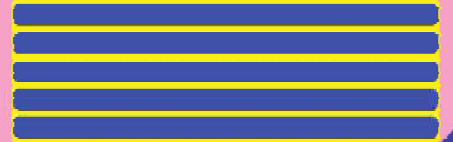




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It is a great pleasure for us to publish our e-News Letter for the period April, 2022 to June, 2022. The inside stories contains the activities, outputs and outcomes relating to sustainable livelihood promotion of marginalized community, smallholder farmers, Women and Persons with Disabilities.

Major focus was laid on land development, sustainable agriculture practices, organic farming, skill development, income generation activities through rearing of small ruminants & Micro enterprise promotion by vulnerable sections of the community.

We are very much thankful to Government of India, Govt. of Odisha and Donors as well as our Board of Directors.

Our Main Focus areas

- Natural Resource Management & Sustainable Livelihood Promotion
- Empowerment of Women and Micro Enterprise promotion
- Mainstreaming of Persons with Disabilities
- Child Health & Nutrition
- Skill Development
- Good Governance



Sustainable Livelihood Promotion of Small & Marginal Tribal Farmers

CCD is emphasizing on livelihood promotion of tribal farmers focusing on sustainable agriculture with agronomic practices. Paddy, Ragi, Pulses and Vegetables are the main crop in our operational areas in Gajapati District, Odisha. Major initiatives have taken for organic cultivation which is benefitting as a low cost inputs for the tribal community for income generation as well as regular nutritious food consumption habits.

During the quarter major focus was laid on Organic vegetable cultivation, Millet promotion and converting wasteland to cultivable land to enhance the livelihood and to address malnutrition.



During the period 630 tribal farmers have sown Ragi in 400 acres under Gumma and Kasinagar Block

Gajapati District is one of the backward and hilly terrain area and the tribal farmers are depending on land based livelihood sources. The region is coming under rainfed and the farmers are cultivating vegetables in khariff season only. To overcome the issue, CCD has initiated Bucket kit / Drip irrigation system to promote vegetable cultivation atleast 3 times in a year. During the period 249 tribal households were supported vegetable seeds with the support of MISEREOR-KZE and KKS-BMZ and they have started backyard nutrigarden and vegetable cultivation with organic methods.



Impact

Soil & Water conservation measures has taken by tribal smallholder farmers through Farm / Stone bunding and 21.2 ha land converted to cultivable land. 106 tribal farmers have cultivated Ragi, Cassava and Vegetables using organic manure and pesticides.

10.7 ha wasteland was converted to cultivable land through land levelling and removing unwanted herbs and stones. 55 tribal farmers have cultivated Paddy, Ragi, Arhar, Ground nut and Vegetables.

Income Source has been increased upto Rs. 12000/- per annum from Pineapple, Cashew, Ground nut, organic vegetables and other horticulture & forest produces.

Consumption of nutritious food & vegetables among the tribal families has been increased by 60% in summer / Rabi season.



Training to tribal farmers including women farmers on sustainable agriculture practices with organic cultivation, adoption of drought resilient crops, selection of short period duration crops and less water consumption seeds.

The tribal farmers have mobilized resources from Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Government of Odisha under Mission Jeevika

- 332 acres under cultivation of Hybrid Maize by 332 farmers
- 75 farmers were supported motor pumpsets for irrigation
- 30 farmers were supported Mango saplings for 10 acres land
- 500 farmers were supported sprinkler set for irrigation



Women Empowerment & Micro Enterprise Promotion

CCD is always focusing on self dependence and self reliant among women creating opportunities for micro enterprise promotion, access to credit, active participation in decision making process, marketing and strengthening their Self Help groups & women cooperatives and women producers groups. Women are coming forward to mobilize support from Government department through convergence under Mission Jeevika, Odisha Livelihood Mission and other line departments for their sustainable livelihood promotion and in enhancing household income.

8 women SHGs have mobilized Rice Huller, flour Mill and Pisciculture through convergence
6 women SHGs have mobilized credit support of Rs. 3,50,000- from Panchayat level federation under Odisha Livelihood Mission and started seasonal business of Agro-Horti and Forest Produces.





Kaveri SHG members of Kurlandaguda Village, Gumma Block caught 140 Kg of Fish in one time from 5 acres of pond. One fish was around 5 Kg and sold in market at rate of Rs. 120 per Kg. The are expecting Rs. 35000 as annual income.

1532 women SHG meetings were conducted during the quarter to capacitate the women members on savings & credit management, funds mobilization from Odisha Livelihood Mission, Mission Jeevika and other Government departments for livelihood promotion.



Training to Women SHG members on SHG management, Book keeping, Political participation, income generation activities, marketing and preparation of Business Development Plan.

80 % of Women members have participated in Cooperative Election Process to cast their votes to select their President of Mahendragiri Women Cooperative Society and Gajapati Women Cooperative Society.



CCD Project Staff have participated in State level Orientation Training on Millets promotion with Agronomic practices and motivation to tribal farmers for regular consumption held at IMAGE, Bhubaneswar, supported by Odisha Millets Mission, Govt. of Odisha.

3 days exposure visit was organized for project staff of CCD to Lokadrusti, Khariar, Nuapada District to learn about the sustainable agriculture practices, Livelihood activities, water conservation & management, Resource Mobilization from Government Departments and Documentation process supported by KKS-BMZ.



One days exposure visit was organized for the members of Ujayalla Farmers Producers Organization to Taptapani Farmers Producers Organization, Ganjam District supported by KKS-BMZ to learn about FPO management, mobilization of tribal farmers to be the shareholders of FPO, resource mobilization from concerned Government departments and NABARD to strengthen the FPO and enhance the annual turnover of FPO. DDM, NABARD, Gajapati has addressed the FPO members and encouraged to extend the support under convergence.



Four Days training to farmers including women farmers on Agroforestry, Vegetable and Fruit cultivation through Organic Farming. During the training the women members have prepared the Organic Fertilizer and pesticides.



One day training was organized for the Farmers of Kasinagar block on Systemetic Millets Intensification (SMI) with Agronomic Practices organized by Agriculture Department, Kasinagar Block. CCD has facilitated as the resource trainer to sensitize and motivate the tribal farmers to adopt the Millets cultivation with agronomic as well as regular consumption to enhance their nutrition standard.



Gajapati Women Cooperative and Mahendragiri Women Cooperative is Apex body promoted by CCD encouraging and empowering the women for economic development and facilitating for easy access to credit by the women members and make them self reliant.

Turnover status of the Women cooperatives during the quarter

	Gajapati Women Cooperative	Mahendragiri Women Cooperative	Total
New Shareholders	14	32	46
Share Capital	1400	3200	4600
Member savings	1525876	399840	1925716
Loan to Members	4725000	220000	4945000
Repayment by members	4908305	171996	5080301



Mahendragiri Women Cooperative Members are selling their agri-horti products in local haat and getting fair price. Dependence on middlemen has been reduced upto 60%.

Mainstreaming and Livelihood promotion of Persons with Disabilities and Vulnerable households

Mainstreaming of Persons with Disabilities are one of the important priority area of CCD. 16433 Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) are identified in Gajapati as per census - 2011. CCD has reached 3015 PwDs and creating opportunities for them to live with dignity and self reliant. CCD is following the Sustainable Development Goal that Leaving no one Behind and proving their voices that Nothing About Us Without Us.

The major initiatives of CCD in mainstreaming Persons with Disabilities

- Encouraging active participation of PwDs in every forums
- Promoting and strengthening the Self help groups of PwDs
- Strengthening District level Peoples' Organization of PwDs - SAMARTH
- Creating Livelihood and Skill Development Opportunities for them
- Enabling Advocacy initiatives to access their Rights & Entitlements
- Therapeutic and Rehabilitative services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities

Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is directly related to Livelihood. Sustainable income sources leads towards the active participation in decision making process and self reliant. CCD is always emphasizing on micro enterprise promotion like petty shops, Tailoring, seasonal business, grocery shops, vegetable vending, phenol preparation, Agarbati making, mixture business, cloth business, rice business, milk business, Goat rearing, Chick rearing and Tea shop.

CCD & SAMARTH is facilitating for credit support with low rate of interest and also linking with Cooperatives and Banks for credit mobilization.

- 868 PwD members are running their micro entrepreneurship activities independently.
- During the period 29 vulnerable families of Gumma & Kasinagar blocks were supported 5 breeding Goats each for income generation activities supported by KKS-BMZ.
- 316 vulnerable households of R.Udayagiri, Nuagada and Gumma Blocks were supported 10 Chicks each with feeder through Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), under Mission Jeevika, Govt. of Odisha.



56 Children with Intellectual Disabilities are being provided Physiotherapy services by our Physiotherapist with necessary therapy equipments and also providing training to the Parents on different techniques of Therapy exercise so that they can able to continue the therapy services to their children atleast 2 times in a day. 15 Children are recovered by 60% - 80% With continue Therapy services.



Amar Karjee is 7 years old and has spastic quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy living with his parents at Padasahi village of Rayagada Block, Gajapati. Since birth he was not able sit, stand and walk. His parents were worried about Amar. Our Physiotherapist identified Amar in 2020 and since then Amar was being provided Physiotherapy exercise four times in a month. The parents were also trained on different Therapy techniques and started therapy treatment for Amar. With continuous efforts of Physiotherapist and his parents, now Amar is able to sit in squatting position, stand and walk without any support. He is recovered 70% and his parents are happy and continuing therapy exercise to make Amar for 100% recovery.

ADVOCACY INITIATIVES OF SAMARTH - GAJAPATI

(A PEOPLES' ORGANIZATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)

SAMARTH - a District level Peoples' Organization of Persons with Disabilities promoted by CCD is rendering its voluntary services to the Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with CCD enabling them to access Rights & Entitlements from Government and other Resource Agencies. SAMARTH is also accessing the support services for the capacity building of the PwDs especially the Girls with Disabilities for skill development and encouraging their fullest participation.

During the period the following initiatives have been taken by SAMARTH :

With the support of Sightsavers India, five Girls with visually impaired have participated in six days Self-Development Training program at Bhabanipatna, Kalahandi District under SHABHAGI BIKASH ABHIJAAN. District Social Security Officer, Gajapati encouraged the efforts of SAMARTH and sent the girls showing Green Flag and personally guided them to reach and return safely.

A 10 points Memorandum was submitted to Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India with the presence of Collector cum District Magistrate and other District Officials with a humble demand and implementation of Government Social Security Provisions in fulfilling the needs of Persons with Disabilities like enhancing monthly Disability pension, reservations, 100 days job guarantee for PwDs under MGNREGA, Insurance, reservation in election, functioning of DDRC in Gajapati etc.



Mr. Niranjan Behera, Chairperson, SAMARTH submitting the Memorandum to Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon'ble Minister in Presence of Shri Lingaran Panda, Collector cum District Magistrate, Gajapati

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed in mutual collaboration of CCD, SAMARTH and District Administration to sensitize the public on the worse effect of Intoxicant on Health, Family and Livelihood.



With the advocacy efforts of SAMARTH, 25 meters CC road from Main road (Treasury Road) to SAMARTH office was mobilized from Paralakhemundi Municipality. Mrs. Nirmala Sethy, Chairperson, Paralakhemundi Municipality has taken self interest with close monitoring and completed the road with the total estimation of 2.70 lakhs.



A meeting was organized with the Chair of Mrs. Nirmala Sethy and sensitized on personal protection measures for COVID. 50 Kits were distributed consisting of Sanitizer, facemask and soap supported by Hindustan Latest Family Planing Promotion Trust (HLFPPT), Bhubaneswar facilitated by its Gajapati Campaign program under M-RITE (Movement - Regular Immunization Transformation Equity).



One event was organized by SAMARTH for Collection of United Voice for Appointment of a Person with Disability in the Chair of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Odisha. Mass campaing was organized with the cooperation and Support of General Public, CCD, Likeminded People and Media Friends of Gajapati District. It was organized at Paralakkhemundi to collect the voice of general public through secret ballot box. 1020 public have casted their votes in favour of SAMARTH that a Persons with Disability should be a State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Odisha.



A Team of Gandhi Fellows from Piramal Foundation has visited SAMARTH to build a collaboration for campaing for regular schooling of dropout adolescent Girls and awareness generation on their Health and Hygirne aspects in Gajapati District.



Self Employment Opportunities through Skill Development / Vocational Training

(An Initiatives by Ministry of Skill Development & Enterprenuership, Govt. of India)

CCD is the Parent Organization promoted Jan Shiksha Sansthan-Gajapati - a Skill Development Institution / Vocational Training Centre imparting training to neo literates, persons are having rudimentary education and unemployment youth prioritizing women and Persons with Disabilities of Gajapati District. 1800 persons to be trained every year on different trades and creating self employment opportunities for them.

Village level Orientations have organized to sensitize the people on self employment opportunities and sustainable income security through micro enterprise promotion, making unemployed to self reliant as well as to reduce migration.

Certificates distributed to the successful trainees by JSS-Gajapati provided by Ministry of Skill Development & Enterprenuership, Govt. of India



Capacity Building Programs during the quarter

Name of Program	No of Program	Total Participants		Supported By
		Male	Female	
Orientation to the tribal farmers on soil testing, usage of organic fertilizer and selection of different varieties of drought resilient crops to get good yield with less water	01	41	18	MISEREOR-KZE, Germany
Training to farmers including women producer group members on Organic cultivation	01	22	36	MISEREOR-KZE, Germany
Training to Farmers Women producer group members on organic cultivation Ragi, Paddy, Vegetables through sustainable practices	01	13	41	MISEREOR-KZE, Germany
Training to women SHG members on SHG management, Book keeping and political participation	03	13	109	KKS-BMZ, Germany
Exposure visits for Ujyalla Farmers Producer Company members to Taptapani Farmers Producers Company, Ganjam District	01	13	0	KKS-BMZ, Germany
Training to farmers on Agro forestry, Fruits and Vegetable Cultivation with Organic inputs	02	36	40	KKS-BMZ, Germany
Impression Management Training to Staff and Administration for Organization Development	03	19	3	KKS-BMZ, Germany
Exposure to Staff to learn agriculture development, documentation and resource mobilization through convergence	01	6	0	KKS-BMZ, Germany
Training to Progressive farmers on Systematic Millet Intensification with Agronomic practices	04	99	19	Odisha Millets Mission



Dr. T K Nathan, Chairman cum Executive Director and Dr. Tom Jose, Manager-Training from KKID, Coimbatore have visited CCD and facilitated the training on Impression Management (An Initiatives for Organizational Development) supported by KKS-BMZ, Germany. Interacted with Board of Directors of CCD regarding Organizational Development Aspects.

Review & Monitoring mechanism

CCD has adopted the strategy of effective monitoring mechanism involving the community in planning, monitoring and execution of planned activities. Periodically CCD is sharing the findings of positive and negative results before the community during the Village meeting and area level meetings to overcome the negative results and constraints with the active cooperation of the community and community based organizations.

Program Monitoring and Implementation Committee has formed with the support of MISEREOR-KZE involving the Government officials, Panchayatiraj Institution members and other stakeholders for program monitoring on every quarter basis and advocating for resource mobilization from Government sources through convergence.



179 Village meetings has been conducted involving the Village Development Committee members, women SHG members, farmers and other stakeholders to review the activities, achievements and constraints so as to chalkout the plan to overcome the bottlenecks. One area level meeting was conducted to disseminate the project indicators and achievements so far achieved.



Poorest of poor families are not able to afford to get admission their children into higher education in Govt or private school due to high competition and heavy investment. Advocacy was made with District Welfare officer to join the tribal children in the Government schools at free of cost. 16 children were admitted in Tribal Welfare Schools for higher and better education. Apart from this, 18 tribal children from our operation areas are now reading in KISS, Bhubaneswar for better & higher education (from 1st to Post Graduation).



Important Visitors during the period



Mr. James Kuttey, Monitoring Officer, KKF visited CCD for monitoring of Field activities and Finance Management Aspects. He has also interacted with Project Staff of effective implementation of project activities. He has distributed Certificates to the successful trainees completed Skill Development Training under Tailoring trade organized by JSS-Gajapati



Mr. Bhavani Sankar Pradhan, Chartered Accountant, S. Sahoo & Co has visited CCD for project audit and audited books of accounts as well as interacted with the community at field level regarding their livelihood improvement with the project support.



As the part of Impression Management (OD) program, Dr. Tom Jose, Resource Trainer, KKID, Coimbatore has visited Kurlandaguda Village of Gumma Block and interacted with the community to know their socio-economic change with intervention of CCD.



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