cum IGA Facilitation Centre till FY: 2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of Division	No. of VSS Building Completed (Year wise)					
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 & 2021-22	2022-23	Total
1	Bonai	15	5	5	2	4	31
2	Deogarh	13	4	8	3	5	33
3	Jeypore	15	4	10	3	5	37
4	Keonjhar	15	5	12	3	7	42
5	Paralakhemundi	15	5	9	3	4	36
6	Rourkela	15	3	8	3	4	33
7	Angul	5	3	6	1	4	19
8	Balasore(wl)	5	0	4		2	11
9	Phulbani	15	6	8	3	6	38
10	Baliguda	15	5	7	3	5	35
11	Koraput	15	5	9	3	5	37
12	Rayagada	15	6	8	3	4	36
13	Satkosia(WL)	2	0	0		0	2
14	Bolangir	6	7	11	3	4	31
15	Kalahandi(N)	7	7	8	3	6	31
16	Khariar	6	7	9	2	4	28
17	Bargarh	4	3	6	2	4	19
18	Bamra(WL)	3	2	6	2	4	17
19	Keonjhar(WL)	5	0	2	3	5	15
20	Malkangiri	4	3	7	2	4	20
21	Kalahandi(S)	6	6	13	3	5	33
22	Nabarangpur		2	5	3	5	15
23	Rairakhol		2	4	3	4	13
	Grand Total	201	90	165	56	100	612

The VSS Buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centres are used for following purposes:

1. Conducting meetings related to village development
2. Monthly Executive Committee meeting of the VSS
3. Monthly meeting of the Women SHGs
4. Conducting Health and immunization centre when required
5. Conducting Meetings with Line Departments
6. Conducting Palli Sabha meetings
7. Conducting Village youth meetings
8. Conducting Village conflict resolution meetings
9. Storage/aggregation facility for SHG products & NTFPs
10. Conducting Skill Development Trainings
11. Keeping records pertaining to VSS & village
12. Temporary shelters during climatic exigencies and emergency situations like fire incidences, cyclone and flash flood etc.
13. Roof is used for drying, sorting/grading of NTFPs



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre at Kandili VSS, Rayagada Division



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre, Mathili FMU of Malkanagiri Division



Jagannathpur VSS Building, Jagannathpur VSS, Nabarangpur Division



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre at Dhepaguda VSS, Jeyepore Division



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre at Bhaludunguri, Bargarh Division



Inauguration of VSS Building at Sikaripalli, Bargarh Division



VSS Building Inauguration at Sukuda VSS of Rourkela Division



Members using the VSS Building for IGAs in Putupada VSS, Khariar Division



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre at Kuntaradaba VSS under Jarida FMU, Bonai Division



Bhalugadia VSS Building under Kuliposh FMU of Bonai Division

Chapter 8

Capacity Building Initiatives

Capacity Building of the stakeholders, such as VSS members, SHGs and Departmental staff for upgrading their skills, competencies and knowledge is one of the core objectives of AJY programme. Ama Jangala Yojana emphasizes need based capacity enhancement of various stakeholders such as VSSs, SHGs, Departmental staff and P-NGO functionaries. This helped in efficient and effective delivery of project initiatives and implementation of various income generation activities. Periodical capacity building programmes have been scheduled under project components of AJY for the Project stakeholders for smooth implementation of Project deliverables. In addition to this, skill based Capacity Building Programmes have been organized through convergence with other Line Departments for promotion of livelihoods among the VSS and SHG members. Capacity Building Initiatives under AJY mainly focused on four major aspects such as human resource development, institutional development, livelihood enhancement and micro-enterprise development. The capacity building processes and methods helped in a systematic acquisition of thematic knowledge, skills, attitudes and conceptual understanding of the issues & subjects under the project components and its field applicability. Enhancing the knowledge on forestry activities, livelihood interventions and community development activities are the major thrust areas under the capacity building component under the Project.

During the maintenance phase, the Capacity Building Programmes are mainly organized through convergence initiatives for promotion of livelihoods among the VSS and SHG members.

8.1.1 Preparation of Guidelines for Project Implementation

During the initial years of project implementation, 8 numbers of guidelines were framed and circulated as referral documents for the field level workers to develop clarity and maintaining uniformity in implementation of the Project activities. In addition, formats for conducting micro-planning, a calendar of operations has been prepared and circulated to the Divisions for smooth functioning of the Project. All the Project activities have been carried out following the guidelines.

The guidelines are:

- i. Guidelines for collaboration with P-NGOs and Reporting Formats for P-NGOs
- ii. Guidelines for Accounting Procedures under CAMPA
- iii. Guidelines for survey and demarcation of area to be assigned to VSS
- iv. Guidelines for preparation of micro-plan
- v. Guidelines for soil and moisture conservation measures

- vi. Guidelines for selection of sites for construction of VSS buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centres.
- vii. Guidelines for initiating Entry Point Activities (EPA) in AJY VSSs under MGNREGS.
- viii. Guidelines for formation and strengthening of SHGs and grounding of Income Generation Activities (IGAs) under AJY

8.1.2 Preparation of CBT Modules

Capacity Building Training (CBT) modules for implementation of the CBTs under project components have been prepared, approved and circulated among the DMUs to follow. This helped in maintaining uniformity in implementation of Capacity Building Training programmes under AJY. 12 numbers of comprehensive training modules have been prepared on the following themes and have been collated in a Capacity Building Compendium under AJY:

1. Community Mobilization
2. Institution Building
3. Formation of SHGs
4. Accounting Procedures for DMU & FMU
5. Accounting Procedure of VSS
6. PRA and Micro Plan Preparation
7. Micro Plan Implementation
8. SMC in Hill Slopes
9. Nursery Techniques
10. Block Plantations
11. Basic Accounting procedures and maintenance of primary books of accounts under AJY
12. Capacity building Compendium

8.1.3 Progress on Capacity Building

During the Project period, 9171 numbers of Capacity Building Training (CBT) programmes have been organized under project component and in convergence with Line Departments covering 2,75,117 persons of the project VSSs. However, during FY:2023-24 the Capacity Building Training (CBT) programmes have been organized through convergence with Line Departments for livelihood promotion, income generation and skill development.

The details of DMU wise Capacity Building Trainings held and number of persons trained during and up to 2023-24 is given in the table No. 8.1.

Table No. 8.1: Capacity Building Training Programmes undertaken and Beneficiaries covered from FY-2016-17 to 2023-24

Sl. No	Division Name	Total no. of VSS Covered	Total no. of SHGs Covered	No. of Persons Trained							Total
				2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
1	Angul	124	1280	2678	2678	2742	541	533	0	1650	10,822
2	Balasore WL	57	0	270	474	474	295	183	0	0	1,696
3	Balliguda	200	283	2132	2132	2132	520	473	0	1052	8,441
4	Bamra WL	158	956	2486	4023	4456	417	235	11	1178	12,806
5	Bargarh	151	827	2058	2058	2226	1280	210	0	1269	9,101
6	Bolangir	290	983	155	155	339	59	456	0	2641	3,805
7	Bonai	133	323	3981	4382	4439	0	264	177	1221	14,464
8	Deogarh	169	593	1274	1894	2199	405	230	888	1486	8,376
9	Jeypore	215	266	6416	6437	6437	339	600	776	1736	22,741
10	Kalahandi (N)	334	1314	5697	6374	8393	996	5004	0	1213	27,677
11	Kalahandi (S)	354	238	5893	5893	5923	470	1605	2470	2482	24,736
12	Keonjhar	180	1359	1006	1304	1496	463	260	0	2197	6,726
13	Keonjhar WL	130	386	3810	4907	4907	0	120	0	1891	15,635
14	Khariar	265	942	3122	5754	6861	1912	342	2911	1946	22,848
15	Koraput	275	532	2596	2596	2596	429	707	0	2365	11,289
16	Malkangiri	210	338	2761	2825	2825	490	280	0	1821	11,002
17	Nabarangpur	192	1320	0	0	141	207	240	0	2142	2,730
18	Paralakhemundi	200	314	843	843	1062	680	211	0	1080	4,719
19	Phulbani	302	743	4631	5048	5079	410	902	659	1864	18,593
20	Rairakhol	160	645	0	0	0	96	196	0	895	1,187
21	Rayagada	290	331	4851	5100	5975	1057	1127	0	1275	19,385
22	Rourkela	181	290	3295	3518	3518	650	669	701	1791	14,142
23	Satkosia WL	31	-	732	732	732	-	-	-	-	2,196
	Grand Total	4,601	14263	60687	69127	74952	11716	14847	8,593	35,195	2,75,117

* Total no of CBTs conducted up to FY: 2023-24 = 9171 Nos.

** No Capacity building Training was organized during the year 2023-24 due to maintenance period.



DMU level training to VSS members on use of machinaries at Bolangir Division



Mushroom Production Training at Gangamata SHG, Phulbani Division



Capacity Building Training Programme of farmers on hybrid pomegranate cultivation of Khariar Division



CBT on Vermi compost production at Maa Mangala SHG of Belpada VSS under Titilagarh FMU, Bolangir Division



Bio manure Preparation training to VSS members under Balangir Division



Jibvamrit (Bio manure) Preparation training to VSS members under Balangir Division



Skill and Capacity Building Training program on Kharif Onion production in Khariar Division



Exposure visit on Kharif Onion production at Khariar Division

Chapter 9

Livelihood Promotion through Inter-sectoral Convergence under AJY

Promotion of alternative livelihoods among forest fringe dwelling communities is one of the major objectives of Ama Jangala Yojana. However, there is no direct financial assistance from the project to promote livelihood activities in the project villages. It has been envisaged to facilitate livelihood promotion and income generation activities through convergence with Schemes of Line Departments. Hence, Inter-sectoral Convergence has been given importance by the project team for this purpose. Periodical handholding support has been extended by the project staff and P-NGO team in consultation with the concerned Departmental staff. Special emphasis has been given on livelihood promotion of the forest fringe dwelling population. Support for village infrastructure development and critical inputs have been made possible through this initiative with minimum or Nil project investment.

The success of the Inter-sectoral convergence in AJY is evident from the fact that, during year 2023-24, the project could implement schemes of more than 39 number of Departments amounting to Rs. 247.75 crores to benefit 4,89,166 beneficiaries. The communities covered under AJY have been linked with various socio-economic, welfare and income generation schemes under Line Departments. There is a remarkable impact on the livelihood scenario of these forest fringe dwelling communities over the last few years, which has been compiled in the figures and tables in a systematic manner.

Livelihood activities, skill development of rural youth, support to individuals/ groups for entrepreneurial activities, construction/ repair/ renovation of roads, water bodies and other community assets, drinking water supply, linkage to Govt. welfare schemes, construction of individual houses and MGNREGS based activities have been made possible through inter sectoral-convergence.

9.1 Convergence under AJY

Successful convergence could be made possible with Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fishery and Animal Resource Development, Panchayati Raj and ST & SC Development, Minority and Backward Class Welfare for enhancing the household income by diversifying the livelihood options of the forest fringe dwelling communities. The project has made exclusive effort for enterprise promotion through individuals, VSSs and women SHGs. The successful attempts initiated at various levels have been showcased in the photographs below.

The following Tables and Figures depict the Division wise funds mobilised under convergence initiatives and the number of persons benefitted from various schemes for the year 2023-24 & cumulative up to FY: 2023-24.

Table-9.1: Division wise list of SHGs involved in IGAs under Ama Jangala Yojana

Sl. No	Division	No. of SHGs	Major IGA interventions - According to coverage
1	Angul	1280	1. NTFP collection & trading, 2. Vegetable cultivation, 3. Millet Cultivation & trading, 4. Backyard poultry, 5. Leaf plate making, 6. Mushroom cultivation, 7. Paper plate making, 8. Goatary, 9. Herbal products-collection & marketing, 10. Pisciculture in community ponds and tanks, 11. Integrated fish-duck farming, 12. Handicraft preparation, 13. Snacks items preparation and sale, 14. Local food processing, 15. Maize cultivation, 16. Turmeric cultivation, 17. Spices processing and marketing, 18. Bamboo craft, 19. Cane crafts, 20. Clay pot making, 21. Terracotta products, 22. Rice processing, 23. Vermi-composting & Organic Manure Preparation, 24. Banana cultivation 25. Tailoring
2	Balasore WL	0	
3	Balliguda	283	
4	Bamra WL	956	
5	Bargarh	827	
6	Bolangir	983	
7	Bonai	323	
8	Deogarh	593	
9	Jeypore	266	
10	Kalahandi (N)	1314	
11	Kalahandi (S)	238	
12	Keonjhar	1359	
13	Keonjhar WL	386	
14	Khariar	942	
15	Koraput	532	
16	Malkangiri	338	
17	Nabarangpur	1320	
18	Paralakhemundi	314	
19	Phulbani	743	
20	Rairakhol	645	
21	Rayagada	331	
22	Rourkela	290	
Grand Total		14,263	

Table 9.2: Department wise Fund Mobilised and Persons Benefitted through Schematic Convergence under AJY (during 2023-24)

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Year 2023-24	
			No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund mobilised in Lakh Rupees
1	Agriculture, Horticulture (input subsidy and other support)	Agriculture & Framers Empowerment, Dept. of Horticulture	37515	1,819.22
2	Animal Husbandry & Fishery Development	Fisheris & ARD	13695	618.68
3	Construction of individual house (PMAY/Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana)	RD & Panchayati Raj & DW	6529	2,355.51
4	Small Construction Works (Misc. Community Assets, plantations, ANR/AR, SMC, pond digging/ renovation under MGNREGS)	Panchayati Raj, & DW, DoFE & CC	218851	7,099.09
5	Drinking water, Sanitation & Irrigation	RWS & S	71516	3,625.50
6	Electrification	Energy Dept.	2963	96.55
7	Health Camp	Dept. of Health & FW	1306	483.70
8	Exclusively Livelihood Promotion Activities	Panchayati Raj DW/ RD Dept.	4217	132.78
9	LPG (PMUY)	Dept. of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Gol	430	15.25
10	Mission Shakti- SHG related	WoCD/ Dept. of Mission Shakti	13816	2,379.96
11	Others misc. socio-economic entitlements (pensions, job cards/ration card etc)	PR & DW Dept, Welfare Dept	9402	202.25
12	Construction of village roads, culvert/bridge, canal etc.	RD, Panchayati Raj Dept.	57087	3,100.63
13	Skill Development (RSETTI, DDU-GKY, PMKVY)	Banks, CSR, Dept. of Skill Development	5859	491.30
14	Other Misc. Welfare Schemes- (Scholarships, BOCLWB benefits and others)	Welfare Department	41	28.00
15	Toilet Construction under SBM	RWS&S	18522	772.89

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Year 2023-24	
			No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund mobilised in Lakh Rupees
16	Agriculture, Horticulture Support Animal Husbandry Support Distribution of Mosquito nets/ Solar equipments/Blanket/ Chulla/Phenyl/mask/Ration Livelihood Promotion Activities (ITDA)	SC & ST Development Dept	8578	418.99
17	Construction Work of community Assets (Ponds) Drinking water (EPI) SMC	Soil Conservation & watershed Dept	3613	293.09
18	Irrigation Facility	Irrigation Dept	357	464.20
19	Culvert, Village Road	MP/MLA LAD	4335	57.30
20	Skill Development	Mass Education Dept	342	36.85
21	Skill Development	MSME Dept	8	1.35
22	PMJJBY, PMSBY	Ministry of Finance	54	30.46
23	SUKANYA samriddhi yojana	Indian Post	252	19.27
24	Food Security	FS & CW Dept	6683	73.03
25	Skill Development	Labour & Employment	491	41.68
26	Social welfare	SSEPD	333	10.43
27	Village Road	District Mineral Foundation	1742	83.00
28	Agriculture Support	Cooperation Dept	257	1.00
29	Community Asset	Corporate	370	23.48
30	livelihood	Department of Sericulture	2	0.03
		Total	4,89,166	24,775

Table 9.3: Department wise Fund Mobilised and Persons Benefitted through Schematic Convergence under AJY (Cumulative up to FY: 2023-24)

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Total	
			No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund Mobilized (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Agriculture, Horticulture input subsidy and KALIA	Agriculture & Framers Empowerment, Horticulture	376677	7160.73
2	Animal Husbandry & Fishery Development	Fisheris & ARD	125684	1402.35
3	Construction of individual house (PMAY/Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana)	RD & Panchayati Raj	24103	12851.50
4	Small Construction Works (Misc. Community Assets, plantations, ANR/ AR, SMC, pond digging/renovation under MGNREGS)	Panchayati Raj, DoFE & CC	689660	18552.29
5	Distribution of Mosquito nets/Solar equipments/Blanket/Chulla/Phenyle/ Mask	Misc	159535	780.19
6	Drinking water, Sanitation & Irrigation	RWS&S	491279	17426.43
7	Electrification	Energy	27635	507.59
8	Financial Inclusion	WoCD/ Dept. of Mission Shakti	31446	665.48
9	Health Camp	Dept. of Health & FW	51668	683.88
10	Exclusively Livelihood Promotion Activities	Panchayati Raj / RD	62204	2085.66
11	LPG (PMUY)	Dept. of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Gol	100012	1523.09
12	Mission Shakti- SHG related	WoCD / Dept. of Mission Shakti	47916	4372.43
13	Others misc. socio-economic entitlements (pensions, job cards/ ration card etc)	PR & DW Dept, Welfare Dept	38395	1053.28
14	Construction of village roads, culvert/ bridge, canal etc.	RD, Panchayati Raj Dept.	376438	14454.60
15	Skill Development (RSETTI, DDU-GKY, PMKVY)	Banks, CSR, Dept. of Skill Development	18397	932.39
16	Other Misc. Welfare Schemes- (Scholarships, BOCLWB benefits and others)	Welfare Department	30180	237.77
17	Toilet Construction under SBM	RWS&S	223534	8526.82
18	Others-MGNREGS	Panchayati Raj	157919	763.37

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Total	
			No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund Mobilized (Rs. in Lakh)
19	Agriculture, Horticulture Support Animal Husbandry Support Distribution of Mosquito nets/Solar equipments/Blanket/Chulla/Phenyl/mask/Ration Livelihood Promotion Activities (ITDA)	SC & ST Development Dept	13077	650.18
20	Construction Work of community Assets (Ponds) Drinking water (EPI) SMC	Soil Conservation & Watershed Dept	6298	443.56
21	Irrigation Facility	Irrigation Dept	555	520.92
22	Drinking water Support	Science & Technology Dept	206	0.72
23	Approach road	Urban Development Dept	300	4.92
24	Culvert, Village Road	MP/MLA LAD	4718	66.72
25	Distribution of Mosquito nets/Solar equipments/Blanket/Chulla/Phenyl/mask/Ration	Revenue & Disaster Management Dept	11	0.22
26	Skill Development	Mass Education Dept	374	37.85
27	Skill Development	MSME Dept	57	11.35
28	PMJJBY, PMSBY	Ministry of Finance	744	198.62
29	Skill Development	Directorate of Employment	98	0.00
30	SUKANYA Aamriddhi Yojana	Indian Post	298	21.34
31	Food Security	FS & CW Dept	6707	73.17
32	Skill Development	Labour & Employment	2168	43.02
33	Social welfare	SSEPD	348	10.50
34	Sports Programme	Sports & Youth Service	36	0.27
35	Village Road	District Mineral Foundation	3168	136.75
36	Agriculture Support	Cooperation Dept	267	1.50
37	Community Asset	Corporate	434	26.03
38	Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers	Livelihood Promotion	10	0.00
39	Social Welfare	Department of Culture	30	0.36
40	Livelihood	Department of Sericulture	314	17.09
41	Community Asset	Western Odisha Development Council	43	3.00
42	Ministry of Electronics & IT	Social Welfare	33	0.03
Total			30,72,976	96,248

Table 9.4-Division wise fund mobilized through Convergence under AJY (During 2023-24)

Sl. No	Name of the Divisions	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefitted
1	Angul	812.12	21358
2	Balasore WL	982.20	28416
3	Baliguda	563.33	3653
4	Bamra WL	377.04	3575
5	Bargarh	1176.95	38570
6	Bolangir	2318.06	25747
7	Bonai	803.31	9357
8	Deogarh	804.22	29933
9	Jeypore	536.54	9747
10	Kalahandi(N)	3657.95	75934
11	Kalahandi(S)	1655.24	26400
13	Keonjhar	452.01	17876
12	Keonjhar WL	452.64	17986
14	Khariar	691.01	8750
15	Koraput	4761.58	50589
16	Malkangiri	451.64	6858
17	Nabarangpur	898.85	27233
18	Parlakhemundi	439.37	6497
19	Phulbani	889.64	21446
20	Rairakhol	471.49	2357
21	Rayagada	742.02	38893
22	Rourkela	838.25	17991
23	Satkosia W/L		
	Grand Total	24775	489166

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Sl. No	Year	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		Total	
		Amount mobilised	No of persons benefitted	Amount mobilised	No of persons benefitted	Amount mobilised	No of persons benefitted	Amount mobilised	No of persons benefitted	Amount mobilised	No of persons benefitted	Amount mobilised	No of persons benefitted	Amount mobilised	No of persons benefitted	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefitted
1	Angul	174.97	25361	329.65	18473	853.85	4915	6249.53	215919	2712.67	170785	1441.36	59084	812.12	21358	12574.16	515895
2	Balasore WL	2.01	3928	4.02	820	20.55	5902	6.00	2	33.13	6026	144.98	14939	982.20	28416	1192.89	60033
3	Baliguda	318.30	3232	616.31	1610	757.87	28619	480.77	4076	148.27	1587	349.43	3617	563.33	3653	3234.28	46394
4	Bamra WL	346.27	17536	672.24	8753	524.22	12099	142.43	2424	229.44	2710	307.16	2508	377.04	3575	2598.81	49605
5	Bargarh	323.10	13252	625.90	6359	625.89	12599	2.07	1110	253.92	18673	942.24	46092	1176.95	38570	3950.07	136655
6	Bolangir	173.78	26344	327.27	12452	694.14	34466	492.35	7005	402.48	18916	812.74	34359	2318.06	25747	5220.82	159289
7	Bonai	411.47	32661	802.64	17770	48.39	2334	93.13	1311	798.62	5566	411.39	12445	803.31	9357	3368.96	81444
8	Deogarh	460.01	8325	899.72	2513	807.67	38402	698.64	40105	1038.25	47274	587.39	21343	804.22	29933	5295.90	187895
9	Jepore	6.07	923	12.15	1106	0.02	1328	37.06	2672	210.00	12536	427.35	7349	536.54	9747	1229.19	35661
10	Kalahandi(N)	102.34	1246	184.38	1387	190.41	13293	109.41	17198	980.63	23958	3170.92	54926	3657.95	75934	8396.03	187942
11	Kalahandi(S)	173.55	1825	326.81	1050	39.29	534	218.97	391948	203.54	10430	1056.49	19842	1655.24	26400	3673.90	452029
13	Keonjhar	1202.67	5836	2385.03	17060	42.13	3245	538.57	22057	356.88	9115	312.59	10148	452.01	17876	5289.88	85337
12	Keonjhar WL	1303.08	18366	2585.86	34032	16.84	1121	46.96	8575	331.25	11740	387.82	16298	452.64	17986	5124.44	108118
14	Khariar	68.88	2886	117.47	1400	2,600.86	41566	25.21	8146	543.57	20739	699.05	24103	691.01	8750	4746.04	107590
15	Koraput	406.18	1055	792.07	1250	117.46	15958	1241.36	49757	1532.51	103066	2676.62	91400	4761.58	50589	11527.80	313075
16	Malkangiri	12.78	252	5.27	1101	1,095.82	12577	373.78	11098	291.40	11801	250.55	7440	451.64	6858	2481.25	51127
17	Nabarangpur	80.74	7520	141.18	2109	54.89	558	64.73	2523	488.60	11623	434.01	11059	898.85	27233	2162.99	62625
18	Parlakhemundi	51.28	8324	82.26	2500	10	716	148.84	7460	162.70	4468	452.67	10713	439.37	6497	1347.12	40678
19	Phulbani	233.75	3981	447.20	1240	27.29	1581	518.06	8563	903.52	43015	791.01	31008	889.64	21446	3810.46	110834
20	Rairakhol	71.00	3321	121.70	1450	529.33	19561	558.65	25941	509.99	11476	430.84	8834	471.49	2357	2693.00	72940
21	Rayagada	165.79	1168	311.28	1250	161.55	2355	405.45	17632	438.49	23359	717.20	44185	742.02	38893	2941.77	128842
22	Rourkela	145.99	6359	271.68	3980	224	5640	289.24	6176	445.34	12826	424.00	8368	838.25	17991	2638.49	61340
23	Satkosia W/L	225.49	2976	430.69	13085	93.55	1567									749.74	17628
Grand Total		6,459.5	1,96,677	12492.8	1,52,750	9,536	2,60,936	12741	851698	13015	581689	17228	540060	24775	489166	96248	3072976

Fig-9.1: Department wise Beneficiary Covered under Livelihood Improvement & Community Development Initiatives through convergence during 2023-24

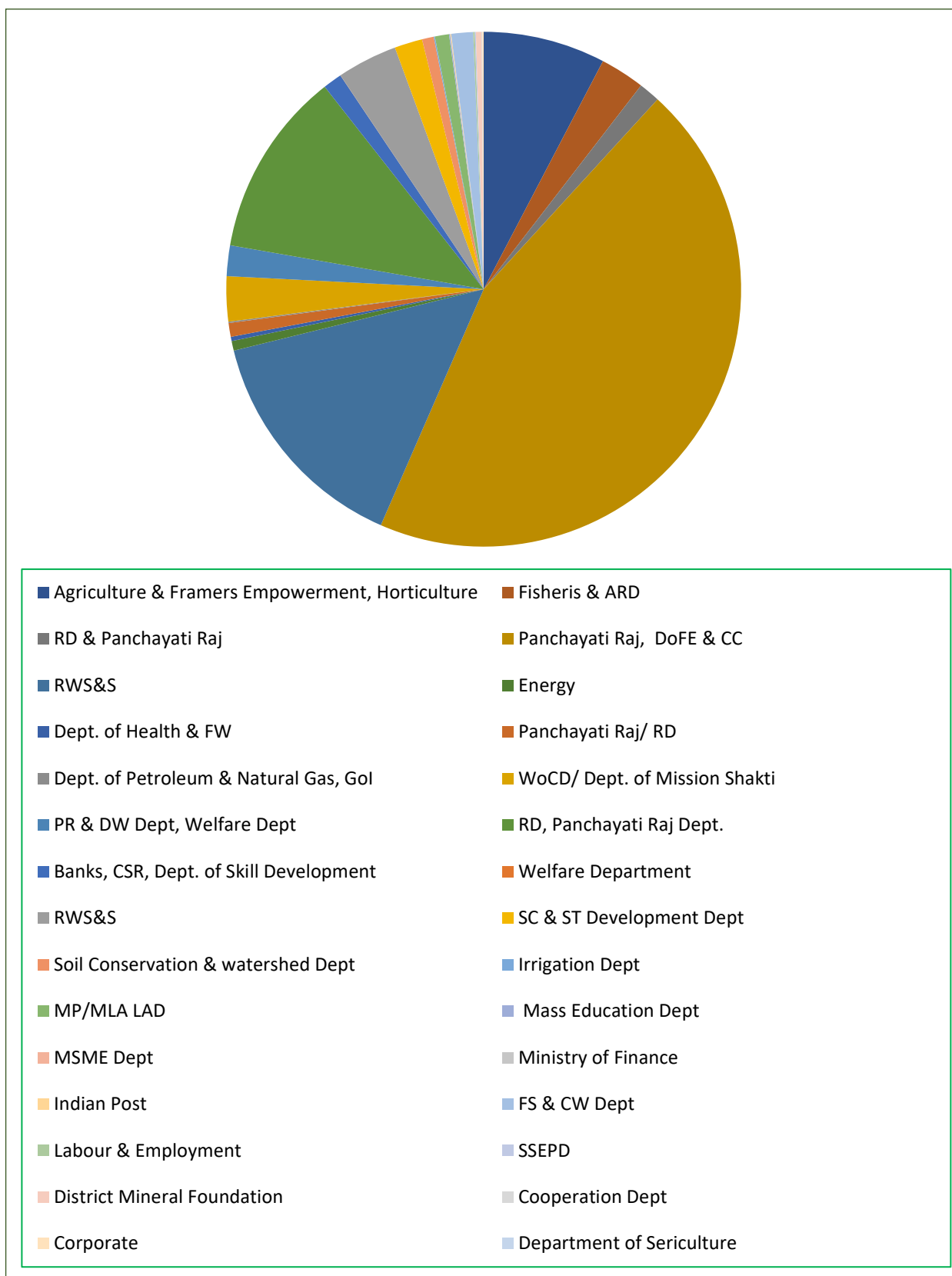


Fig-9.2: Division wise Funds Mobilized under Livelihood Improvement & Community Development Initiatives through Convergence during 2023-24

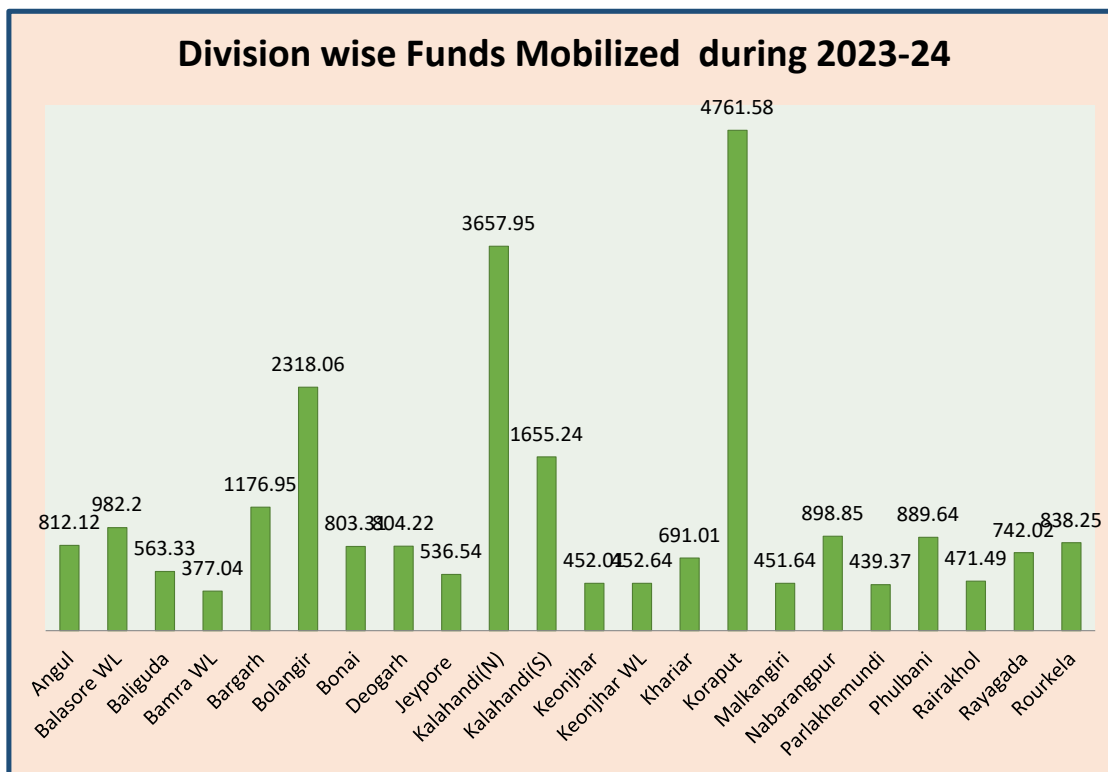
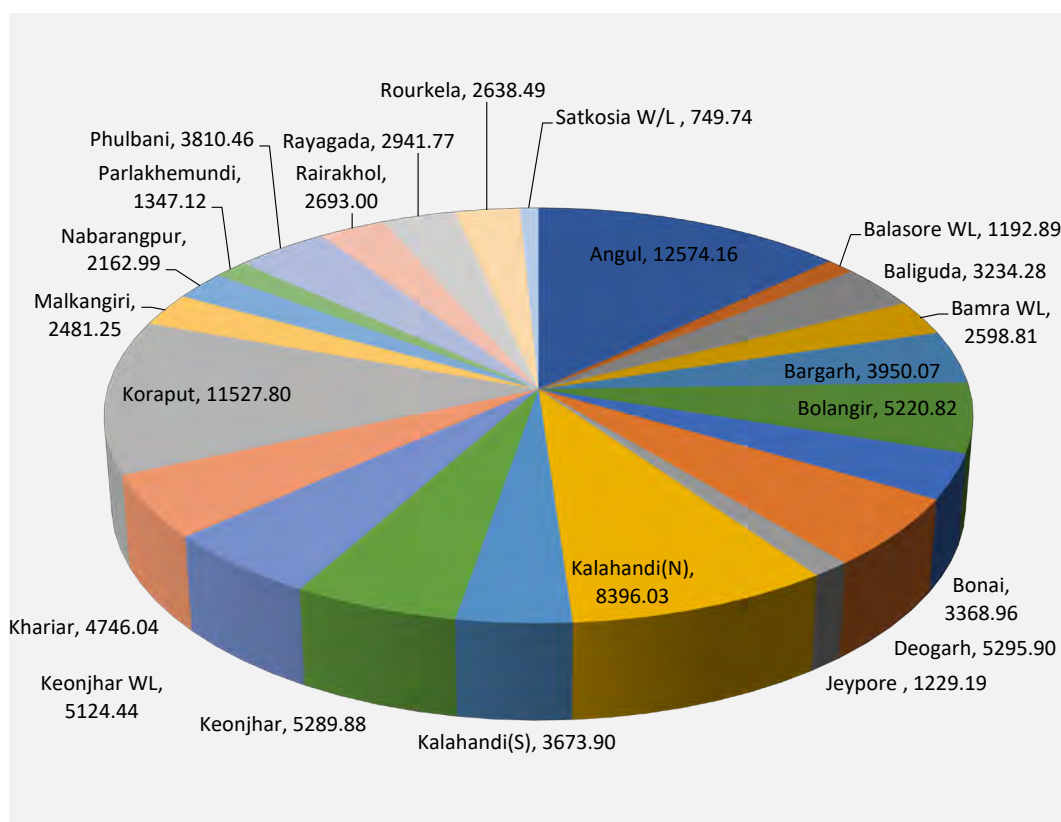


Fig-9.3: Cumulative Division wise Convergence (Funds Mobilized in Lakh Rupees) for Livelihood Improvement & Community Development Initiatives up to FY: 2023-24



Photographs of Livelihood Promotion and Convergence Activities through AJY



Pisciculture by SHG members under Ratanguda VSS , Nabarangpur Division through convergence initiative



Brinjal Cultivation through Convergence at Hayerpur VSS, Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur



Onion Cultivation by Bishnu Bhoi of Kameimunda VSS Supported by Horticulture Dept. of Bolangir Division



Poultry farm at Negipali and Kaseipali VSS with the support of Veterinary Department, Bolangir Division



Poultry Farming by Maa Bamaleswari VSS of Dangaripara VSS of Nabarangpur Division



Potato Cultivation by SHG Members under Khalasuni FMU of Bamra (WL) Division



Pisciculture by LaidagunaVSS of Bamra(WL) Division



Goatary Support to the members of Tavakud VSS, Keonjhar Wildlife Division



Cattle Immunization Camp at Tikira VSS, Anandapur FMU, Keonjhar Wildlife Division.



Installation of Rice mill in convergence with ITDA, Bonai at Bhulikucha VSS under Tamra FMU, Bonai Division



Mushroom production by the members of Laidaguna VSS, Bamra WL Division



Mushroom production by the members of Bharuamunda VSS, Khariar Division



Exposure visit to Khariar Division on Kharif Onion cultivation by the VSS members



Chilli Cultivation at Pudiakhaman VSS, Bamra WL Division



Pigeon pea cultivation at Karlakhaman VSS, Bamra WL Division



Brinjal cultivation at Godihudi VSS, Keonjhar Division



Sale of Vermi-compost by VSS members at Aharpasi VSS, Keonjhar Division



Goat Farming Support to Jamuguda VSS members, Koraput Forest Division



Goat Farming Support to Sanjal VSS members, Bonai Forest Division



VSS member under Bolangir Forest Division supply leaf plate to Harishankar Eco-tourism site for make it plastic free



Vermi-compost selling by Sinapala VSS members under Titilagarh FMU, Bolangir Division



leaf plate selling by Sinapala VSS members under Titilagarh FMU, Bolangir Division



Support to handicraft beneficiaries through convergence, Sanjal VSS under Kuliposh FMU, Bonai Division

Chapter 10

Monitoring of AJY Programme

In Ama Jangala Yojana, both conventional and technology based monitoring system are adopted. The physical progress of the deliverables is monitored through field visits, using Geographic Information System (GIS) and Management Information System (MIS). The financial progress is monitored through a centralized monitoring system. Progress monitoring is a regular process under AJY, whereas project evaluation is mandatory at outcomes and impact levels. The physical monitoring is conducted through field visits and review meetings at various levels. Monthly VSS meetings are being conducted at the VSS level on regular basis. Periodical State Level Review meetings have been conducted to monitor and assess the progress and for taking corrective measures.

10.1 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

A well-functioning monitoring & evaluation system equipped with qualified man power and technology has been established at the AJY Cell of PMU. The physical and financial monitoring of the progress of implementation of the activities under the scheme is carried out at FMU, DMU and PMU levels on monthly, quarterly and annual basis. At PMU level, the physical and financial monitoring of the progress of implementation of the activities is executed by the AJY Cell of OFSDS on monthly basis through collection of monthly progress reports and convergence report, and preparing consolidated sheets. The physical and financial achievements of FMU are consolidated on monthly basis in consultation with the concerned

FMU Chief, using the prescribed formats. A brief report of the PNGO activities is also prepared by the concerned PNGO team on monthly basis and submitted to the FMU Chief for review and comments as well as onward transmission of the same to the DMU Chief. The DMU Chief prepares the DMU level monthly progress report in the prescribed formats showing both physical and financial achievements by consolidating the monthly reports received from FMUs and submits the same to the concerned RCCFs and to the PCCF (Projects) and Project Director, OFSDP. The AJY Cell of PMU of OFSDS prepares monthly progress report by consolidating reports received from the DMUs and submits to the Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha and Principal CCF & HoFF, Odisha.

The physical and financial progresses are also monitored by the concerned RCCFs and the senior officers of PMU of OFSDS, through field inspections, periodical review meetings.

The Governing Body (GB) at the state level takes policy decisions pertaining to Annual Action Plan & Budget, overall supervision of project activities. The High Power Committee (HPC) of OFSDS at the state level takes major policy decisions pertaining to Annual Work Plan & Budget and overall monitoring of project activities.

The financial monitoring of implementation of the scheme follows the procedures stipulated for implementation and execution of State CAMPA and the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) Schemes as the major funding comes from these

sources. Separate accounts are maintained at the Range and Divisional levels for handling the funds received under the Heads - State CAMPA and the State Plan (Programme Expenditure). The expenditure is accordingly reflected in the accounts against corresponding Budget Head.

The PMU of OFSDS has developed reporting formats for the P-NGOs and DMUs in MIS domain. The collected data is captured, verified and uploaded in MIS on monthly basis and the progress is monitored accordingly.

10.1.1 Web based Monitoring

In addition to traditional monitoring system, web-based GIS and MIS which forms the overall Monitoring & Evaluation system of OFSDS is extensively used. The web-based GIS-MIS monitoring system available at OFSDS headquarters is fully equipped with adequate IT infrastructure such as servers, work stations, high speed networking systems, database and software systems to facilitate with valuable information for monitoring.

10.1.2 Monitoring Project Interventions through Geographic Information System (GIS)

- A Geomatic Centre for GIS and MIS activity is functional in PMU under OFSDS.
- A group of experts and technicians are engaged for in-house development, implementation and maintenance of both GIS and MIS based applications.
- Use of open source software for developing the web based platform has helped in unrestricted access at all levels and expansion of the facilities.
- Expansion of GIS facilities to the DMUs with specialist support is provided.
- Monitoring of all activities is being done through regulation of MIS & GIS Systems.

10.1.3 Geomatic Centre at PMU

- The project has customized web based GIS and MIS applications to suit the requirement. Activities like forest cover classification are done using satellite imagery. Similarly, data captured at field level are super imposed to monitor changes and impacts.
- Intervention such as VSS buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centre, Drainage Line Treatment, plantations, pillar postings in VSS treatment area are also monitored through GIS systems.

10.1.4 Web based GIS

- Web based GIS is a web portal developed to facilitate layered map and data visualization using a web browser.
- The portal has facilities for viewing multiple map layers together and super imposed over various background raster layers like satellite imagery, forest cover data, land use and land cover layers etc.

10.1.5 Verification of VSS information in the GIS cell

- GPS data (Latitudes and Longitudes) of the proposed, assigned and treatment area of VSSs are uploaded using Web-GIS.
- Uploaded data is verified for the following aspects:
 - Whether the treatment area is less than or equal to ($\leq$) assigned area.
 - Treatment/Assigned area of one VSS does not overlap with another VSS (each VSS has assigned with a unique ID).
 - Whether the treatment area is within the assigned area.
 - For each state code there should be only one corresponding VSS.

- After verification of GPS coordinates of permanent structures, state codes are generated for each VSS and intimated to the concerned Divisions for record.
- After survey and demarcation, the GPS coordinates of assigned and treatment areas of each VSS are uploaded in the Web-GIS portal by the concerned Divisions.
- These geo-coordinates are verified in the GIS cell and rectified for any error following which maps of VSS are prepared and provided to the concerned divisions.

10.2 Management Information System (MIS)

The web-based MIS (Management Information System) available at OFSDS headquarter in the Geomatics Cell is part of the overall M&E system of the AJY Scheme. The MIS consists of systematic data entry and dissemination of information among various stakeholders of the Scheme. This is done as per the scope of the user. Looking at various aspects of the need, the Geomatics Cell has developed the Web-based in-house MIS application. The MIS application is designed to facilitate on-site data assimilation from the remote operational units such as FMUs and DMUs. This also facilitates up-to-date and real-time information on the physical as well as financial progress/status of the implementation of the Scheme. This helps in making right decision by the Project Authority. The MIS application has the following functional components.

10.2.1 Data Input Interface

The MIS modules has Data Input Interface which provides easy-to-use data formats with easy data retrieval and input facility for all project activities/ components covered under the AJY. The data input interface facilitates capturing of component

wise progress of data. A brief description of the features of the data input interface are as follows:

- **Easier Data Entry:** The data interface has been designed very simplistically for easier understanding.
- **Data Validation:** The data input fields are embedded with the data validation routines to restrict input of incorrect data into the system.

10.2.2 Reports

The MIS application includes reporting facilities at all the operational levels. However, the content and nature of the report are dependent upon the operational level as well as the operational scope of the concerned system user. The Reports are broadly divided into:

- Monthly Reports,
- Scope based Reports and
- Query based Reports.

Besides, the above categories of the reports, PMU generate additional text based as well as graphical reports based upon the data analysis results.

10.2.3 Application/ Data Security

The developed in-house MIS application is secure and to access information at any operational level to all components of the MIS application is restricted through user-id and password. All users of the system have a user account grouped under either FMU Operational level or DMU operational level or PMU operational level. Each of such user account is provided with unique combination of user-id and strong password. The user has to log in to the system by using the designated user-id and password to be able to access the application component. Once successfully logged-in, the system user is provided with application features pertaining to their specific operational level.

Chapter 11

Financial Management

The initial outlay of the Ama Jangala Yojana Scheme was Rs. 1170.02 Crores from State Plan (Programme Expenditure), State CAMPA, MGNREGS and NRLM for the period from 2016-17 to 2021-22. However, the major source of funds for AJY Scheme was received from Government of Odisha through State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and State CAMPA. Apart from this, an outlay of Rs.45.70 Crores has been provisioned from the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and Rs. 75.77 Crores from State CAMPA for the maintenance phase (2022-23 to 2024-25). Out of the total outlay, Rs. 511.34 Crores have been received from State CAMPA & Rs. 135.60 Crores from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) till completion of the FY 2023-24.

The CAMPA fund has been utilized for Community Mobilization, Capacity Building of the stakeholders, Survey and demarcation, SMC Measures, Micro-plan Preparation and Forest Restoration Activities (ANR activities and Block Plantations) whereas the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund has been utilized for the Entry Point Activities, Construction of VSS Buildings-cum-IGA Facilitation Centers and Managerial Expenses such as support to P-NGOs, engagement of Support Staff and Office Contingency etc.

11.1 Budget Outlay and Funds Received

The tables 11.1 & 11.2 represent the year wise Budget Outlay and Funds Received from State CAMPA and State Plan (Programme Expenditure) up to FY, 2023-24.

Table-11.1: Financial year wise funds received from State CAMPA

Financial Year	Fund Received (in Lakh Rs.)
2015-16	1,862.37
2016-17	1,120.00
2017-18	8,898.93
2018-19	9,474.96
2019-20	7,292.80
2020-21	6,624.69
2021-22	9,657.11
2022-23	3,829.54
2023-24	2,375.01
Total	51,134.72

Table-11.2: Financial year wise funds received from State Plan (Programme Expenditure)

Financial Year	Fund Received (Rs in Lakhs)
2011-12	1000.00
2013-14	10.00
2014-15	110.00
2016-17	1000.00
2017-18	1000.00
2018-19	2500.00
2019-20	1500.00
2020-21	1500.00
2021-22	1500.00
2022-23	1815.00
2023-24	1625.00
Total	13,560.00

11.2 Expenditure

The State CAMPA fund has been utilised for the following interventions of the AJY Scheme.

- Community mobilization and institution building,
- JFM site selection,
- Survey and demarcation of VSS assigned area and mapping,
- Micro Plan preparation,
- Support to capacity building training of VSS, SHG members and Department staff,
- Forest restoration under JFM and soil and moisture conservation,
- ANR with and without gap plantation,
- Block Plantation and its maintenance.

Similarly, the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund is utilised for the managerial interventions of the Scheme such as remuneration of P-NGO teams, remuneration of Animator, managerial expenditure at FMU and DMU levels, remuneration of support staff, construction of VSS office-cum meeting place, and PMU level expenditures.

Table 11.3 presents about component wise and DMU wise fund released from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) during the year 2023-24 for the AJY Divisions.

Table no. 11.4 indicates about the physical achievements Component wise / DMU wise in AJY Divisions during 2023-24 and Table no. 11.5 presents the component and DMU wise Financial Progress under State CAMPA APO during 2023-24.

Table 11.3: Component Wise and DMU wise Funds Released from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) during FY 2023-24 under AJY (Rupees in Lakh)

Sl. No.	DMU	RCCF/DMU/ FMU Support Staff	Mobility Cost To DMU	Travel Cost to Forest Personnel	Office Cost & Contingency	Animator Remuneration	PNGO Charges	VSS Building	Herbal Fair	CBT Meeting	Adivasi Mela	Total
1	Bonai	10.05	0.40	0.40	0.50	2.40	6.72	10.30	0.16	0	0.20	31.13
2	Deogarh	16.73	0.40	0.40	0.50	5.16	15.12	12.87				51.18
3	Jeypore	18.86	0.40	0.40	0.50	10.80	28.56	12.87			0.20	72.60
4	Keonjhar	18.93	0.20	0.30	0.80	5.40	16.26	18.02	0.20		0.20	60.31
5	Paralakhemundi	16.27	0.40	0.40	0.50	4.80	14.13	10.30				46.80
6	Rourkela	18.74	0.40	0.40	0.50	5.88	15.57	10.30	0.16			51.95
7	Angul	17.73	0.40	0.40	0.50	3.36	0.00	10.30	0.31			33.01
8	Balasore(wl)	10.22	0.40	0.40	0.50	2.04	1.68	5.15				20.39
9	Phulbani	18.92	0.40	0.40	0.50	14.64	34.68	15.45	0.20	1.80		86.99
10	Baliguda	18.77	0.40	0.40	0.50	7.20	25.44	12.87	0.36		0.20	66.15
11	Koraput	21.15	0.40	0.40	0.50	13.20	35.28	12.87	0.20			84.00
12	Rayagada	21.10	0.40	0.40	0.50	13.20	37.32	10.30				83.22
13	Bolangir	29.80	0.40	0.40	0.50	10.80	28.56	10.30	0.16			80.92
14	Kalahandi(N)	16.75	0.40	0.40	0.50	13.68	30.45	15.45				77.63
15	Khariar	16.68	0.40	0.40	0.50	7.80	17.46	10.30				53.54
16	Bargarh	14.37	0.40	0.40	0.50	3.72	9.57	10.30				39.26
17	Bamra(WL)	14.45	0.40	0.40	0.50	5.64	19.86	10.30				51.55
18	Keonjhar(WL)	12.36	0.40	0.40	0.50	3.60	8.40	12.87				38.54
19	Malkangiri	16.75	0.50	0.00	0.80	8.40	24.51	10.30	0.20		0.20	61.66
20	Kalahandi(S)	18.77	0.40	0.40	0.50	17.88	36.75	12.87			0.20	87.78
21	Rairakhol	18.43	0.40	0.40	0.50	4.80	13.44	12.87				50.85
22	Nabarangpur	18.91	0.40	0.40	0.50	6.48	15.12	10.30	0.20		0.20	52.51
GRAND TOTAL		384.82	8.70	8.30	11.60	170.88	434.88	257.50	2.16	1.80	1.40	128.20

Table-11.4: Physical Target & Achievement under Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) during 2023-24 under State CAMPA APO

Sl No.	Name of Division	ANR with GAP (3rd yr)		ANR without GAP (3rd yr)		ANR without GAP (4th yr)	
		Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)	Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)	Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)
1	Angul	-	-	375	375	1000	1000
2	Balasore (WL)	-	-	50	50	750	750
3	Baliguda	1000	1,000	1000	1000	1000	1000
4	Bamra (WL)	600	600	695	695	1000	1000
5	Bargarh	-	-	400	400	1000	1000
6	Bolangir	1000	1,000	1000	1000	2500	2500
7	Bonai	-	-	682	682	0	0
8	Deogarh	550	550	550	550	1000	1000
9	Jeyapore	1750	1,750	1750	1750	1000	1000
10	Kalahandi (N)	2000	1,950	2200	2200	1500	1500
11	Kalahandi (S)	2000	2,000	2200	2200	3250	3250
12	Keonjhar	600	600	650	650	1000	1000
13	Keonjhar (WL)	700	700	800	800	0	0
14	Khariar	600	600	670	620	2000	2000
15	Koraput	2100	2,100	2400	2400	1000	1000
16	Malkangiri	750	750	750	750	2000	2000
17	Nabarangpur	850	850	850	850	1000	1000
18	Paralakhemundi	500	500	500	500	1000	1000
19	Phulbani	1600	1,600	1560	1560	2000	2000
20	Rairakhol	500	500	500	500	1000	1000
21	Rayagada	2200	2,200	2545	2545	1000	1000
22	Rourkela	675	675	735	735	1000	1000
	Total	19975	19925	22862	22,812	27000	27000

**Table-11.5: Division wise Financial Progress under State CAMPA APO during 2023-24:
(Figures Rupees in Lakh)**

Sl No.	Name of Division	Total Release	Expenditure			Total Expenditure
			ANR With Gap -3rd year	ANR Without Gap -3rd year	ANR Without Gap- 4 year)	
1	Angul	21,69,000	-	10,91,000	10,78,000	21,69,000
2	Balasore(wl)	9,54,000	-	1,45,000	8,09,000	9,54,000
3	Baliguda	1,10,78,000	70,92,000	29,08,000	10,78,000	1,10,78,000
4	Bamra (WL)	73,54,000	42,55,200	20,21,060	10,77,740	73,54,000
5	Bargarh	22,41,000	-	11,63,000	10,78,000	22,41,000
6	Bolangir	1,26,95,000	70,92,000	29,08,000	26,95,000	1,26,95,000
7	Bonai	19,83,000	-	19,83,000	-	19,83,000
8	Deogarh	65,78,000	39,00,600	15,99,400	10,78,000	65,78,000
9	Jeypore	1,85,78,000	1,24,11,000	50,89,000	10,78,000	1,85,78,000
10	Kalahandi (N)	2,21,99,000	1,41,84,000	63,98,000	16,17,000	2,21,99,000
11	Kalahandi (S)	2,40,85,000	1,41,84,000	63,97,500	35,03,500	2,40,85,000
12	Keonjhar	72,23,000	43,70,677	18,32,963	10,19,360	72,23,000
13	Keonjhar (WL)	72,91,000	49,64,400	23,26,600	-	72,91,000
14	Khariar	83,60,000	42,55,200	18,02,960	21,56,000	82,14,160
15	Koraput	2,29,50,000	1,48,93,200	69,79,200	10,77,600	2,29,50,000
16	Malkangiri	96,56,000	53,19,000	21,81,000	21,56,000	96,56,000
17	Nabarangpur	95,78,000	58,23,550	26,76,450	10,78,000	95,78,000
18	Paralakhemundi	60,78,000	35,46,000	14,54,000	10,78,000	60,78,000
19	Phulbani	1,80,40,000	1,13,47,200	45,36,800	21,56,000	1,80,40,000
20	Rairakhol	60,78,000	35,46,000	14,54,000	10,78,000	60,78,000
21	Rayagada	2,40,81,000	1,56,02,400	74,00,600	10,78,000	2,40,81,000
22	Rourkela	82,52,000	47,87,100	21,36,900	10,78,000	80,02,000
	Total	23,75,01,000	14,15,73,527	6,64,84,433	2,90,47,200	23,71,05,160

Table-11.6: Year Wise Funds Allocation during the Maintenance Phase (2022-23 to 2024-25)

Source of Funds	Allocation (in Lakh Rupees)			Total (in Lakh Rupees)
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
State Plan (Programme Expenditure)	1815.00	1624.80	1130.46	4570.26
State CAMPA	3930.00	2375.00	1742.95	8047.95
Total	5745.00	3999.80	2873.41	12618.21

Chapter 12

State Level Activities

12.1: Participation of OFSDS in 16th Kalinga Herbal Fair

OFSDS participated in the '16th State Level Kalinga Herbal Fair' during December, 2023 organized by the State Medicinal Plants Board, Government of Odisha. This was a unique event for showcasing and selling of traditional herbal and other products by various stakeholders. Apart from this, there were technical sessions throughout

the entire days of exhibition. The event provided a platform for publicity and sale of a wide range of traditional forest and other products by our VSSs and SHGs. The VSSs, EDCs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) from AJY Project areas used this platform to promote their products, brands and identity through public display. On this occasion, OFSDS was awarded the 1st prize for best stall under Govt. category, which was quite inspiring for all stakeholders of AJY.



Inauguration of OFSDS Stall in the 16th Kalinga Herbal Fair



Participation of OFSDS in 16th Kalinga Herbal Fair



OFSDS receiving the best stall prize in Govt. Category from honourable guests



Inside view of the OFSDS Stall in 16th Kalinga Herbal Fair

12.2: Participation of OFSDS in Adivasi Mela, 2024

The State Level Annual Tribal Fair, popularly known as “Adivasi Mela” is being organized by the ST & SC Development, Minority and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Odisha and is a unique event for socio-cultural integration among tribal and urban people in Odisha. This is one of the oldest and colorful festivals of Odisha which showcases the art, culture, tradition, crafts and economic exchange among rural, especially tribal and urban people.

OFSDS participated in the Adivasi Mela-2024 organized from 26th January to 4th March, 2024. The VSSs, EDCs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) from OFSDS project area showcased their achievements and used this platform to promote their products. The unique product based display of the materials attracted many researchers and marketing agencies which may be helpful for our stakeholders for marketing in future.

In addition to this, 7 numbers of AJY VSSs have participated in the Adivasi Mela, 2024 and they sold their forest and non-forest products worth of Rs. 5.2 lakhs.



Participation of OFSDS in Adivasi Mela, 2024. The OFSDS stall being Inaugurated by Shri Yosobanta Beriha, OFS (STS), Dy. Project Director, OFSDS



Overview of products display in OFSDS Stall and sale in progress

Chapter 13

Action Plan of AJY for the year 2024-25

During the year 2023-24, Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) is being implemented in 22 Territorial and Wildlife Divisions of the state through Vana Suraksya Samitis (VSSs). During this year ANR (with gap plantation) was carried out in 18 AJY Divisions, in addition to usual ANR (without gap plantation) activities in 22 Divisions. About 39,95,000 seedlings of indigenous species have been planted in 445 ANR sites. During the coming

financial year (2024-25), only the maintenance activities of ANR sites have been planned under AJY Scheme. The Division wise proposal for maintenance work of old plantations under AJY for the year 2024-25 is given in Table No-13.1 and proposal of managerial expenses of AJY under State Budget Plans (Programme Expenditure) is given in Table No.13.2.

Table No-13.1: Division Wise Allotment (Proposal) For Maintenance Of Old Plantations Under AJY During 2024-25

SI No.	Name of Divisions	ANR With Gap Plantation (4th year Maintenance)		ANR without Gap Plantation (4th Year Maintenance)		Total Funds Required (In Rupees)
		(Rs. 7087.5/- per Ha.)		(Rs. 1450/- per Ha.)		
		Physical (unit/ Hactre/VSS)	Financial (In Rupees)	Physical (unit/ Hactre/VSS)	Financial (In Rupees)	
1	Bonai	-	-	682	9,88,900	9,88,900
2	Deogarh	550	38,98,125	550	7,97,500	46,95,625
3	Jeypore	1750	1,24,03,125	1750	25,37,500	1,49,40,625
4	Keonjhar	600	42,52,500	650	9,42,500	51,95,000
5	Paralakhemundi	500	35,43,750	500	7,25,000	42,68,750
6	Rourkela	675	47,84,063	735	10,65,750	58,49,813
7	Angul	-	-	375	5,43,750	5,43,750
8	Balasore(wl)	-	-	50	72,500	72,500
9	Phulbani	1600	1,13,40,000	1560	22,62,000	1,36,02,000
10	Baliguda	1000	70,87,500	1000	14,50,000	85,37,500
11	Koraput	2100	1,48,83,750	2400	34,80,000	1,83,63,750
12	Rayagada	2200	1,55,92,500	2545	36,90,250	1,92,82,750
13	Bolangir	1000	70,87,500	1000	14,50,000	85,37,500
14	Kalahandi (N)	1950	1,38,20,625	2200	31,90,000	1,70,10,625
15	Khariar	600	42,52,500	620	8,99,000	51,51,500

16	Bargarh	-	-	400	5,80,000	5,80,000
17	Bamra (WL)	600	42,52,500	695	10,07,750	52,60,250
18	Keonjhar (WL)	700	49,61,250	800	11,60,000	61,21,250
19	Malkangiri	750	53,15,625	750	10,87,500	64,03,125
20	Kalahandi (S)	2000	1,41,75,000	2200	31,90,000	1,73,65,000
21	Nabarangpur	850	60,24,375	850	12,32,500	72,56,875
22	Rairakhol	500	35,43,750	500	7,25,000	42,68,750
	Total	19925	14,12,18,438	22812	3,30,77,400	17,42,95,838

Table No-13.2: Proposal for Programme Expenditure under AJY During 2024-25

Sl. No.	Activity	Unit	Unit Cost (In Rs.)	No. of VSS/ Units	Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Remarks
A	Construction of VSS cum IGA Facility Center @ Rs. 5.15 Lakhs		515000	50	257.50	
B	Support Activities					
1	P-NGO Support (for 4Yrs) @ Rs. 6.72 Lakhs Per Annum Per Team	LS	672000	44	295.68	Wage Component
2	Divisional Support Team (AJY Coordinator) @ Rs. 30,000/- per month for 12 months	LS	360000	22	79.20	Wage Component
3	DEO (Accounts) Salary @ Rs. 19,500/- per month for 12 months	LS	234000	22	51.48	Wage Component
4	DEO Salary (12 Months) @ Rs. 16,500/- per month for 12 months	LS	198000	122	241.92	Wage Component
5	Engagement of Animators @01 Animator per VSS (Fixed Remuneration of Rs. 1000/- p.m.)	VSS	12000	885	106.20	Wage Component
Total					774.48	
C	Managerial Expenses					
1	Mobility Cost	LS	40000	22	8.80	
2	Travel Allowance	LS	40000	22	8.80	
3	Operational Cost in PMU	LS	4488000	1	44.88	
4	Office Cost Including Contingency (DMU/FMU)	DMU/ FMU	50000	22	11.00	
Total					73.48	
D	Mid Term Evaluation	LS		1	25.00	
Total					25.00	
Grand Total (A+B+C+D)					1,130.46	

Chapter 14

Executive Team of Ama Jangala Yojana during the Year 2023-24

The AJY programme team comprised of the following personnel at the State PMU, Circles and Divisional Management Units:

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Chapter 15

Support Services to Divisional Management Units

Ama Jangla Yojana (AJY) has been implemented in 23 Territorial and Wildlife Divisions under 16 Districts of Odisha involving 2,30,523 ha of Assigned Forest Areas under 4,601 VSSs from 2016-17 to 2022-23. About 14,263 numbers of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) from the above VSSs are being facilitated by the project for Income Generation Activities (IGAs) to supplement the household income. Community mobilization with emphasis on livelihood support is one of the major focuses of this program. Hence, engagement of partner NGOs, Divisional Support Teams and Animators has been provisioned in the scheme for smooth and effective implementation of the Scheme.

15.1 Engagement of Partner NGOs

AJY collaborates with local Non-Government Organizations called Partner NGOs for coordinating with the VSSs and SHGs, building their capacity and to facilitate implementation of various activities. The P-NGOs also play a major role in implementing income generation activities and livelihood promotion initiatives under AJY. The P-NGOs supplement the works of the Department by facilitating the VSS and SHGs in implementation of livelihood programmes for the rural community. Keeping in view, the active participation of the local communities in Sustainable Forest Management as well as improvement of the socio economic status of the forest fringe villages, AJY has joined hands with the P-NGOs to ensure smooth & effective achievement of its objectives.

During the year 2023-24, fifteen (15) Partner NGOs (P-NGOs) have been engaged for community mobilization and livelihood promotion activities.

15.1.1 Role of P-NGOs

The roles of P-NGO teams, as envisaged in the partnership guideline are as follows:

- Formation/reconstitution of VSSs to bring under the fold of AJY.
- Facilitate PRA and preparation of Micro-plans of target VSSs
- Identification/selection of SHGs and assisting SHGs in preparing business plans for IGAs and micro-enterprise development.
- Sensitization of local communities and their capacity building
- Organizing training programs for VSS members and SHGs
- Arrangement of loan linkage/ grant support for SHGs with available financial institutions through convergence
- Facilitating SHGs/ Product Clusters in processing, packaging and marketing their products.

- Facilitating convergence with line departments for various development activities in the villages
- Any other works ancillary and necessary in execution of micro- plans.

15.1.2 Services of P-NGOs as Support Organization

During the year 2023-24, 11 P-NGOs have been engaged as support organisation in 22 AJY Divisions for smooth implementation of the Scheme. The P-NGO team consisting of one Team Leader and two Development Officers (DOs) have been deployed for every 20 VSSs at Range level. During the year 2023-24, 88 P-NGO teams and 6 Development Officers have been engaged in AJY Divisions.

Table 15.1 Division wise Details of P-NGO Teams & Development Officers (DO) engaged during 2023-24

P-NGO Team Engaged AJY Funding through State Plan			
Sl No.	Name of the Division	No. of Teams & DOs Engaged	Name of the P-NGO
1	Bonai	1	SGUP
2	Deogarh	3	YAVARD
3	Jeypore	5	GVS
4	Paralakhemundi	3	LIPICA
5	Rourkela	3+1 DO	SGUP
6	Keonjhar	3	PRAKALP
7	Balasore (WL)	1 DO	RDC
8	Baliguda	4	BSS
9	Koraput	6	IAEET
10	Rayagada	6	IAEET
11	Phulbani	7	PAHAD
12	Bolangir	6	Seva Samiti
13	Khariar	5	IAEET
14	Bargarh	2+1DO	GVS
15	Keonjhar (WL)	1+1 DO	PRAKALP
16	Malkangiri	5+1 DO	SHRUSTI
17	Kalahandi (S)	10	SRADHA
18	Kalahandi (N)	7	GVS
19	Bamra (WL)	3	SIDI
20	Nabarangpur	4+1 DO	GVS
21	Rairakhol	4	SIDI
	Total	88+6 DO	

15.2 Engagement of Animators in AJY VSSs

Animators are engaged in AJY VSSs in order to facilitate community mobilization, establishing contact with the VSS and also to assist in record

keeping. Local educated youths from the village community have been selected and engaged on the basis of payment of Honorarium as VSS level Animator. As on 31st March, 2024, total 1,964 numbers of Animators have been engaged in AJY VSSs.

Table 15.2: Division wise Animators Engaged for last 3 Years up to March 2024

Statement of Animator Engaged under AJY						
Sl No.	Name of the Division	No of VSS (18-19)	No of VSS (19-20)	No of VSS (20-21)	Total No. of VSS during maintenance period	No of Animators engaged
1	Bonai	0	0	20	20	20
2	Deogarh	20	20	23	63	63
3	Jeypore	20	20	70	110	110
4	Paralakhemundi	20	20	20	60	60
5	Rourkela	20	20	30	70	70
6	Keonjhar	20	20	25	65	65
7	Angul	20	20	8	48	48
8	Balasore (WL)	0	15	2	17	17
9	Baliguda	20	20	40	80	80
10	Koraput	20	20	90	130	130
11	Rayagada	20	19	90	129	129
12	Phulbani	20	40	82	142	142
13	Bolangir	40	50	40	130	130
14	Khariar	40	40	25	105	105
15	Bargarh	20	20	11	51	51
16	Malkangiri	40	40	30	110	110
17	Kalahandi (S)	60	65	84	209	209
18	Kalahandi (N)	40	30	84	154	154
19	Bamra (WL)	20	20	27	67	67
20	Keonjhar (WL)	0	0	30	30	30
21	Nabarangpur	40	20	34	94	94
22	Rairakhol	40	20	20	80	80
	Grand Total	540	539	885	1964	1964

15.3 Provision of Divisional Support Team to DMUs

Divisional Support Team has been provisioned under AJY in order to manage the data and information that has been generated during the implementation of the Scheme at the Division and Range levels. At the Division level, one AJY Co-ordinator-cum-Accounts Assistant

and a Data Entry Operator (Accounts) have been engaged. Similarly, at the Range level, a Data Entry Operator has been provided for collection and compilation of data from the field. Further, each Regional Circle Office has been supported with a Data Entry Operator. All these services have been outsourced through Local service providers. A total of 437 personnel are engaged at various levels during 2023-24 (excluding Animators).

Table 15.3: Details of the Support Team engaged during 2023-24

SI No	Name of DMU	No of FMU	No of AJY Co-ordinators	No of DEO Acct.	No of DEO (DMU/FMU/Circle)	Total DMU/FMU/CircleStaff	P-NGO Team Leader	P-NGO Development Officers	Total Support Staff
1	Bonai	2	1	1	2	4	1	2	7
2	Deogarh	5	1	1	5	7	3	6	16
3	Jeypore	6	1	1	6	8	5	10	23
4	Keonjhar	6	1	1	6	8	3	6	17
5	Paralakhemundi	5	1	1	5	7	3	6	16
6	Rourkela	6	1	1	6	8	3	7	18
7	Angul	5	0	1	7	8	0	0	8
8	Balasore (WL)	2	1	1	2	4	0	1	5
9	Phulbani	6	1	1	6	8	7	14	29
10	Baliguda	6	1	1	6	8	4	8	20
11	Koraput	6	1	1	7	9	6	12	27
12	Rayagada	7	1	1	7	9	6	12	27
13	Bolangir	11	1	1	11	13	6	12	31
14	Kalahandi (N)	5	1	1	5	7	7	14	28
15	Khariar	5	1	1	5	7	5	10	22
16	Bargarh	4	1	1	4	6	2	5	13
17	Bamra (WL)	4	1	1	4	6	3	6	15
18	Keonjhar (WL)	3	1	1	3	5	1	3	9
19	Malkangiri	5	1	1	5	7	5	11	23
20	Kalahandi (S)	6	1	1	6	8	10	20	38
21	Nabarangpur	6	1	1	6	8	4	9	21
22	Rairakhol	6	1	1	6	8	4	8	20
23	PMU								4
	Total	117	21	22	120	163	88	182	437



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FOREWORD

Protection and regeneration of Forests have been considered as the priority area in the present scenario of Climate Change and Global warming. It should be the responsibility of every citizen to increase the green cover in and around their habitat. The Government, with all its efforts, has put utmost emphasis for restoration of degraded forests and creation of new forests to overcome these alarming issues. Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) is one more step in this direction and is a unique programme under the Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha. AJY aims to promote sustainable forest management and create alternative livelihood opportunities among the forest fringe dwelling communities so that the pressure on forest resources for their day to day requirements is minimized, and thereby, forest resources are protected.

Ama Jangala Yojana is being implemented in the State in Joint Forest Management mode with emphasis on protection and restoration of Forests, and livelihood support for the communities living in the forest fringe villages. The Scheme is under implementation since 2016-17 and is now being implemented in 22 Forest and Wildlife Divisions of the State through Vana Surakshya Samities (VSSs). At present, the Scheme has completed its 8th year of implementation in which 4,601 VSSs and 14,263 Women Self Help Groups have been mobilized to implement the programme. In addition to this, partner NGOs are also engaged for carrying out community development and livelihood promotion activities.

After 8th year of implementation, it has been observed that the impact of Ama Jangala Yojana in protecting the forests and promoting the livelihoods of the forest fringe dwelling communities is noteworthy. During the implementation period, about 2,30,523 ha of assigned forest areas have been protected and regenerated through various operations under the Scheme. It is quite inspiring that, no major fire outbreak has been recorded in the AJY assigned forest areas in spite of long prevailing dry spells and alarming forest fire incidences throughout the State. Under livelihood promotion initiative, about 30.72 lakh persons have been benefitted through various convergence programmes under AJY till the financial year 2023-24. A number of Capacity Building Training programmes have also been conducted at various levels to enhance the skills and competencies of the Project stakeholders. The Annual Report 2023-24 of Ama Jangala Yojana contains the detailed information about the progress under various components of the Scheme. This would serve as a reference document on progress and achievements made under the Scheme.

All the VSS members, Divisional Forest Officers, field staff, support personnel and PNGO teams have been associated with implementation of AJY Scheme and it is for their hard work that substantial progress has been made during the year 2023-24. The effort put by AJY Cell at PMU for monitoring the programme as well as for the publication of this report is also praiseworthy.

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PREFACE

Ama Jangala Yojana has completed its 8th year of implementation covering about 4.2 lakh households under 22 Forest Divisions of Odisha. Forest centric holistic development of the forest fringe dwelling communities through people's participation has been the core focus of Ama Jangala Yojana. The Scheme emphasizes on protection of existing forest area and restoration of degraded forests which also includes livelihood promotion of the forest fringe dwelling communities and capacity building of the community members on various aspects of natural resource management. About 4.2 lakh Households of the State covering 14,263 women SHGs and 4601 villages have been directly benefitted through the Scheme. After 8 years of implementation, the results are encouraging with a larger outreach and great impact on the holistic development of the community. AJY is one among the few projects that reaches out to the remotest and inaccessible pockets (beyond the last miles) of the State.

Protection of forests from fire incidences has been a special drive during the present year in addition to the routine project activities. As a result, in spite of the prolong dry period and alarming heat wave, there has hardly been any case of forest fire in the assigned forest areas under AJY.

The livelihood promotion initiatives have resulted in a great impact on the household income of the forest fringe dwelling communities. Although the project has a limited financial support for livelihood promotion, these activities have been carried out by leveraging funds from other Line Departments through convergence. Though it was a daunting task, AJY team could mobilize Rs. 962.48 crore for the community development and livelihood promotion of the forest fringe dwelling communities from 39 Line Departments, CSR and NGOs. This was made possible due to strong commitment of the team members.

It is my privilege to share that many of milestones of the AJY have been achieved during the implementation and extension period. The Annual Activity Report, 2023-24 contains detail information on the activities and events accomplished under AJY during the year. I wish to place on record its substantial progress with the sincere and committed efforts of all PMU, DMU and FMU Officials; the P-NGO teams, support and cooperation of VSS members who are working with great dedication.

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Summary of the Project Achievements:

Project Synopsis

Ama Jangala Yojana is being implemented in the State through Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society with an emphasis on protection and restoration of Forests and livelihood support for the communities living in the forest fringe villages. The Scheme is under implementation since 2016-17 and is now being implemented in 22 Forest and Wildlife Divisions of the State through Vana Surakshya Samitis (VSSs). The Scheme has completed its 8th year of implementation in which 4,601 VSSs and 14,263 Women Self Help Groups have been mobilized to implement the programme. In addition to this, 15 partner NGOs are working together under AJY for carrying out community development and livelihood promotion activities. Forest centric holistic development of the forest fringe dwelling communities through peoples' participation has been the core focus of Ama Jangala Yojana. The Scheme emphasizes on forest protection, community mobilization, capacity building of the community members on various aspects of natural resource management and livelihood promotion initiatives.

Presently the Scheme is being implemented covering 16 districts with an assigned area of 2,30,523 ha under 4601 VSSs. About 4.2 lakh households and 14,263 women SHGs of the State under 4601 villages have been directly benefitted through the Scheme. All the activities are being carried out with active participation of community-based institutions called Vana Suraksha Samities (VSSs) operating under Joint Forest Management (JFM) mode. The State CAMPA & State Plan (Programme Expenditure) are the major sources of funding for Ama Jangala Yojana. The Scheme has completed its implementation phase in the year 2022. However, the Government of Odisha has extended the tenure for another 3 years, i.e. from 2022-23 to 2024-25 for completion of the maintenance phase.

Ama Jangala Yojana has completed the 2nd year of its extension period covering about 4.2 lakh households under 22 Forest Divisions of Odisha. As mandated in the project, participatory village level micro-plans have been prepared in all 4601 villages under the project. In addition to this, 14,263 numbers of women Self Help Groups are linked to various Income Generation Activities (IGAs) through Inter-Sectoral Convergence (ISC) with the assistance of Line Departments. By the end of financial year 2023-24, the plantation under Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)-without gap has been carried out in 2,09,543 ha of forest area and plantation ANR-with gap has been carried out in 19,975 ha of forest area in AJY project area. Apart from these, 1005 ha of forest land in 12 Forest Divisions have been covered under Block Plantations. In addition, forest protection activities like survey, demarcation, pillar postings, soil and moisture conservation measures and fire protection activities have been carried out in the assigned areas of all 4601 VSSs. Soil & Moisture Conservation activities such as Loose Boulder Check Dams (LBCD) and staggered trenches have been created in the assigned areas under the project. The fire incidents in the assigned forest areas under AJY could be managed with the help of proactive response of the VSS members and the project team.

Apart from this, Capacity Building Training (CBT) programmes and skill based CBTs, particularly in support of income generation & livelihood promotion were also conducted through convergence, benefiting 14,263 women SHGs within the project area.

There is provision for the construction of multipurpose VSS buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centre in the villages under AJY. Under this component, 612 numbers of VSS buildings have been completed and handed over to the communities during last 8 years in AJY project area for their use.

Many activities pertaining to community infrastructure development and livelihood improvement for the benefit of the local communities have been carried out, either through project funds or convergence with the Schemes of other Line Departments. In order to facilitate the implementation of such activities, 15 Partner NGOs have been engaged to support community mobilization and livelihood promotion activities under the Scheme. During the project period, the AJY teams were able

to mobilize Rs. 962.48 Crores through convergence of different schemes of Line Departments, benefitting about 30.72 lakh persons of the project area. Out of the total outlay, Rs. 511.34 Crores have been received from State CAMPA & Rs. 135.60 Crores from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) till completion of the FY 2023-24 for forestry and support activities. The achievements of AJY during the FY 2023-24 is as follows:

Synopsis of Achievements during FY: 2023-24

Activities	Target to be Covered during 2023-24	Achievements
The List of Divisions under AJY	Bonai, Deogarh, Jeypore, Keonjhar, Keonjhar (WL), Parlakhemundi, Rourkela, Angul, Balasore (WL), Phulbani, Koraput, Rayagada, Balliguda, Bamra (WL), Bargarh, Bolangir, Khariar, Kalahandi(S), Kalahandi (N), Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Redhakhol	Completely achieved
No of VSS Covered	1424	1424
ANR Operations (Without Gap plantation)- 2nd year Operations	22 Divisions, 516 VSS, 22,887 Ha	22 Divisions, 516 VSS, 22,862 Ha
3rd and 4th year Maintenance of ANR Without Gap plantation	22 Divisions, 1079 VSS, 52,950 Ha	22 Divisions, 1079 VSS, 52,950 Ha
ANR (With Gap plantation)-2nd Year	18 Divisions, 446 VSS, 20,000 Ha	18 Divisions, 446 VSS, 19,975 Ha
Engagement of Animators	1964 Persons	1964 Persons
Livelihood Promotion through Convergence during 2023-24	Total persons benefitted- 4.89 Lakh, Total amount mobilized through convergence of Schemes of Line Departments - Rs. 247.75 Crores	
Cumulative Livelihood Promotion through Convergence up to March, 2023-24	Total persons benefitted- 30.72 Lakh, Total amount mobilized through convergence of Schemes of Line Departments- Rs. 962.48 Crores	
Ama Jangala Yojana has completed the 2nd year of its extension period. It has been mandated to carry out the maintenance activities for ANR with & without gap plantations and livelihood promotion in the AJY project villages till the end of the financial year 2024-25.		