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From Project Director's Desk

Micro Planning at village level is one of major activity to determine various activities envisaged to be taken up in a project village during implementation of OFSDP-II.

In this issue of the quarterly newsletter Banayana, there is a special feature on Micro Plan which can be referred by the project functionaries while undertaking micro-planning at VSS level. Additionally, many field level information on components have been covered. Several meetings have been conducted with line departments at VSS, Block and District level by different DMUs, FMUs for smooth coordination of convergence programmes in the last quarter, which are reported in this issue.

Since, OFSDP-II emphasizes on capacity building of the community on different project activities, the report on organization of training programmes for the VSS members, SHG members and other stakeholders on Micro Plan preparation, Income Generation Activities and Livelihood Programmes, received from the DMUs are covered in this quarterly newsletter.

There are also several reports of convergence programmes and special success stories from DMUs which are highlighted in this issue of Banayana to underscore the importance of coordination with other line departments for achieving the success of convergence activities under OFSDP, Phase-II.

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Micro Plan for Implimentation of OFSDP-II Components

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Micro Planning is a crucial aspect of Development that tends to utilize available community as a means to achieve sustainable development. Micro planning is considered as an empowering process for preparing a road map for development and management of forest and livelihood enhancement of the forest dependent communities under OFSDP-II. It has indeed helped the project to properly define roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders, and to clearly set the targets. A village level Micro-Plan is a blueprint of Village development plan and Forest development plan, which is need based and site specific, commensurate to available resources.

Micro Plan in the context of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase II has been perceived to be a guiding document for both management of forest areas assigned to the community under Joint Forest Management (JFM) mode as well as plan for income generating activities and addressing livelihood issues at the community level. It is a 'Ten Year Development Plan' encompassing the expectations of majority of the people, particularly the forest dependent communities and other socially vulnerable sections. This plan needs to have a prioritized list of activities for overall sustainable development of the village.

Objectives of Micro Plan:

Some of the objectives of Micro plan for a VSS are:

- Ensure actual participation of the villagers for proper utilization of resources for the preparation of area/village/JFM/PFM/EDC specific forest development plan.
- Assess the dependence of communities on the forest resources.
- Assess the quantity, quality and present utilization of forest resources by the villagers.
- Identify the importance of existing forest resources.
- Identify the challenges encountered by the villagers in utilizing the services of the forest and find solutions therein.
- Prioritize the schemes to be undertaken according to the social, cultural, political and economic situation of the villagers and the availability of natural resources.
- Ensure that the benefits of the schemes planned and implemented reach all stakeholders.

Approaches for Micro Plan Preparation under OFSDP-II:

Following approaches is followed during preparation of Micro Plan of each VSS under OFSDP-II.

Geographical Inclusion

VSS areas assigned to the is the unit for Micro Planning. The comprehensive plan especially focuses on Forest Conservation, biodiversity protection, and sustainable forest management along with livelihood enhancement.

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building

Institutional strengthening at the community level & Capacity Building of Primary Stakeholders (VSS) in planning, implementation and monitoring process would be the key factors in achieving the desired outcomes of the project.

Gender Mainstreaming

The principle of gender mainstreaming in both planning and implementation has to be integrated in the processes by involving the women members of the community from beginning of the project implementation.

Flexible plan

Micro plan document will be flexible in nature. There will be scope for improving the plan based on the learnings, experience and best practices.

Adaptive

Existing Micro Plans of other line departments are reviewed and integrated in the holistic plan of the respective VSS.

Key PRA Tools used during Micro Plan Preparation

- Transect Walk
- Social Map
- Resource Map
- Wealth Ranking
- Seasonal Calendar
- Venn Diagram
- Historical Time Line and Trend Analysis
- Matrix Ranking/Scoring
- Focus Group Discussion

The Micro plan has been prepared for each VSS under OFSDP-II and has been placed before the Gram Sabha for approval. Once approved the document will be kept with the VSS for implementing the plan.

Athamallik DMU

Workshop on Convergence Planning for Micro Plan Preparation under OFSDP-II

One Workshop on Convergence Planning for preparation of Micro plan for the first batch VSS of FMU-Athamallik was organized in the Conference Hall of OFSDP Phase-II on 29th October 2018 at 10.30 AM under the Chairmanship of the DFO-Cum-DMU Chief, Athmallik. The Block Development Officer, Athmallik attended the workshop as Guest of Honour. Officials from line Departments like Animal Resources Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil Conservation, Fishery, Minor Irrigation, OLIC, Women and Child Development, Odisha Livelihood Mission were present in the meeting. Presidents of all the assigned VSS of 1st phase FMU were present in the workshop and participated in the discussion. The Asst. DMU Chief-cum-ACF & Asst Conservator of Forest, Athmallik with Chief Functionary of P-NGO (VYK, Baninali) also attended the workshop.

As the Project has entered into Work Phase, therefore the members and villagers of all assigned VSSs of 1st Phase FMU have prepared their Village Development Plan (VDP) in the form of Micro Plan. It was also discussed at length how the Working Committee & Women Working Committee members were selected by the villagers for preparing the Micro Plan of their village utilizing all prescribed PRA tools. The identified Entry Point Activities and Convergence activities were placed



before the house for ready reference and execution. Entry Point Activities (EPA) being priority areas of execution, the DFO-Cum-DMU Chief requested the Block Development Officer, Athmallik to include all the identified activities in the Work Plan so that the prioritized activities can be executed during this financial year. Appreciating the objective of OFSDP-II, the Guest of Honour, BDO, Athmallik assured that the EPA works are demand driven by the community and it will be taken up immediately after assessing the feasibility, the estimate etc. He also stated that one meeting of elected Sarpanchas of the concerned GPs will be convened very soon so that the proposed work can be included in the respective Pali Sabha for execution.

Dhenkanal DMU

Workshop on Convergence Planning with Line Departments on findings of Micro Plan

A workshop on Convergence Plan was organised by the Field Management Unit (FMU) Dhenkanal on 28th November 2018 in support of the Divisional Management Unit in the Conference Hall of PD Watershed, Dhenkanal. The workshop was organised with various Line Departments with an objective to discuss on the key findings of the Micro Plans prepared by 25 VSSs under Batch-I, OFSDP-II and to converge with various schemes and programmes of the Government along with the technical guidance by the Departments which can be facilitated at VSS on priority.

The DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Dhenkanal expressed his gratitude to all Line Department officers for their presence in the workshop and showing their interest for discussion on convergence for the District. He expected that the integrated development of the forest fringe villages attempted through micro planning and its implementation can be successful only by convergence with

the ongoing schemes and programmes of the line Departments. He also focused on the objectives of OFSDP-II for restoration of Forest Ecosystem and the inter-departmental coordination which is essential in this regard.

The BDO-cum-Chairman of BLAC, Sadar Block, Dhenkanal appreciated the organization of such workshop by OFSDP with various line Departments. He appreciated the attempt made by the Project functionaries in preparing 25 Micro Plans for the first batch VSSs in Dhenkanal Range through Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) approach. He also emphasized that many works listed by these VSSs in the Micro Plan can be taken up through different schemes like PMGSY, BGSY and MGNREGS programmes. These flagship programmes can be converged with the aspirations of the VSSs for implementation as per programme of Micro plans.

Boudh DMU

Skill Development Training of SHGs under convergence plan under DMU Boudh

Two batch of Capacity Building/ Skilled Development Trainings on hand-made Agarbati Making was imparted to 61 numbers of SHG members and Poultry Training to 35 numbers of VSS members at RSETI, Boudh on 18th December 2018. During the inauguration of the Poultry farming training, Sri Jasabanta Sethi, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Boudh was present and suggested for proper implementation of the training in income generation activities. During the validation of the training, the DFO-Cum-DMU chief was also present and distributed certificates to all the participants. The local Veterinary Officer of Boudh was Resource Person of the training. The training programme was conducted as part of the convergence plan of the OFSDP, Phase-II.



Jharsuguda DMU

Hands on Training on PRA Tools Exercise for Micro Plan Organized in FMUs

The PRA exercise for preparation of Micro Plan was completed for 29 numbers of VSS in Belpahar FMU under OFSDP-II on 27th October 2018. The VSS members actively participated to prepare the Social Map, Resource Map, Historical time line & related activities. The FMU Coordinators, PNGO staffs, FR, FG and DMU level Officials facilitated the working group & women for identification of various issues relating to village and forest and explore the possible solutions. In this group discussion & meeting; line department officials participated and extended valuable suggestions for resolving issues.



Ghumsur South DMU

Capacity Building Programme on Micro Plan Exercise organized in the FMU

The capacity Building programme on PRA exercise and micro plan preparation for the working Group and women Working Group members of all 20 VSSs of FMU Buguda under Ghumsur South Division was held from 18th to 19th September 2018 in 7 clusters. The total no. of participants were 378, out of which 217 male and 161 female. The main purpose of the above training programme was to orient and develop the capacity of the working group and its members on different tools of PRA exercise such as conducting house hold survey, preparing Social Map, Resource Map, village and forest transect forest dependency, wellbeing ranking, livelihood analysis, forest resources with collection of HHs information etc so as to facilitate the working group member's will actively involved in all the process to prepare a comprehensive development plan for their

own VSS. The master trainer from DMU, FMU and PNGO imparted training to the participants.





Sundergarh DMU

General Body Meeting of Micro Plan Preparation in presence of Line Departmental Officials

As per the guideline from PMU following actions were taken for preparation of Micro Plan of 1st Batch VSSs (30 Nos) of Ujalpur FMU under Sundargarh DMU.

- Two day DMU level field level exercise was organized at Katra Budabahal VSS where DMU, FMU, P-NGO Staff, All Animators of 1st batch VSS were present.
- Working Group & Women Working Group formed and trained in 11 clusters.
- General Body Meeting of all VSS on Micro Plan preparation in presence of Line Departmental Officials, Public Representative of Concerned Gram Panchayat members like Sarpanch and PS Member conducted.

Various schemes of the line departments, procedures & criteria to avail the benefits were discussed in the meeting and the perspective plan of the VSS were scrutinized by the concerned departmental representative. As per the feasibility, plans were



modified and added and a complete perspective plan covering all aspects of holistic development of the VSS was prepared. In the later stage, the same was approved by VSS level, Palli Sabha, FMU, DMU and gram Sabha.

Meetings of BLAC /DLAC at DMUs

Second District Advisory Committee Meeting of OFSDP Phase-II, Athamallik DMU

The Second District Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting of Athmallik Forest Division-Cum-DMU under Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project was held in the Office Chamber of the Collector & District Magistrate, Angul on Dt.-21.08.2018 at 10.30 AM under the Chairmanship of Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Angul. The Members & Special invitees from various departments such as Health & F.W., ARD, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fishery, Panchayatiraj, RWSS, OLM, OAIC, OREDA, Information & Public relation, Lead Bank etc. had attended the meeting.

At the outset the DFO-cumDMU Chief appraised the necessity of livelihood based flagship schemes/programmes through a meaningful convergence programme in bringing holistic, broad

based and inclusive development in the livelihood status in the 20 first Phase VSS involving 23 villages in Athmallik FMU.

The Collector & D.M., Angul-Cum-Chairman of the DAC in his address advised all the line department officers to provide their sincere need based support for arriving at a meaningful inter-sectoral convergence so that the aim and objective of OFSDP Phase-II project can be achieved and the beneficiaries of the scheme can derive optimum benefits to access sustainable livelihood both from forest and non-forest based activities. The progress of work and financial achievement status of this DMU under OFSDP-II was presented in a tabular form which was then reviewed and approved by the Committee. The Proposed work activities for the year 2018-19 in first phase VSS of Athmallik FMU



Second DAC Meeting of Athamallik DMU

was discussed and the members were appraised on restoration of degraded forest, fire line construction with maintenance and sustainable forest management under JFM & Non JFM mode.

The DFO-Cum-DMU Chief Athamallik then appraised the house that all the work including convergence activities being undertaken at FMU level are being regularly reviewed by Block Level Advisory Committee (BLAC) headed by BDO and during 1st

& 2nd DAC meeting a total 5 numbers of convergence activities such as Veterinary Vaccination Camp, LPG Cylinder distribution Programme, Fruit bearing saplings distribution programme and mushroom development programme have so far been organised in 5 VSS villages with support from line departments. Various photographs prioritising the issue of VSS level Gender Mainstreaming were also displayed in the house.

Jharsuguda Division

Block Level Advisory Committee Meeting (BLAC) under Jharsuguda DMU

Block Level Advisory Committee has been constituted in four Block areas under three FMU of Jharsuguda Forest Division under OFSDP-II. The objective of the Block level Advisory Committee (BLAC) is smooth implementation and function as a multi sector coordination body for ensuring optimum inter-sectoral convergence of various ongoing Govt. programmes/ schemes in OFSDP - II operational areas. Six BLAC meetings were conducted under

the Chairmanship of BDO Lakhanpur, Kolabira, Laikera, Kirimira Block of Jharsuguda Forest Division. The latest BLAC meeting was organised on 29th December 2018 at Kirimira Block. Block level line Department Officials, FMU Chief, Assistant FMU Chief

of Belpahar, Bagdihi and Kolabira, SMS (L & RM), SMS (MIS & GIS), FMU coordinators & PNGO staffs attended the BLAC meeting. The FMU Coordinators & PNGO staffs were highlighted the issues found at VSS level.



BLAC meeting at Lakhanpur Block



BLAC Meeting at Kirimira Block

District Advisory Committee Meeting (DAC)

The Second District Advisory Committee meeting of Jharsuguda DMU under Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-II organized under the Chairmanship of the Collector & District Magistrate, Jharsuguda on 30th October 2018. District level officials were present and participated in the meeting.

Collector & District Magistrate focused on Forest protection and livelihood improvement of the VSS areas through Community Mobilization and inter-sectoral convergence. Hon'ble MLA, Jharsuguda present in the meeting also emphasized on livelihood opportunity of the community in Jharsuguda District.



1st DAC meeting at Collectorate, Jharsuguda



2nd DAC meeting at Residence Office of Collector, Jharsuguda



He focused on goatarly farming, mushroom cultivation, poultry farming, Sambalpuri saree, sal and siali khali pressing, chilly cultivation for improving the economic and social status of the VSS community. Jharsuguda Division had conducted two DLAC meetings for convergence programme implementation.

PNGO Coordination Cell Meeting

The PNGO Coordination Cell meetings were conducted in the conference Hall of DMU, Jharsuguda & FMU, Belpahar under the Chairmanship of Divisional level Officials. The DFO-Cum-DMU Chief & ACF-cum-Asst. FMU Chief reviewed the activities performed by PNGO & FMU Staffs & 1st batch VSS level Member Secretary & Staffs. DMU Chief had instructed all the stakeholders of the project to complete the pending tasks as per the time line for smooth implementation of OFSDP II.

Proceedings of the workshop on CMRV and REDD+ at Divisional Management Unit, Dhenkanal

The Division level Workshop on CMRV (Community-based Management/Monitoring, Reporting and Verification) and REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) in OFSDP-II was organised by Divisional Management Unit (DMU) Dhenkanal at the DMU Conference Hall on 20th December, 2018. The workshop was attended by DFO-Cum-DMU Chief, ACF-cum-ADMU Chief and other officials of OFSDP-II, Dhenkanal Forest Division.

The DFO-cum-DMU Chief briefed on the REDD+ and CMRV concept and shared his experience from recently held state level workshop on CMRV and REDD+ organized by PMU, OFSDP-II at Bhubaneswar. He deliberated that this workshop would expose the field officers on REDD+ and CMRV preparedness activities to be undertaken and it would enable the Odisha Forest Department in addressing the international agenda in the selected Divisional Management Units of OFSDP-II. He also discussed about the background of REDD+ and its evaluation.

DMU Level Review Meetings

The DMU level review meetings were conducted in the conference Hall of DMU, Jharsuguda under the Chairmanship of DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Jharsuguda Forest Division. The DFO-Cum-DMU Chief reviewed the activities performed by the staffs of FMU Belpahar, Bagdihi & Kolabira and instructed them to complete the work as per the planned activities and time bound manner.

FMU Level Review Meeting

The FMU level review meetings were conducted in the conference hall of FMU Belpahar, Bagdihi & Kolabira under the Chairmanship of RO-cum-FMU Chief. The RO-cum-FMU Chief reviewed the activities performed by the FMU & PNGO staffs & instructed to complete the OFSDP II work in time bound manner.

He also explained how it is going to be effective for community people in VSS level. DFO-cum-DMU Chief insisted that the activities at field level implementation must be integrated in the micro plans. He appealed all forest officials to learn and take note of the processes that would be implemented in the field and the officials need to lead at their respective forest Ranges. He discussed that as per the strategy, to achieve the objective of REDD+ following strategies may be followed in the project:

- Reduction of deforestation
- Ceasing of forest habitat destruction
- Sustainable forest management
- Enhancement of forest Carbon stock

The workshop was divided into different groups. Papers were provided group-wise to identify the criteria for measuring the drivers of degradation and mitigating the same with respect to VSS selected under the Batch-1 and other OFSDP-II FMUs.

CONVERGENCE REPORTS

Convergence Programmes at DMUs

Veterinary Vaccination & Awareness Camp Organised On Convergence Basis In Athmallik Forest Division Under Ofsdp-II

Veterinary vaccines have historically been considered to be the most cost-effective method for preventing communicable diseases of livestock such as- cattle, goat, sheep, poultry, duckery etc. which are providing direct and indirect benefit to

every household. The major goal of vaccination is to improve the health and welfare of domestic animals, increase production of livestock in a cost-effective manner, and to prevent animal-to-human transmission from both domestic animals and wildlife. Livestock rearing is also considered as an alternate livelihood for sustainable income generation. This immunization is of enhanced importance in forest fringe villages which experience grazing pressure of livestock. The risk of transmission of life

threatening diseases from infected cattle to wild animals in the commonly used pastures located in and around forest areas endangers health of the wild animals. The risk of outbreak and spread of communicable diseases increases many fold during the monsoons and can at time take the shape of an epidemic. Hence it is imperative to undertake massive vaccination/immunization campaigns in the pre monsoon season to prevent it.

Total number of 11 Veterinary Vaccination & Awareness Camps were organized during the month of August & September-2018 by FMU, Athmallik under OFSDP-II on subsidised cost for the VSS Villagers Of 11 VSS in convergence with Animal Resource Centre, Athmallik under Department of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development and OLM of Panchayatiraj Department. In these camps a total number of 2201 cattles were vaccinated against FMD and Anthrax.

Athamallik DMU collaborated with Horticulture Dept. to initiate Mushroom Farming

The DMU, Athamallik organised a Training Programme on Mushroom Farming on 14th August 2018 at Kendupati Village of Kendupati-Dalaki VSS through its Field Management Unit, Athmallik. This was organised in convergence mode with technical support from Horticulture Department. To secure

an alternate livelihood, 20 interested women members of the VSS were selected to participate in the training programme and initiate the Mushroom Farming activities on trial basis. The "Training-cum-Demonstration" programme was organized to educate and facilitate the mushroom farming techniques and share the know-how to the interested VSS members. The Divisional Forest Officer-cum-DMU Chief Sri Samyak Samantara, OFS-I(SB) along with ACF-cum-ADMU Chief Sri Rajendra Gochhayat attended the event. Sri Bijayananda Mohakud, Assistant Horticulture Officer, Athamallik remained present in the programme as Resource person and demonstrated the preparation of mushroom bed. 10 mushroom beds were prepared by the interested women members of the VSS under technical supervision of Sri Mohakud. Under his guidance the preparatory works such as preparation of low cost raised bamboo platform, soaked paddy straw bundles and other inputs were arranged one day before.

Mushroom being a perishable item he also emphasized on proper marketing of the produces in the local hat and identification of hotels and fast food centres to which the produce can be locally marketed with a steady demand supply interface with an attempt to identify secondary market simultaneously.

The Subject Matter Specialists of the Division, FMU coordinators and P-NGO team leader remained present and assisted in organizing the training-cum-demonstration programme successfully.

Result Afer 10 Days

After 10-12 days on an average around 400 gm mushroom button was produced from each bed for 2 days. The production continued for 4 days. About 12 Kg mushroom in total was produced from 10 demonstrated beds. The women members expressed their happiness in the production of mushroom. They have earned a profit of Rs.1110/- from 10 beds and have taken voluntary steps to continue the process of mushroom cultivation in coming months and also undertake steps for larger scale mushroom production.



Glimpses of Training Programme on Mushroom Farming



Convergence with DDU-GKY Programme for Rural Youths of Dhenkanal DMU

A Block level Counseling Camp under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya-Grameen Kousal Yojana (DDU-GKY) was organized by Sadar Block of Dhenkanal on 19th December 2018 in collaboration with ORMAS and OLM Dhenkanal. DDU-GKY scheme is implemented with an objective of adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families and caters to the career aspirations of rural youth by the PR Department. The camp was organized to counsel and select the appropriate candidates from the respective Blocks. These candidates were selected based on their qualifications and interest in shortlisted trades. They were selected to undergo further training under different trades and placement for jobs in different public and private sectors.

The youths, both male and female in the age group of 18 to 35 years from different parts of the Dhenkanal and Odapada Block attended the DDU-GKY camp. On behalf of OFSDP, through FMU, Dhenkanal 170 youths participated in this camp. These youths were identified by Animators of 14 VSSs of 1st Batch having educational qualification ranging from Class – V to +3 standards. DMU, FMU and VSSs have taken different roles for identification and sending the candidates to the counseling centre. Finally, 85 candidates from 9 VSSs were selected in the camp under different trades.



Counseling Camp of DDU-GKY at Dhenkanal

The counseling camp was held in the Block premises in the presence of Block Development Officer, Sadar Block, Dhenkanal and officials from DRDA, OLM and ORMAS, Dhenkanal. Earlier, in course of the Inter sectoral convergence workshop held by DMU on 28.11.2018 at Dhenkanal, B.D.O, Sadar Block had announced about the DDU-GKY counselling camp and advised the FMU staff to start the convergence activities from DDU-GKY programme itself. The animators of 14 VSSs out of 25 VSSs initiated the selection process with the help of FMU team to shortlist unemployed youths for the DDU-GKY Camp.

After the selection at camp, the ORMAS and OLM team along with FMU Coordinators visited the Gundichapoda VSS and discussed with the selected women candidates about their stay, safety and security measures during the training programme at selected training centres.

Convergence with ITDA & Agriculture Department by Karanjia DMU:

Under the Karanjia DMU, there are several convergence programme have been initiated with ITDA and Agriculture Departments. Convergence work at Athar Deuli SHG of Kumudabadi VSS, under Ektali Gram Panchayat, Jashipur block of Gurguria FMU has done some remarkable work. The VSS is primarily inhabited by the schedule tribe population belonging to BPL category. The VSS is around 12km away from the FMU head quarter and 35km away from the DMU head quarter. The road leading to the VSS is a combination of kachha and fair weather type. The VSS has 56nos. of household with total population of around 287members. The main occupation of the VSS members is agriculture. The VSS is situated at the foothills of the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) Forest. Disturbance caused by the wild animals is common to this human habitat and their agricultural field. Particularly, elephant depredation in the agriculture field has been a challenge at the time of harvesting since long. The villagers always lodge complains to the forest department and block office for their crop loss and threat to the human life. Forest department always extends cooperation for the crop loss and protect the human habitat. But at times it is not possible to provide instant assistance to the VSS members.

So after intervention of the OFSDP-II in this VSS, the Kumudabadi village members discussed the matter of crop loss due to elephant depredation in the agriculture field during harvesting time and consequent loss of livelihood of the VSS members. After series of discussions and meetings, the members of the VSS demanded for agriculture equipment to minimise the time of harvesting and get more profit from their agricultural practice. The OFSDP, Phase-II team took up this issue and decided to resolve the crop loss problem through convergence with ITDA and Agriculture Department, under Karanjia Sub-Division. After a meeting in the month of December 2018, jointly organised by DMU, Karanjia with ITDA and Agriculture Department, it was finalised that Agriculture Department will provide the subsidy for the machine and ITDA will provide the agriculture equipments viz. Power Tiller and Power Reaper from the Focus Area Development Programme (FADP) as per the need based requirements of SHGs. The Athar Deuli SHG under Kumudabadi VSS, contributed Rs 40,000/- to avail the equipment from the Agriculture Department. Since, all the members of the SHG were from BPL families, Agriculture Department offered subsidies of Rs 75,000/ and Rs 65,000/- on Power Tiller and Power Reaper respectively. Since, all the members were coming under BPL categories and belongs to ST, ITDA offered total contribution of 1,25,000/- as subsidy in providing these machines. The SHG group has now engaged a person to run these machines for their use and offers the services of these machines on rent.

Benefits of Athar Deuli SHG& VSS members

With this intervention, the community has managed to reduce their crop loss due to elephant depredation. Timely harvesting of crops has minimised the elephant menace. They got adequate time for harvesting and more time to utilise otherwise. The VSS could generate employment within the VSS for operating the machines and they were trained on paddy harvesting. They were also able to plough the agriculture field in time so that the seed sowing is taken at the same time.

Empowerment of local youths by Rairangpur DMU

Under Rairangpur DMU, Bamanghaty Sub- Division of Mayurbhanj District is mostly inhabited by tribal people who are protecting a good chunk of forest in different villages of

their vicinity on a participatory mode under the ambience of joint forest management policy.

One of the major initiative of OFSDP-II is livelihood improvement of the forest dwellers. The Rairangpur FMU has come up in this direction to impart skill training of unemployed youth of different VSSs with assistance of ITDA. This convergence initiative with other Department will go a long way in fulfilment of the project objective. During this quarter, PA, ITDA of Rairangpur supported and provided placement linked Driving Training at Rairangpur ITI to two of unemployment youths named Lagna Palia, aged about 22 years, Duduram Majhi, aged about 26 years under Jialda VSS. Both the trainees will be placed in suitable institution shortly.

NEWS & EVENTS

PMU reviewed the progress of Partner NGOs engaged for implementation support of OFSDP-II

An orientation cum review meeting involving DMU Chiefs and the Partner NGOs of OFSDP-II engaged to support the implementation of project activities at Divisional Management Units was held under the Chairmanship of the Project director, OFSDP-II on 3rd October 2018 at Conference Hall of PMU, OFSDS.

The Chief Functionaries and the Team Leaders of the Partner NGOs of nine DMUs made detailed presentations on their role, responsibilities and deliverables in the project implementation. Subject matter Specialists (SMSs) of Baripada, Rairangpur and Karanjia DMUs under OFSDP-II presented the progress of their respective divisions as no PGNO exist in these Divisions.

PD, OFSD-II directed the PNGOs to adhere to the timeline shared by the PMU for implementing various project components and ensure the community mobilisation with a human touch. He also directed the DMU Chiefs to leverage the presence of the PNGOs for implementation of Entry Point Activities and Convergence Activities under OFSDP-II.

27th Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS held on 3rd November 2018

The 27th Governing Body meeting of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held on 3rd November 2018 in the Conference Hall of Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti Department, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar. The meeting was chaired by Shri S.C.Mahapatra, IAS, Addl. Chief

Secretary of Forest and Environment Department, Government of Odisha. The progress of implementation of Ama Jangala Yojana and Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-II were inter-alia discussed in the meeting.

World AIDS Day observed by Dhenkanal DMU

An awareness campaign has been organized at Kusupada VSS of Dhenkanal FMU under Dhenkanal Management Unit, Dhenkanal Forest Division on the eve of WORLD AIDS DAY on 1st Dec 2018 by the coordination of PNGO NYSASDR, Dhenkanal.



Play on Awareness of AIDS



Awareness Rally on AIDS Control at Kusupada Village



The forest fringe village Kusupada is very scattered from the District Head Qtrs. belonging 44 nos. of Schedule Tribe families who are mainly dependant on forest for their livelihood and most of the young men are seasonal migrant. The young men are migrating to outside states to earn their living every year.

Observing this type of situation in the village the PNGO team tried to arrange the programme to spread awareness on the deadly disease called AIDS on WORLD AIDS DAY this year.

Project Director of OFSDS reviewed the progress of project works of AJY and OFSDP-II in various divisions viz. Rairakhol, Sambalpur

Shri L.K Tewari, PD, OFSDS during his visit to Sambalpur circle on 4th& 5th December 2018, reviewed the progress of implementation of AJY and OFSDP-II in Rairakhol, Sambalpur and Jharsuguda Divisional Management Units. The PD, OFSDS also inspected the newly constructed FMU Buildings of Sambalpur Sadar and Dhama FMUs and Sambalpur DMU and inspected the construction activity in Larasara High Tech Nursery of Dhama FMU.

Project Director inaugurated FMU and DMU Buildings of Jharsuguda DMU under OFSDP-II

Project Director of OFSDS Shri Lalit Kumar Tewari had visited DMU, Jharsuguda Forest Division on 5th December 2018. He had attended a village meeting at Junian VSS. A community interaction meeting was organised at the village which was attended by the project functionaries and the community members. Project Director asked the community the utility of VSS formation and its impact in their village. VSS president,

Treasurer and other members explained the benefit of it. Project Director emphasised on convergence with line department and it should discuss at BLAC & DAC to solve the various issues relating to individual or community. After that, he inaugurated the FMU building, Belpahar in presence of DFO-cum -DMU Chief, ACF cum Asst. DMU Chief, RO cum FMU Chief, Belpahar. He also inaugurated the Jharsuguda DMU building in presence of all the project functionaries of the DMU. During the divisional review, he focused on completion of all the activities in time bound manner under OFSDP-II.

15th High Power Committee Meeting of OFSDS held on 13th December 2018

The 15th meeting of the High Power Committee (HPC) of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Aditya Prasad Padhi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Odisha and President, OFSDS on 13th December, 2018 at 3.30 PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of General Administration Department. The progress of implementation of AJY and OFSDP-II, Gender mainstreaming under OFSDP-II and convergence initiatives under OFSDS schemes were inter-alia discussed in this meeting.

OFSD, Phase - II organised a preparatory Workshop on Adoption of CMRV and REDD+

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-II (OFSDP-II) organized a one day training Preparatory Workshop on adoption of Community Based Monitoring Reporting and Verification (CMRV) and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation of Forest Lands (REDD+) readiness in its project areas on 18th December 2018 at Bhubaneswar. The workshop was graced by Dr. Hari Shankar Upadhyay, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Cum Director, Nandankanan Biological

Park as Chief Guest. Shri L. K. Tewari, Project Director, OFSDP-II, Dr. Sudarshan Panda, RCCF, Angul, Dr. Meeta Biswal, Additional Project Director, OFSDP-II, Shri Suresh Rout, RCCF Berhampur, Dr.P.R.Karat, Joint Project Director of OFSDP-II along with all DFOs-cum-Divisional Management Unit Chiefs of OFSDP-II were present in this workshop.



PD Inaugurating DMU Building of Jharsuguda Division

Workshop on CMRV & REDD+ organised by OFSDP-II

