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## From Project Director's Desk

One of the important components of the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Phase-II (OFSDP-II) is strengthening the livelihood options for the forest dependent communities through inter-sectoral convergence. Augmenting alternative livelihood options through varied Income Generating Activities at the community level, would expectedly help in reducing dependence of the communities on forest resources, thereby minimizing the anthropogenic interference in sustainable forest and Bio-diversity management. In order to ensure the alternative livelihood opportunities for the forest dependent communities, inter-sectoral convergence programmes have been given utmost priority in the course of OFSDP-II implementation. To steer this segment, different committees have been constituted starting from State level to the grass-root level, to ensure optimum synergy in the programmes of the line departments and those initiated by the OFSDP-II.

Under OFSDP-II various instructions have been issued to field functionaries on operationalising convergence programmes with an objective to sensitise the project functionaries, authorities and stakeholders on various flagship schemes of the different line Departments of the Government along with their provisions and outputs.

In the beginning of new financial quarter, there are many reports and success stories coming up from the VSSs, FMUs and DMUs on meaningful engagement of stakeholders with targeted programmes of different line Departments of the Government, which are very promising. The outcomes are assessed to be very assuring and these are right step towards sustainable progress of the project and overall development of project community.

In this issue of Banayana, some such reports on convergence programmes and special success stories from DMUs have been covered to emphasize the objective of importance of coordination with other line departments to achieve success of convergence activities of OFSDP, Phase-II.

I hope that the reports will inspire other DMUs, FMUs, VSSs and other stakeholders to undertake similar initiatives in their areas of operation.

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## ACTIVITIES UNDER CONVERGENCE PROGRAMME

### Convergence programme with RKVY

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Agriculture is the major livelihood occupation of the rural and tribal communities of Odisha. The development of agriculture in rural /tribal villages is however lacking behind owing to various constraints like small land holding, lack of irrigation, scarce availability of seeds, fertilizers etc. As a consequence the villages are hesitating to practice agriculture and migrating to the urban areas for alternative livelihood opportunities.

Most of the VSSs of Badampahar FMU under Rairangpur DMU depends on farming. Different schemes and programme of the

Govt. on agriculture are not effectively reaching out to them due to ignorance of the farmers. To enhance the livelihood of the project people the Badampahar FMU has taken up an initiative with special focus on economic up lifting of the tribal people living in and around forest area. The plan was to provide livelihood option not only from project based forest resources but also through convergence with the schemes of line department like RKVY scheme of ICAR and schemes of Central Tuber Crop Research Institute Regional Centre, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The Scientists of ICAR and the DFO-cum-DMU Chief &



Implementation of convergence programme of RKVY under Rairangpur DMU.

SMS (LLI, RF & MKT) regularly discussed and finally it was decided to take up one VSS as model VSS for production of Tuber Crops under Badampahar FMU. The Dhakata VSS was selected as the model VSS for tuber crop cultivation under 1st batch of OFSDP-II. The VSS meeting was organised with the DMU team and scientist of ICAR & KVK, Jashipur and ten numbers of progressive farmers were selected and distributed the planting material of Cassava, Sweet Potato, Yam, Elephant foot yam & Yam bean

etc. The orientation training and demonstration on cultivation practices were organised. The scientist and Field Assistant of ICAR are regularly monitoring and guiding to the farmers with the help of FMU Coordinators & SMS (LLI) of the OFSDP-II. The farmers are showing their interest for their livelihood by way of cultivation of tuber crops in their uplands. The Dhakota VSS has acknowledged efforts to OFSDP-II, ICAR, Bhubaneswar and KVK, Jashipur, Mayurbhanj for their regular support.

## Cropping system based demonstration programme (CSBD) implemented in VSS villages under OFSDP, Phase-II

In accordance with the decision of 3<sup>rd</sup> District Advisory Committee Meeting Chaired by Collector & District Magistrate, Angul "Cropping System Based Demonstration Programme (CSBD)" has been implemented in OFSDP PHASE-II villages on priority basis with an aim to provide food security by imparting knowledge & necessary skills for better yield with sustainable agriculture practice in a scientific manner. The programme was based on NFSM-Rice where 179 farmers from 4 VSS villages have been benefitted. Paddy intensive cultivation Process has been

initiated in 95 ha. Cropping land where following practice has been adopted.

- Treatment of Certified Seeds
- Preparation of field with green manuring
- Line Sowing or Line transplanting
- Bund Cropping
- Observation of Filed day

Techniques for seed treatment & carbendazim sachets had been



Cropping system based demonstration programme (CSBD) under Athamalik DMU.

supplied to the farmers free of cost for treatment of certified seeds. Inputs like 14 Qtl. Dhanicha seeds were supplied for green manuring, 22 qtl. Paddy seeds were supplied for LTP/ line sowing and 0.43 qtl. Arhar seeds for bond cropping. Farmers of above OFSDP Villages have adopted the practice with an incentive of Rs.500/- per Ha. Crop cutting of demonstrated plots will be observed from time to time to assess the average yield and necessary timely technical inputs will be provided by the skilled manpower from Agriculture department.

The programme was inaugurated by DFO-Cum-DMU Chief, Athmallik in presence of Asst. Project Director, ATMA & Asst. Agri. Officer, Athmallik. The programme is going to be further continued in all the three FMUs as per decision of the DAC meeting convened on 09.07.2019 in other villages for having a widespread awareness on the effect on yield by adopting hygienic & cultural practices.



OFSDP-II facilitates CSBD Programme in VSSs of Athmallik DMU

## Inclusion of Jhankarpada VSS under OFSDP-II in the Swachha Bharat Mission Gramin Programme in Boudh DMU

VSS Name	: Jhankarpada
Supported by	: RWSS, Boudh
Total IHHL	: 46 nos.
Estimated Cost	: Rs. 5,52,000/-

Sanitation is one of the major health component of life that need to be considered to carry up from one's early childhood. Open defecation practice is a major problem in our rural areas. It is contributing to many problems including water pollution and spread of diseases leading to childhood malnutrition also. Most of the inhabitants defecate in open and it leads to health problem. Particularly it affects the health of vulnerable group such as women, adolescents and children.

The main objective of the Swatch Bharat Mission – Grameen is to bring about improvement in the quality of life in the rural

areas by promoting cleanliness, hygiene and eliminating open defecation. As proposed by the VSS in their Micro Plan, it was identified that there is requirements of household latrines and complete sanitation programme in the village. Villagers flagged sanitation, portable water and other basic amenities at their door steps when proposing a perspective plan for their village.

The village Jhankarpada is situated on the foot step of Putuna Reserve Forest. The household of the VSS is 97 out of which 44 HH coming under ST category. On dated 21.01.2019, the Micro-Plan of Jhankarpada VSS was approved by Pallisabha. The project

staff of OFSDP-II visited the VSS several times and during the VSS meeting, it was discussed that the benefit of all Govt. scheme including IHHL. After such discussion, the VSS members realised several problems due to open defecation. In due time, they all became ready to construct toilets at their house. Thereafter, the project staff contacted the Cluster Coordinator of RWSS Dept., (Mr.Debaraj Meher) and the VSS Treasurer, Mr.Bebari Jhankar who agreed to invest for construction of toilets in 46 nos. houses. On Dt.26.4.2019, the department distributed 46 nos. of work orders in the presence of the Sarapanch of Ambajhari Gram Panchayat for construction of latrines.

The community members displayed their commitment for cleanliness and sanitation programme of construction of toilets in each house and to stop open defecation. The construction work of toilet was commenced after seven days of Work Order distribution and completed on Dt. 22.05.2019.

After completion of the construction work, all the beneficiaries thanked the staff of OFSDP- II for their guidance and encouragement for use of toilet. Now the beneficiaries are using the toilets and they say that it has helped them in saving their time and also now they are secure from wild animals, snakes, etc.



*Success of Swachha Bharat Mission - Gramin Programme in Boudh DMU*

## Backyard Giriraj Poultry Farming in VSSs under Ghumusur (South) DMU

The main objective of the women's development activities under OFSDP-II is to assist women through SHGs for sustainable establishment of income generating activities to be undertaken in or near the home and in the VSS. As suggested by the APD (A&F) OFSDP-II and RCCF Berhampur circle during the field

visit on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to the VSSs of FMU Buguda under Ghumusur South the Giriraj Poultry chicks were supplied to the SHG members as part of Small IGA. Total 05 SHGs and 60 no of beneficiaries were involved in the programme. The FMU and PNGO team have taken the initiative by mobilising the SHGs to



*Livelihood Support Programme of Poultry Farming in VSSs of Ghumusur (South) Division.*



*Distribution of Gouraja Poultry Chicks by forest officials to VSS members of Ghumusur (South) Division*

utilise small amount from their savings towards this small IGA. The 28 days Giriraja poultry Chicks were supplied to the SHG members at a cost of Rs 60 per chick. The beneficiaries are happy with the support and they have prepared the indigenous shed by their own without getting any financial support from the Project. The mortality rate of the chicks is very less as 28 day old

chicks with well vaccination were supplied. The success of this initiatives has made a greater impact on other SHG members of the neighboring VSSs and they are now also interested to do this farming. This is the beginning and it will be covered to all interested SHGs of all 20 VSSs of the project area of FMU Buguda in near future.

## Pilot programme on Lemon Grass cultivation under Jharsuguda DMU

On experimental basis the Lemon Grass Cultivation has been promoted as an alternative livelihood option for the VSS farmers of FMU Bagdihi under Jharsuguda Forest Division. FMU Bagdihi consists of 20 nos. of VSSs covering 21 nos. of Revenue villages which has total 4125 ha. of upland, 2750 ha. of medium land and 687.50 ha. of lowland. The farmers of these VSSs are practicing only paddy cultivation in rainy season on medium and low land but most of the uplands remains uncultivated. There are some key problems which make major obstacle in the development of agriculture and horticultural practices. These are: -

- Open grazing by livestock animals from December to June every year.
- Irrigation facilities are not abundantly available.
- Low water table (Ground water level)

- Unfertile lands

Lemon grass cultivation was found as livelihood option in local environment for following reason:-

- Lemon Grass is an aromatic plant with high commercial value.
- It is free from grazing & disease.
- Once cultivated it can continuously raised for five years.
- It does not require any major irrigation. So, it can be cultivated on non-irrigated lands.
- It can easily grow in every type of soil and land except low lands.

In consideration to the above it was decided to introduce "Lemon Grass Cultivation" as an alternate livelihood promotion



activity for the VSSs Farmers. In this regards 20 numbers of mobilization meetings were organised in the VSS on promotion of Lemon Grass Cultivation by Farmers. 160 farmers agreed to cultivate lemon grass in 30 acer area of uncultivated land.

OFSDP-II Team, FMU Bagdihi is working together under the guidance of Jharsuguda DMU to make a major improvement in the livelihood/socio-economic condition of the people of VSSs, which may decrease the pressure on the forests.



Pilot Programme on Lemon Grass Cultivation under Jharsuguda Forest Division

## Dhenkanal DMU

### Success Story of Kathagada Ragadisahi VSS under OFSDP-II

Kathagada Ragadisahi VSS of Dhenkanal FMU is a small village located in Dhenkanal municipality area having 40 nos. of households. Most of the families of the VSS belong to scheduled cast community and are forest dependant. The participation of the VSS members is very much satisfactory in all types of VSS works undertaken by OFSDP-II. Both male and female members of the VSS participate in VSS meetings, forestry activities etc. The only drinking water source in the village was a bore well in the village, on which all families depended for drinking water.

In April 2019 the bore well of the village damaged suddenly and it could not be repaired by the villagers. VSS members met the Municipality officer many a times to repair it but even after months there was no response.

In a VSS E.C meeting the P-NGO team member proposed for quick repairing of the bore well. On the same day a resolution was written regarding this matter and an application was also written to the junior Engineer, Dhenkanal municipality for quick action.

On the next day the P-NGO team met the J.E, municipality and requested for quick repairing of the only drinking water source



Community Mobilisation at Kathagada Ragadi Sahi VSS.

by submitting the application. After 2 days the J.E visited the spot and sent a technician to repair it and the bore well worked like previously.

## Ghumusur (North) DMU

### Malati: People of the Street

Every Person desires to live a dignified life in the present era. This is both for the people living in the cities and also in rural areas. All people want that their style of living may be upgraded with mainstreaming in present situation. Malati is a village inhabited by the tribal people. This village is coming under the Aska Block of Ganjam District & Ghumusur North Forest Division. Malati village is a very interior village, looked down by neighbouring villagers due to lack of modern living style. All the communities in this village depend on forest and forest produces. They are mitigating their bread and butter from the forest by collecting the sal leaf & other NTFPS. People of Malati village have not singleness of purpose for



Community mobilisation work at Malati village under Ghumusur (North) Division





their development of the village. They are very conservative and seldom speak about their problems & possible solutions.

After the implementation of OFSDP-II, the forest department staff and VSS members have discussed problems of villagers in a common place regularly and sharing their problems and opportunities on livelihood, women empowerment, water and sanitation, education & marketing of products etc. The Self Help Group meetings are being organised regularly by the Project Coordinators, Forester & Forest Guards along with other resource persons available during the time of meeting. The village community is being



VSS members of Malati village

sensitized on technical agriculture practices. Gradually villages empowering and they have formed a Farmers Interest Group (FIG). Thereafter, the agriculture activities started through a group. The FIG's are harvesting more crop from one drop of water with application of bio-fertilizer. In the meanwhile the farmers have grown high yielding varieties & hybrid varieties of major crops in their uncultivable land. The neighbouring

villagers, who were taking stock of the Malati village, are surprised to see the good crop and greenery in waste lands of the village. Now they are whispering to each other how the people of the street of Malati village have developed and they also want handholding support from the Malati. As best practices and model of agriculture farming, the people of the street: Malati, have been recognised.

## DDU-GKY programme under Boudh DMU

Jogendra Pradhan is the younger son of Sri Tankadhar Pradhan of Talabahal village of Bamanda G.P. under Boudh District belongs to a poor family of 7 family members. After his matriculation exam, he was involved in agricultural activities helping his father for maintenance of family. He was urgently looking for an avenue to support his family for some extra income. During that time, he came to know from the project staff of OFSDP –II of Boudh FMU about the DDU-GKY skill development programme. Like other youth of the area he attended the DDU-GKY Counselling cum Tagging Camp on Dt.30.10.2018 at Bamanda Nursery. The JRG Education Trust, Khordha selected him for giving training in electrical trade. After getting a telephone call from the training centre, he reached the training



Jogendra Pradhan (beneficiary) of DDU-GKY Programme under Boudh DMU

centre and completed his training on Dt. 30.3.2019. After completion of the training programme, he was selected by 'Jashaswi Academy', Pune, Maharashtra with the basic salary of 10200/- per month.

With the help of the training centre he joined the company on Dt. 5.4.2019 and started his work with interest and performed his duty with dedication. Now he is getting a salary of more than Rs. 13,000 excluding DDU-GKY stipend and free logistic facilities. Now, the family is able to meet their necessary expenditure. So he is happy for such guidance and support from the project staff which has led to enhancement of his family income.

## Jharsuguda DMU

### Special Counseling-cum-Mobilization Camp under DDU-GKY convergence with ORMAS, Jharsuguda

The Special counseling cum mobilization camp was organized on 27.6.19 & 28.06.19 at Babuchipidi and Jamal G.P office of Bagdihi FMU under Jharsuguda Forest Division convergence with ORMAS, Jharsuguda, 127 Unemployed youths from 9 nos. of VSS participated in this camp.

The RO cum FMU Chief, Bagdihi, Shri Gajendra Nayak, Asst. Director ORMAS, Ms. Bhagyalaxmi Routray, Jagadish Ch. Behera, SMS(L&RFM), District Coordinator (Skill Development),

Shri Josabanta Naik, Tarakeswar Pradhan, FMU coordinator, PNGO team members and other Officials discussed various trades for skill based training and employment opportunity for self employment at different places. The officials counseled them to get the skill based training at Centurion University, BBSR free of cost. Out of 127 youths 8 male & 6 female youths have gone to receive skill based training at Centurion University, Jatani on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019.



Mobilisation Camp under DDU-GKY in convergence with ORMAS and Jharsuguda DMU

### Vaccination Camp for Livestock

2 numbers of livestock vaccination camps were organized at Grinnola & Bartap VSS on 9.6.19 and 19.06.19 in convergence with Block veterinary Officer, Lakhanpur under FMU Belpahar. Jharsuguda Forest Division. Animators, FMU Coordinator (M&L)

& PNGO team members mobilized the village community for the utility & benefit of livestock vaccination. The Livestock Inspector vaccinated 130 Bullocks & 68 Cows with support of FMU and PNGO for control of the anthrax disease.



Vaccination Camp for Livestock under Jharsuguda DMU

## Construction of Check Dam under DLT (Non – JFM) in Rairangpur DMU

### Dhakota VSS, Badampahar FMU, Rairangpur DMU

In most of the semi-arid regions of Odisha, inadequate availability of water is the most limiting factor in agricultural and rural development. Mayurbhanj comes under the North Central Plateau agro climatic zone out of ten agro climatic zones of Odisha. The normal rainfall of the district is 1451.2 mm. About 75% to 80% of rainfall is received from June to September. The average rainfall of the district is 1563.4mm, but Badampahar FMU of Kusumi Block under Rairangpur DMU people are unable to store the rain water due to high slope hill area. Keeping in mind the problem Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project-II is focusing on development of Jala, Jami, Jungle, Jantu & Jivika for the forest fringe project community in the project areas. Approaches to manage the rain water are envisaged to encompass a holistic development and interventions are being implemented in order to ensure conservation of moistures, check the soil erosion and maximum harvesting of the rainwater to improve the livelihood of the members of the VSSs.

Keeping in mind the DMU Chief of Rairangpur DMU & FMU Chief of Badampahar decided to utilize the entire fund for construction of Check Dam at Dhakota VSS under Drainage Line Treatment (DLT) under Non- JFM mode. It was highly in demand of the members of Dhakota VSS for their livelihood improvement. Two numbers of Check Dams have been constructed under DLT in the project during the Fy.2018-19. Both the check Dam are holding full of rainwater during pre-monsoon rainfall (KAL BAIKAKHI). And after the water storage in check dam the farmers of the Dhakota VSS have started vegetable cultivation without waiting for the monsoon rains. There are 15 numbers of VSS members who are growing vegetables like Brinjal, ladies finger, chilli, radish, ridge guard, bitter guard, spinach, green leaf, Yard long beans & coriander etc in 10 acres of land with the check dam water and now they are going to harvest shortly their 1st productions. The vegetable price is so high in local market. The growers are feeling so happy from sale of their products in high price in local market. They are appreciating OFSDP-II for their continuous support and initiative.



I/C RCCF-Cum-FD STR, Baripada & DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Baripada, visiting the Check Dam-01



VSS members using the Check Dam-02



Scientists of ICAR, Bhubaneswar & KVK, Jashipur and DFO-cum-DMU Chief & staffs are visiting the vegetable field & interacting with farmers at Check Dam-01.



Brinjal field of Ghasiram Pingua, VSS member- cum- Farmer, Dhakota VSS.



Ridge Gourd field of Jamadhar Pingua, Farmer, Dhakota VSS.

## OFSDP-II organised consultative workshop on Environmental and Social Management System Framework (ESMSF) and Schedule Tribe and Forest Dependant Planning Framework (STFDPF) of OFSDP-II

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Phase-II (OFSDP-II) organized a one day Consultative Workshop on Environmental and Social Management System Framework (ESMSF) and Schedule Tribe and Forest Dependant Planning Framework (STFDPF) of OFSDP, Phase-II on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Hotel Sandy's Tower, Bhubaneswar. The workshop was organised to deliberate on the Environmental and Social Management System Framework (ESMSF) prescribed by JICA and STFDPF. The Workshop was inaugurated by Sri L.K.Tewari, IFS, PCCF-cum-Project Director of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS). In his inaugural remarks, Project Director stated that the importance of such frameworks for Natural Resources Management through participatory mode in India in past few years has been necessitated for incorporation in the projects. The purpose of formulating the Environmental and Social Management System Framework (ESMSF) and Schedule Tribe and Forest Dependant Planning Framework (STFDPF) is to ensure that the rules and procedures of JICA and environmental requirements of India are adhered while taking up various interventions under OFSDP, Phase-II.

The workshop was also graced by Dr. Meeta Biswal, IFS, Smt. Pusazhule Mekro, IFS, both Additional Project Directors of OFSDS and attended by RCCFs of Baripada, Berhampur, Rourkela, Bhawanipatna and Sambalpur circles. DFO-cum-Divisional Management Unit Chiefs of Athamallick, Baripada, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Jharsuguda, Karanjia, Ghumsur North, Ghumsur South, Rairangpur, Sambalpur, Subarnapur, Sundergarh along with senior officials of Project Management Units, field level Subject Matter Specialists of OFSDP-II and Project Management Consultants were the participants of this workshop.

## PMU and DMU officials of OFSDP, Phase-II made exposure visit to Uttar Pradesh and Tripura

The Project Management Unit of OFSDP, Phase-II organized two exposure visit programmes for the officials from PMU and DMU to JICA Assisted forestry projects in Uttar Pradesh & Tripura respectively. On a weeklong visit, a 15 members team of OFSDP-II had been to different project sites of Uttar Pradesh Participatory Forest Management and Poverty Alleviation Project from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The UP Forestry Project was implemented from 2007-08 to 2016-17. Similarly from 17<sup>th</sup>

February 2019 to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, another 15 members team of OFSDP-II were exposed to Sustainable Catchment Forest Management Project of Tripura on a weeklong visit from 17<sup>th</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. The Tripura Forestry Project was implemented for 10 years from 2007-08 to 2016-17.



Exposure visit of PMU delegates to Tripura



Exposure visit of PMU delegates to Uttar Pradesh

## PMU, OFSDP-II organised one day Training Programme on IMS Application of OFSDP-II

PMU of OFSDP, Phase-II organized a one day Training Programme on IMS Application of OFSDP-II on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 in the conference hall of PMU. The objective of the training programme was to illustrate better understanding to the DMU stakeholders on the role and progress of web based Monitoring and proper uploading of the data in the IMS portal of OFSDS. DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs of 12 OFSDP-II Forest Divisions and SMS-MIS of these divisions attended the training programme.

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