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With the onset of monsoons, the plantation activities, both in JFM sites and non-JFM Teak plantation sites, are in full swing. The project has already facilitated pre-plantation works by the third batch VSSs, and for raising Teak plantations over 6370 ha. by the FMU Chiefs departmentally (nonJFM mode). All the field functionaries have been suitably advised to ensure that planting of seedlings of desired species in different plantation models is done timely and completed within July 2010 to get good survival and growth. Simultaneously, replacements of casualties in the plantation raised earlier are also being taken up.

Enhancing capacities of the participants' communities is an important project activity. Project is making all out efforts to activate this, through strategic training programs for different stakeholders. So in this issue, an attempt is made to summarize these efforts, and also highlights some achievements.

It is heartening to note that one of the project VSS was adjudged the best VSS in the state, and several project VSS were chosen for 'Prakruti Mitra' Award this year.


Arun K. Bansal, IFS
Pr. CCF & Project Director



OFSDP VSS is best in the state

OFSDP supported 'Talapada' VSS of Kaniha FMU under Angul DMU has been adjudged as the best VSS in the state. The VSS has been awarded with a cash reward of ₹ One Lakh by Sri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Orissa on the occasion of State level Van Mahotsava function on 6th July 2010.

In spite of the pressure from surrounding industrial areas, Talapada VSS has protected the assigned forest nicely. The VSS is an ideal one not only in the division but also in the state. Regular monthly meetings by EC members are organized. As the VSS office building, Transparency board has been maintained and updated every month. The VSS has been allotted an area of 184 ha of forest of which 84.5 ha has been treated under OFSDP.

In the Year 2008-09 ANR 67.5 ha, economic plantation and fuel fodder 5 ha each with 2 ha bamboo plantation was carried out with annual maintenance. The survival percentage in April 2010 was 93%.

Initially, the moisture holding of the soil was negligible. To combat with this situation, various soil moisture conservation activities have been taken up in the different treatment areas. It has been observed that the water retention in the treated areas has increased.

There are three women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the VSS. After gradation and proper verification of business plan, loans were sanctioned to SHGs. One SHG has taken a loan of ₹ 50,000/- for Public Distribution Center (PDS) VSS and they have started earning profit.

Project Reviewed by MoEF



Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India reviewed project on 18th June 2010 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi. Project Director attended the review meeting along with Sri. Debidatta Biswal, IFS Jt. P.D.(IME). Project Director Sri Arun K. Bansal, IFS made a presentation on progress of various activities, achievements and current status of the project. IGF EAP, AIGF EAP, and other DIGF from MoEF, and Ms. Kakuta, and Mr. Sarin representative of JICA India attended the review. Innovative approaches under the Project aiming at institutionalizing JFM, EPAs focusing on community mobilization Livelihood, demand driven IGA, Community Based Eco-tourism, and Transparency were specially highlighted, which were very much appreciated. Sri R.K. Goel, IFS, IGF EAP was satisfied with the progress of the project. Progress under Biodiversity Management component is rather slow. He also advised for coordinating with tourism department for promoting eco-tourism.



HPC Meeting

4th meeting of the High Power Committee of OFSDS was held on 27th March 2010 at state secretariat under the chairmanship of Sri S.P. Nanda, IAS, Chief Secretary. Members present included Sri J.K. Mohapatra, IAS Principal Secretary, Finance, Sri U.N Behera, IAS Principal Secretary Forest & Environment, Sri Vinod Kumar, IAS, Special Secretary, SC & ST Dept and Sri A.K Bansal, IFS Project Director & CEO OFSDP. In addition to reviewing the project activities, operational manual for the Society scrutinized by Governing Body was approved.



JICA Introduces

Revised Quarterly Project Status Sheet

A one day conference on 24th June 2010 was organized by JICA, India at New Delhi to discuss the newly introduced Component wise Project Status Sheet (CWPSS), preparation of Reimbursement claims, Statement of Expenditure (SoE) and Audit related issues. Sri. Debidutta Biswal, IFS Jt. Project Director (IME) and Sri. R.N Sahoo, IFS Jt. Project Director (A&F) participated from Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project.



PMU's Project Review

The progress of different activities of the project was reviewed at PMU on 16.06.2010. Project Director Sri Arun K. Bansal, IFS emphasized that completing of revisit of the micro plans and IGAs to be given priority. Various components of plantation, finalization of component wise GPS maps, status of Village Forest Development Fund, and Capacity building programs were also reviewed. All the officers of PMU, all RCCFs, CFs and DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs implementing the projects participated in the deliberations.



KALIPONGA VSS

An example for others

Kaliponga is a small village in Muniguda range of Rayagada DMU. At the time of selection for intervention under OFSDP, villagers were remaining idle without much work. The GO-NGO team visited the village regularly and after PRA exercise, Micro plan was prepared. It was decided that a water harvesting structure will be constructed for irrigation of the farm land and for other purposes. Under EPA a water harvesting structure was constructed and



it has been proved to be a boon for the village. It has changed the life pattern of the villagers. Prior to this, villagers used to cultivate Paddy on 20 acres of low land with average production of 10 Qtl. per Acre only. But with this water facility through diversion weir, now they are harvesting 13 Qtl. of Paddy per Acre from 25 acres. As per market rate the minimum difference of the benefit is ` 2, 05, 000/- per year. With the water facility, 10 villagers started cultivating vegetables and Maa Tarini SHG has taken an initiative for banana cultivation which for improvement of their livelihood. Some of the villagers have also used water for brick making and they earned a profit of ` 62,195/-. Now these people are very happy and have set an example for others.

B.D Pattanaik, RO-cum-FMU Chief, Muniguda

A SMALL LOAN SHOWS THE PATH TO PROSPERITY



Balingi a remote hilly village in Rayagada which was included under the project in the 1st batch. There are 19 ST households in this village. OFSDP partner NGO-Ankuran repeatedly visited the village and formed Kasadei SHG. Due to communication problem, SHG decided to start a grocery shop for essential commodities required by the villagers. A loan amount of ` 15, 000/- from VSS revolving fund was sanctioned for the purpose. Within a few month, SHG earned a profit of ` 4500/-. With this experience, the SHG ventured for trading in produces available in the village and nearby areas. They purchased 60 quintals tamarind and after processing sold @ ` 12/- per KG in Rayagada market and earned profit of ` 4000/-. They repaid the loan with agreed interest to VSS. Now they are very much confident to start other type of business. Villagers are saying OFSDP is the only project which is being implemented efficiently in their village for improving livelihood support.

Pramita Satapathy, Team Leader, Rayagada, FMU

Supply of Drinking Water

Kankubadi is a tribal village in Bankili Gram Panchayat of Gunupur FMU in Rayagada Division. The VSS with a total 47 households has been revived under OFSDP during 2008-09. The villagers were facing acute scarcity of drinking water since long, and used well and pond water for drinking and other domestic chores. Under the project, a deep bore well with over head tank and water supply to village with tap system was planned. Under EPA a 250 ft bore well was dug, and a 2000 Ltr sintex water tank on top of the VSS office was set up and taps were provided. It provides continuous water supply in the village by the submersible motor. The beaming villagers profusely thanked saying "we have been relieved from painful life".

FMU Chief-cum-R.O, Gunupur FMU, Rayagada Division



OFSDP Capacity Building Programs Till March' 2010

Name of the Training Programme	Institute/Place	Period	PMU and Other Senior officers	DMU Chiefs Asst. DMU Chiefs	FMU Chiefs/ Staff	Others (NGO/VSS/ SHG Members)
Workshop on quality planting materials	JK Paper Mill, Rayagada	17th -18th Oct.06	5	27	13	-
Training of Trainers in 3 Batches	XIM,Bhubaneswar	16th March07 - 15th June 07	-	-	80	1
Improve Nursery Techniques	Berhampur	28th -29th July 07	-	-	28	-
Micro Planning Training 1st, 2nd & 3rd Batch	FRC Angul & Berhampur	24th July 07- 18 June 2008	-	-	61	102
Accounts Training	PMU	22nd January 08	-	14	14	-
Causarina plantation training	OUAT, Forest Department	20th February 08	-	-	31	-
Business planning for Livelihood promotion	(Access liveli Consts, Secunderabad) CYSD,BBSR	25th -29th Feb.08	-	-	5	-
Nursery Techniques (Exposure Visit)	Gondia, Nagpur	05th March 08 - 22nd April 08	2	13	20	-
Project Mgt. & Time Mgt.	XIM,Bhubaneswar	26th -28th May 08	1	15	-	-
Soil & Moisture Conservation-CCT	DMU, Koraput	9th -10th Sept. 08	2	4	33	9
Agri-Eco Tourism & SMC	Maharashtra	22nd -26th Sept.08	1	3	13	-
Concept Principles and Potential of Eco-tourism	JLR, Bangalore	20th -24th Oct. 08	4	2	-	-
Community Mobilization & Institutional Buiding	XIM,Bhubaneswar	3rd -5th Nov. 08	-	-	22	-
MIS	PMU, BBSR	4th December 08	-	-	34	-
Livelihoods Visioning	BASIX, PMU	15th -19th Dec.08	-	-	22	-
Communication &presentation Skill	XIM,Bhubaneswar	22nd -24th Dec.08	-	-	21	-
NRM & Conflict Resolution	ASCI, Hyderabad	22nd -26th Dec.08	4	10	-	-
NTFP based ME,Value,Mark	EDI at CYSD	12th -16th Jan. 09	-	-	18	-
Accounts Training	PMU	16th -17th Jan. 09	-	13	16	-
Integrated Community Dev.	NIRD, Hyderabad	2nd-6th Feb.09	3	3	12	-
Theory & Practices on biofertiliser	OUAT, Forest Department	17th -18th Feb.09	-	-	20	-
Need Based SMC in Forest areas	OPDSC, Rayagada	25th Feb 09-1st March 09	-	-	28	-
Eco-tourism-Concepts,Principles & Business Module.	PTR, Kerala Periyar Tiger Reserve	12th -16th May 09	3	4	-	-
Specific IGA from OFSDP Perspectives	XIM,Bhubaneswar	26th -30th May 09	-	-	31	-
Livelihoods Visioning & its Promotion-II	CYSD, BBSR	26th -30th May 09	-	-	29	-
Project Monitoring	PMU	18th July 09	-	-	27	-
Int'l Trg on Biodiversity at Japan - 2 batch	Japan	18th -27th Aug. 09	7	6	-	-
Media Mgt. & Documentation Skill	XIM,Bhubaneswar	2nd -4th Sep. 09	1	-	22	-
Int'l Trg on CBFM & Biodiversity	Phillipines, Indonesia	22nd -29th Sep. 09	5	2	-	-
NRM & Conflict Resolution	ASCI, Hyderabad	12th -16th Oct. 09	1	4	11	-
Modern Management Skills	XIMB,BBSR	26th -29th Oct. 09	-	-	24	-
Microfinance & Microenterprise (11 Trainings)		13th Nov. 09 - 25th Nov. 2009	2	13	194	142
Community Mobilization & Institutional Buiding	XIMB,BBSR	7th -9th Dec. 2009	-	-	27	-
Communication &presentation Skill	XIMB,BBSR	21st- 23rd Dec. 2009	-	-	26	-
Mangrove Management (Exposure)	Gujrat	12th- 22nd Dec. 2009	-	-	9	-
Non Destructive harvesting, processing and value addition of NTFP	TFRI, Jabalpur	25th- 29th January 2010	-	-	19	-
Exposure visit for SHG/VSS Representatives	Karnataka	4th- 6th February 2010	-	-	-	19
Training on Cultivation, harvesting, & value addition of NTFP including medicinal & aromatic plants-2 batches	Rayagada/G.Udayagiri,TFRI, Jabalpur	20th- 22nd Feb. 2010&23rd Feb.2010	-	-	51	-
Training cum Demonstration on Root Trainer Nursery		4th Mar 2010 - 9th Mar 2010	-	-	80	-
			41	133	1041	273

In addition to the training/Exposure visit organized by the PMU, Capacity Building programme at FMU, V.S.S. & SHG levels have been organised by the DMUs. The aspects on Promotion, Awareness & Information dissemination; Base line data selection–PRA exercise; Soil & moisture conservation; V.S.S. / SHG book keeping; funds management & Micro finance; Grazing Management & Fire Control; livelihoods visioning, IGA & Skill training; Participatory monitoring & Review of V.S.S. activities; exposure visits to various successful intervention sites of WORLP, and OFSDP was also organized. The attached table indicates the total effort, through DMU/FMU level CB programme in person manday, for OFD staff and VSS representatives.

Year	OFD	VSS	Total
2006-07	966	148	1,114
2007-08	3,598	37,674	41,272
2008-09	2,883	55,222	58,105
2009-10	6,994	64,630	71,624
Grand Total	14,441	1,57,674	1,72,115

Enhancing Capacities for “Community Eco-Tourism Groups’

One of the subcomponent of Biodiversity Management under the project is 'Ecotourism development'. The aim is to by providing alternate livelihoods to the forest dwellers conserving forest bio-diversity in tourist areas. The Project is implementing 'Eco tourism Development' in 4 clusters i.e. Tikarpada, Purunakote, Tulka & Baliput, in Satkosha Wild Life Division, through 18 EDCs. A 'day visit and nature Center' has been developed at Goindi, in Tikarpada cluster in order to divert the day visitors from the core area of the wildlife sanctuary. This is being managed by the 'Eco tourism Group' of the EDC facilitated by the Project. Similarly Eco tourism cottages are being developed at 'Chhotkei' in Purunakote cluster, which will also be managed by the EDCs. In this regard to build the capacity of the stakeholders in hospitality, business management & communication skills to promote sustainable and responsible community based ecotourism a three week training program for Eco-Tourism Groups on “Multiple Skills & Hospitality Management” was organized at Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, VSS Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Orissa. The programme was inaugurated by Sri Arun Kumar Bansal, IFS, PCCF cum Project Director, OFSDP on 31st May 2010. 29 ETC members including 3 women participated. In the course of the training programme PCCF Wild Life Sri P.N. Padhi also paid a visit and interacted with the participants and also addressed them.



Eco-Tourism for Bio-Diversity Conservation

Training cum Exposure visit on 'Ecotourism Management', was organized through visits to Gouramara National Park & Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary of West Bengal from 2nd to 6th May. A team of seven senior forest officers participated in this training. The main objective was to gain new ideas & insights for promotion of ecotourism as a tool for biodiversity conservation. The team had interaction with DFO, Gorumara and his staff and visited National Park and the facilities/infrastructures & mechanism created for development of Eco tourism & livelihood promotion in participatory mode. The team also interacted with the field staffs & EDC members directly involved in the management of the day-to-day ecotourism activities. The team also visited Jaldapara Sanctuary and had an interaction with the field staffs, EDC & village forest protection committee members on the management & promotion of ecotourism & the pattern of sharing of the income generated through it. On the last day they visited various areas of the sanctuary and interacted with Elephant protection squad of Cooch Behar division & learnt some innovative practices to reduce man-elephant conflict. They also visited 'Interpretation Centre' at the outskirts of Jaldapara sanctuary.



Preservation of Ecosystem & Livelihood Promotion in & around Mangroves

A 5 day Exposure visit cum Interactive Training for senior forest officers on Management & Promotion Strategy of Mangroves in Andaman was organized from 26th to 30th April 2010. The team visited Chatham Sawmill, the oldest (established in 1983) and largest in Asia, Anthropological Museum and Samudrika-Museum of Marine life. On the 2nd day the team visited to different Mangrove areas near Kalapathar to Radhanagar beach. The team also visited to mangrove areas in Baratang and Limestone Cave, Mahatma Gandhi Marine national Park, Wandoor, Chidia tapu (the island famous for birds), mangroves of Austin Creeks (Mayabunder) and Kalighat Creeks ((Diglipur). The team comprised Arun Ku. Bansal, IFS PCCF cum project Director, Ajit Bharthuar, IFS RCCF, Baripada, S.S. Srivastav, IFS CCF, Wild Life, Amitabh Brahma, OFS(I) DFO cum DMU Chief and Sudarsan Patra, OFS,(I) DFO cum DMU Chiefs.



An initiative to prevent Malaria

Project is making concerted effort for mainstreaming healthcare in project VSS- most of which are in the interior area through convergence with NRHM and health department. Since many of the OFSDP VSSs are coming under Malaria prone area, it was decided that to protect and educate the people of the project area and to get them proper in-time treatment for malaria. Project will train the VSS animators on malaria and use them in FTD (Fever Treatment Depot) at VSS level. Before starting of animators training a one day ToT programme was organized in CDMO office-Koraput meeting hall.

19 animators from Koraput, Lamtaput and Semiliguda FMU attended the 3day training programme in first batch at Koraput CDMO office meeting hall. The 2nd and 3rd batch consisting of 36 animators were trained at Laxmipur CHC meeting hall and Nandapur CHC meeting hall from Koraput DMU. Similarly in Jeypore DMU 39 animators were trained at CHC Borigumma and CHC Rabanaguda. Certificates were issued to all animators who completed of three days training.

This convergence activity in eradication of malaria in interior forest areas is unique in the country and has been started in Koraput. If animators can successfully work in field then they are going to be an asset for Health department, like ASHA and AWWs.



OFSDP VSSs get Prakruti Mitra Award 2010

During 2010, 56 institutions were selected for Prakruti Mitra Award. The awards were given at the state level function on World Environment Day on 5th June at Bhubaneswar. Instituted by the state Govt. In the function, L.P/U.P Schools, High Schools, Colleges, Samities, Eco-Clubs, NGOs and VSSs were awarded. These institutions got citation and cash prize from Hon'able Chief Minister, Orissa Sri Naveen Patnaik.

These institutions included following 13 VSSs supported by Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project.

Forest Divn/DMU	Range/FMU	Name of the VSS	
Angul	Talcher	Gurujang VSS	
	Kaniha	Talapada VSS	
Deogarh	Reamal	Haladiakhol VSS	
	Paralakhemundi	Mohana	Bhaliaguda VSS
			Ghatitala VSS
		Kashinagar	Madhusudanpur VSS
		Kandulasahi VSS	
		Landahati VSS	
	Chadhiapada VSS		
Kandhamal		Maa Bhairabi VSS,Suduli	
	Phiringia	Jayalamba VSS	
Koraput	Narayanpatna	Tentulipadar VSS	
	Kundra	Jabapodar VSS	

PUBLICITY & AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN VARIOUS PROJECT AREAS





Puri Pallishree Mela 2010 Best Display Award to OFSDP Supported SHG

SHG members earn 3 times more profit through upgraded skill

Patiamba is a small village with population of 186 in Sudrukumpa Range, under Phulbani DMU. NGO partner PAHAD has been instrumental in formation and strengthening of SHGs. Before formation of SHG, the women of the village used to sell hand stitched leaf plates at a very low price (@ ` 6 to ` 8 per bundle of 80 pieces). To improve their livelihood, the NGO team facilitated to upgrade their skill. 40 women from 6 SHGs, were selected and trained in leaf-plate stitching by sewing machine with the help of Master Trainer for 2 months. At present, 11 trained women have taken steps to carry on the production of leaf-plates using machines. Out of ` 25,000/- loan, the trained women purchased 5 sewing machine for ` 20,000/- and invested ` 5000/- for purchase of siali leaf and other items. Now all members are earning a profit of ` 500/- per month individually. Simultaneously, linkages have been established with DSMS and MANI for marketing of machine-stitched leaf-plates at higher rate @ ` 25/- to ` 30/- per 100 pieces, which is three times of the price for hand stitched leaf plates. The producers are being guided to ensure improved quality to earn higher profit.

Manoj Kumar Mishra, Team Leader,
NGO (PAHAD) Sudrukumpa FMU

OFSDP is making concerted efforts for seeking convergence with other line departments for creating livelihood enhancement for both VSS and SHG members. Maa BudhiThakurani SHG of Janiguda VSS under Borigumma FMU of Jeypore DMU too took up specific effort, for sale and exhibit their NTFP and other products at Puri Palisree Mela organized by ORMAS during the world famous Car festival of Lord Jagannath (2010) after gaining confidence from successfully completing CHAR KOLI business on cluster basis. They sold products worth ` 57, 025/-, within ten days and earned a net profit of ` 12, 000/- excluding logistic expenses. The products included DangerRani, Kandul, KangaRice, Rockbee Honey, Jhuna, Agarbati, Mandia powder, Palua.

Though formed in the year 2001, the SHG was ignorant of internal lending, microenterprise and Income Generating Activities. Motivated by the NGO partner ARYAN, FMU Chief and assigned FEO of Borigumma coupled with availability of local Resources, resulted in Convergence with DSMS, Koraput and paved way for them to attend Puri Palishree Mela. They are planning to utilize the 'profit' for purchasing raw material. For these exhibition for sale of NTFPs, they received the best display award among One eighty two participants at state level. The VSS and SHG members are highly motivated with this prize and with renewed confidence in marketing of their products, they are interested to participate in other similar market melas.

Rama Kant Mohanty, FLE,Jeypore



An Oriya poem on OFSDP

written by Sunamati Kanhar of Maa Tulsi Devi SHG under Tikabali FMU, Phulbani DMU

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Transfer

Posting

Sri Satya Narayan Behura, OFS-I Assistant Planning Officer, O/o. PCCF (O) is transferred and joined as Dy. Project Director, Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP)
 Sri Prakash Chandra Mishra, IFS, DFO, Karanjia transferred and joined as Dy. Project Director, OFSDP
 Sri Kedar Kumar Swain, OFS-I joined as DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Balasore (WL) division.
 Sri Hanif Mohammed, OFS-I ACF, Rayagada got promoted and joined as DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Balliguda division.
 Sri Laxmikanta Mishra, OFS-I transferred and joined as DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Jeypore.
 Sri A. Preiasamy, IFS joined as DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Koraput
 Sri Atish Kumar Behera, IFS DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Koraput transferred and joined as DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Rourkela.
 Sri Amitav Brahma, OFS-I DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Balasore transferred and joined as ACF (KL) O/o. PCCF (KL).
 Sri Bhagaban Pati, OFS-I, ACF, Rourkela got promoted and joined as DFO, Jharsuguda (KL) division.
 Sri Pravakar Sethi, IFS DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Bonai transferred and joined as Planning officer, O/o. PCCF (O).
 Sri Ramesh Chandra Sethi, IFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Balliguda transferred and joined as DFO, Ghumusar (South)
 Sri Rashmi Ranjan Nayak, OFS-I DFO-cum-DMU Chief Jeypore transferred and joined as working plan officer, Bhawanipatna.
 Sri Basudev Behera, OFS-I, Dy. Project Director, OFSDP transferred and joined as DFO Rainakhhol (KL).



OBITUARY

V. Raja Reddy, IFS

15th March 1958-17th June 2010



Late V.Raja Reddy was born in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. He joined in the Indian Forest Service in the year 1984 and was allotted Orissa cadre. He has rendered valuable service to Forest Department of Orissa in various capacities and wherever he worked, he made his mark as a sincere, upright and well meaning officer. He was a most amicable, lovable person and used to do lot of charity work. We pray God to give strength to the bereaved family.



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