



Sameekshya - 2019-20



Annual Review Conference of
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Message

It is heartening that Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society is bringing out a publication named *Sameekhsya* capturing all its activities, achievements, challenges and lessons learnt during the year 2019-20.

There is no gainsaying the fact that community ownership and people's participation are *sine-qua-non* for sustaining the eco-system. However, it does not come up on its own. Building a sense of community ownership requires an array of activities *viz.* community mobilization, conflict resolution, micro planning and inter-sectoral convergence at the ground level. Forests need to be transformed from **Nature's wealth** to sustainable **livelihood assets** through micro-planning and adoption of appropriate technology. The outcomes and shortcomings need to be monitored closely for remodelling the strategics as per the unfolding scenario.

I hope, the entire team of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society will make all out efforts to sharpen their interventions with more transparent and transforming techniques in the coming years.

I compliment the efforts of the Team and wish the Annual Review all success.


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Message

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (Phase-II) & “Ama Jangala Yojana” (AJY) are being implemented by the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS). Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (Phase-II) is a third generation JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) assisted project which aims at restoration of degraded forests with active involvement of the local communities living in the forest fringe villages.


OFSDP (Phase-II) is being implemented in 12 Forests & 2 Wildlife Divisions covering 1200 VSS since 2017-18.

During 2019-20, sustainable forest management has been taken up in 35,500 hectares of forests through 355 VSSs. Satoyama initiative has been launched in 10 villages in Badrama landscape. Income generation activities are being given special focus. Production of sal leaf plates has been taken up in 3 clusters in Keonjhar, Baliguda & Sambalpur Forest Divisions. Long term scientific management of Bhitarkanika has been introduced.

During 2020-21, 42,300 hectares of forest area will be taken up for management through 423 VSSs for which preparatory work including preparation of micro-plans has been completed.

On the occasion of the Annual Review Meeting ‘**SAMEEKSHYA**’ for the year 2019-20, I convey my best wishes to all the members of the Divisional Management Units, Project Management Units and VSS for their efforts that need to continue to achieve the desired outcomes of OFSDP in our State.

I wish them all success in their endeavour.


(Dr. Mona Sharma)



Dr. Sudarsan Panda, IFS

Preface

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) under Forest & Environment Department, Government of Odisha has been implementing “Ama Jangala Yojana” (AJY) and the “Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project” (Phase-II). Both these projects aim at restoration of degraded forests with the peoples’ participation through Joint Forest Management (JFM). Apart from restoration of degraded forests, both the projects are also committed towards livelihood improvement of the local communities.

The provision of ‘Sameekshya’ an Annual Review Programme has been made in the Project Document of OFSDP. The objective of organising Sameekshya is to offer a platform to the stakeholders to deliberate and engage in multiple dialogues upon the project implementation issue and thrive for excellency aligned to the project objectives.

Sameekshya meetings are organised at the Divisional level of OFSDP-II, to propagate the project objectives and also to sensitise the local administration and other stakeholders to usher in operational synergies for the benefit of the forest fringe communities during 2019-20. OFSDS has been in the forefront of optimising community development programmes through convergence mode with the allied agencies since last one year and these are evident in various convergence reports.

The DMU level Sameekshya Reports are compiled in this booklet with some selective success stories to learn and replicate as far as possible. The efforts of the Editorial team from PMU and all the PMU officials are acknowledged thankfully in preparing and compiling the report.

I am also hopeful that this booklet will be useful to all the project functionaries to explore the scope of collaboration with the line departments for success of OFSDP outreach apart from undertaking other interventions during the implementation of the project.

(Dr. Sudarsan Panda, IFS)

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

ODISHA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PHASE-II, BANAYANA

Introduction:

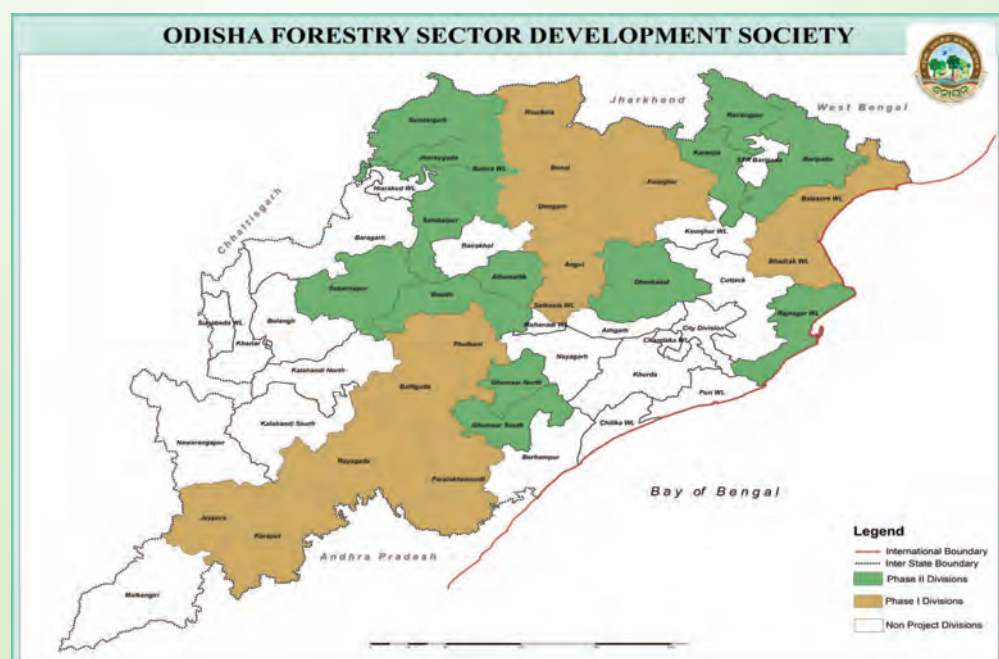
Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Phase-II is being implemented in 12 territorial divisions and 2 wildlife divisions in Odisha since 2017-18. It is an externally aided project and is implemented by Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society under the administrative control of Forest & Environment Department. Total financial outlay of OFSDP, Phase-II is 1000.30 Crores, out of which about 846 Crores has been financed by Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) as soft loan and rest is the contribution of Odisha Government.

Project Objective:

The main objective of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Phase-II is “to enhance the forest eco-system along with sustainable livelihood of local people by improving sustainable forest management, sustainable biodiversity conservation and community development, thereby contributing to harmonization between environment conservation and socio-economic development in project area in Odisha.

Project Area:

The project is being implemented in 14 Divisions (12 Forest Divisions and 2 Wildlife Divisions) out of 50 divisions in Odisha. These 14 divisions fall in 10 Administrative Districts and seven Forest Circles as outlined.



Circles	District	Division	No of VSSs
Baripada	Mayurbhanj	Baripada	150
		Rairangpur	100
		Karanjia	100
Angul	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal	150
	Angul	Athamalik	75
Rourkela	Sundergarh	Sundergarh	150
Sambalpur	Jharsuguda	Jharsuguda	80
	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	100
Berampur	Boudh	Boudh	60
	Ganjam	Ghumsur (North)	100
	Ganjam	Ghumsur (South)	60
Bhawanipatna	Sonepur	Subarnapur	75
Sambalpur	Sambalpur	Bamra(WL)	EDCs
Bhubaneswar	Kendrapara	Rajnagar Mangrove(WL)	EDCs

As of now 778 Vana Surakshya Samiti (VSSs) have been covered under the fold of OFSDP-II, in first two batches from 33 Field Management Units (Forest Ranges) of 12 Territorial Forest Divisions of Odisha. Rest 422 VSSs from 17 Field Management Units (Forest Ranges) will be covered in next batch.

Project Targets:

The overall implementation of OFSDP, Phase-II has been divided into 3 phases i.e Preparatory Phase (One Year), Implementation Phase (Seven Years) & Consolidation Phase (Two Years). Component wise and phase wise target fixed to be achieved are as below:

1. Preparatory Works	
▪ Constitution of PMU, DMU, FMU and deployment of staff	1 PMU, 12 DMUs, 50 FMUs
▪ Deployment of NGOs for Community Development and SFM	50 Teams in 12 DMUs
▪ Procurement of PMC	1 PMC Team
▪ Orientation for PMU/DMU/FMU	1 PMU, 12 DMUs, 50 FMUs
▪ Identification of VSSs	1,200 VSSs (In Four batches)
▪ Survey and Demarcation	1,200 VSS assigned areas
▪ Review and Revision of Project Manuals / Training Materials	Project Manuals/ Training Materials / Guidelines etc.
▪ Engagement of VSS / EDC Animators	1200 (2 Years) / 2,400 (3 Years)
▪ Micro Planning	1,200 VSSs

▪ Revisiting Micro Plan (4 th year)	1,200 VSSs
▪ Annual Planning	1,200 VSSs
▪ Social and Environmental Consideration	1 PMU, 12 DMU, 50 FMU
3. Sustainable Biodiversity Management	
▪ Sustainable Biodiversity Management incorporating concept of SATOYAMA model	Badarma WL Sanctuary (2 micro watersheds / 10-15 Villages)
▪ Establishment of Scientific Monitoring System at Bhitarkanika Rajnagar WL Division	
4. Livelihood Improvement	
▪ Community Development Fund	1200 VSSs
▪ Promotion of IGAs	3,600 WSHGs
▪ Livelihood Resource Centre (LRC)	At PMU
▪ NTFP Based Livelihood Interventions	1200 VSSs / 3,600 WSHGs
▪ Cluster Promotion	At least 5 clusters
▪ Promotion of Product Cluster at DMU Level	12 DMU
5. Capacity Development	
▪ Training Need Assessment	PMU
▪ Training for Executing Agency	PMU/ DMUs / FMUs
▪ Training for Community Institutions	1200 VSSs members
▪ Training of Partner NGOs	50 P-NGO Teams
▪ Training of Animators	2400 Animators
▪ Training & Extension of Farm Forestry	10000 Beneficiaries
6. Supporting Activities	
▪ Monitoring & Evaluation	PMU, 12 DMU, 50 FMU
▪ Community Based MRV system	3 Pilot Divisions
▪ Communication / Publicity	As per Project Need



Progress till date:

A. Constitution of PMU, DMU, FMU and deployment of staff:

- Constitutions of PMU, DMU, FMU and deployment of staff in all these offices have been completed since 2017-18.

B. Deployment of P-NGO Teams:

- Selection of P-NGOs for all 12 DMUs completed during 2017-18.
- 21 P-NGO Teams in 9 DMUs have been deployed
- Deployment of 12 P-NGO Team in 3 DMUs of Mayurbhanj District is pending due to Court Case.

C. Procurement of PMC:

- Procurement of Project Management Consultant for OFSDP-II completed during 2018-19 and agreement with PMC signed on 22nd May, 2018

D. Orientation for PMU/DMU/FMU :

- All staff from PMU, DMUs & FMUs including the members of P-NGO Teams have been oriented on OFSDP-II and other functional aspects during 2017-18 & 2018-19.

E. Identification & Coverage of VSSs in Project Fold

- All 1200 VSSs have been identified
- 355 VSSs from 15 FMUs and 423 VSSs from 18 FMUs have been covered in Batch-I & Batch-II FMUs during 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.
- Remaining 422 VSSs are to be covered in Batch III from 17 FMUs during 2020 – 2021.

F. Survey and Demarcation:

- Survey and demarcation of Assigned Area in 778 Batch-I & Batch-II VSSs has been completed and in 422 Batch-III & IV VSSs will be initiated in 2020-21.

G. Engagement of VSS / EDC Animators

- 1556 Animators from 778 Batch-I & II VSSs have been engaged.

H. Micro Planning & Annual Planning

- Comprehensive Micro Plans on inclusive approach in 778 VSSs have been prepared and approved in respective Palli sabha / Gram sabha. This micro plan include Forest Development & Management Plan, Livelihood Plan, Community Development Plan, Convergence Plan, Capacity Building Plan etc.
- Issues such as Gender Mainstreaming, Participatory Monitoring, IGA through the SHGs have been included in the micro plan.
- The Annual Plan has been prepared and approved in the Gram Sabha / Palli Sabha.

I. Review and Revision of Project Manuals / Training Materials:

- Project Manual for OFSDP, Phase-II has been developed and approved in the 14th High Power Committee of OFSDS under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha on 29.03.2018.
- Micro Plan Preparation hand Book for facilitators both in Odia & in English developed and circulated. (2018-19)
- Guideline / Manual for Survey and Demarcation has been prepared and circulated to all DMUs (2017-18)
- Guideline on Farm Forestry has been developed (2018-19)
- VSS Management Manual has been developed both in Odia & in English (2017-18)
- Financial Management & Accounting Manual Developed (2017-18)
- Gender Mainstreaming Strategy under OFSDP-II has been developed. (2018-19)
- Development of Mobile Application for monitoring is under progress.
- Guideline on Formation & Strengthening of SHG and Grounding of IGA developed (2018-19)
- Guideline on operationalization of Livelihood Resource Centre has been developed. (2018-19)
- Guideline on Sustainable Forest Management Activities under OFSDP-II developed.
- Plantation Journals has been to record the progress of plantation at FMUs / DMUs.
- Guideline on operationalizing Convergence in OFSDP-II developed.
- Guideline on Process Documentation Strategy under OFSDP has been developed.
- Training Need Assessment & Comprehensive Capacity building Plan Guideline developed in association with Xavier institute of Management, Bhubaneswar.
- Quarterly News Letter “BANAYANA” of OFSDP, Phase-II is being released since 2017-18

Sustainable Forest Management:**A. Site Specific Plan (SSP) & Monitoring:**

- Detailed guideline for preparation of site specific plan in each VSS has been prepared and communicated to DMUs.
- Site Specific Plan for all 778 VSSs covered in Batch-I & Batch-II FMUs have been prepared.

B. Drainage Line Treatment:

- Detailed guideline on Drainage Line Treatment under JFM Mode has been prepared and communicated to DMUs

Details of **Drainage Line Treatment** taken up in Batch-I & II VSSs are as below.

Batch	Year	DLT (JFM)		DLT (Non JFM)		Progress Status
		Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)	Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)	
Batch-I	2019-20 (355 VSSs)	446	446	222	222	Completed
Batch-II	2020-21 (423 VSSs)	530	530	270	270	Under progress

C. Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) & Artificial Regeneration Plantation:

- Detailed guideline on Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) & Artificial Regeneration Plantation for without gap & with gap have been prepared and communicated to DMUs.

Details of Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) plantation & Artificial Regeneration Plantation taken up in Batch-I & II VSSs are as below:

Batch	Year	Component	Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)	Progress Status
Batch-I	2019-20 (355 VSSs)	ANR	15088	15088	Plantation
		AR	1678	1678	Completed
Batch-II	2020-21 (423 VSSs)	ANR	17977	17273	0 th Year
		AR	2212	1442	work started

D. Fire line Construction & Maintenance:

- Detailed guideline on Fire line Construction & Maintenance has been prepared and communicated to DMUs.

Details of Fire line Construction & Maintenance taken up in Batch-I & batch- II VSSs are as below:

Batch	Year	Target (In Km.)	Achievement (In Km.)	Progress Status
Batch-I	2019-20 (355 VSSs)	506	506	Completed
Batch-II	2020-21 (423 VSSs)	603		Under progress

E. Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries Work

- Detailed guideline on Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries Work on Non-JFM mode has been prepared and communicated to DMUs.

Details of **Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries Work** taken up in Batch-I & II VSSs are as below:

Batch	Year	Target (In Km.)	Achievement (In Km.)	Progress Status
Batch-I	2019-20 (355 VSSs)	561	561	Completed
Batch-II	2020-21 (423 VSSs)	669	669	Under progress

F. Establishment of High tech Nurseries:

- Officials from PMU, DMU & FMU were exposed to High tech Nursery established by JICA assisted West Bengal Project in Kharagpur during 2018-19 for better appreciation of technology and implementation.
- High tech Nurseries has been established in 6 central locations, keeping in mind the seedlings requirement of all 12 territory divisions, covered under OFSDP-II.
- A detailed guideline on operation and management of High-Tech Nursery has been developed and circulated to all concerned DMUs.
- 26,60,000 nos. of seedlings were raised in all 6 high Tech Nurseries during 2018-19 for 2019-20 Plantation. Similarly, seedlings required for plantation in 2020-21 also have been raised in the above high-tech nurseries.
- Division wise details of seedlings raised in six high tech nurseries during 2019-20 are as below:

Division	Location	Seedlings Raised (In Nos)		
		Poly-pot	Hyco-pot	Total
Athmallik	Badarohila, FMU-Bamur	220000	22000	440000
Sundergarh	Ujjwalpur, FMU- Ujjwalpur	220000	22000	440000
Baripada	Sankhabhanga, FMU- Baripada	220000	22000	440000
Ghumsur (North)	Lalsingh, FMU- Bhanjanagar	220000	22000	440000
Sambalpur	Larasara, FMU-Dhama	220000	22000	440000
Subarnapur	Chhanchhandunguri FMU-Sonepur	220000	22000	440000
Total	6 locations	13,20,000	13,20,000	26,40,000

G. Farm Forestry:

- Detailed guideline on farm Forestry interventions to taken up under the project has been prepared and communicated to DMUs.
- Models of farm forestry has been worked-out under the project through several round of consultations with the Divisions and other experts. The models are as below:
 1. Agri-Horti-Silvi (Mixed Model)
 2. Timber Model
 3. Pulp-wood Model
 4. Horti-NTFP Model
 5. Field Bund Dyke Model

Farm Forestry plan for Batch-I VSSs have been to be taken up during 2020-21 has been worked-out as below:

No of DMUs	Total No of Beneficiaries	No of VSSs	Area in Ha	No of Seedlings
12	4257	227	2538.23	12,28,098

Sustainable Biodiversity Management

A. Sustainable Biodiversity Management incorporating concept of SATOYAMA model:

- ✓ Landscape based conservation and management of eco-system following Satoyama model have been initiated in Nunvet EDC of Badrama range of Bamra Wildlife Division.
- ✓ 9 more EDCs have been identified in the same landscape to be covered under Satoyama initiatives.

Initiatives:

- ✓ Revival of traditional paddy - Bhajana by Organic method
- ✓ Introduction of new crops (Mustard/ Sun flower)
- ✓ First village in Sambalpur declared as Plastic free
- ✓ Establishment of Nutri-garden in each hhs
- ✓ Provision of smokeless chulla for all hhs
- ✓ Mushroom cultivation, Apiculture, livestock rearing promoted through SHGs as alternate livelihood.
- ✓ Infrastructure such school, village road, AWW Centre repaired through convergence
- ✓ Bio-diversity Conservation practice adopted through people participation
- ✓ Solar fencing for elephant depredation / reduced man – animal conflict

B. Establishment of Scientific Monitoring System at Bhitarkanika:

Conservation of Bhitarkanika Conservation Area:

- National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai has been engaged for development of Long term Scientific Monitoring Plan for Eco system based Conservation of Bhitarkanika Conservation Area.
- The assignment of NCSCM, Chennai is for three years. Two years have been completed in collecting periodic data / information for preparation of Long term Scientific Monitoring Plan for Eco system based Conservation of BCA.
- Information on different conservation parameters are being collected every month to formulate the Monitoring Plan.
- Draft Health Report Card for concurrent monitoring of BCA has been developed.

Livelihood Improvement:

Initiatives:

- Guideline on Formation & Strengthening of SHG and Grounding of IGA developed (2018-19)
- Database of 2250 SHGs in 355 VSSs have been prepared and the SHGs have been graded following the Mission Shakti Criteria, in the perspective of OFSDP-II.
 - 1088 SHGs in Grade A (above 50%)
 - 1162 SHGs in Grade B (Below 50%)
- VSS cum IGA Buildings in 355 Batch-I VSSs constructed
- Varied Income generating Activities (IGA) have been facilitated in 778 VSSs through convergence.
- Community Development activities are also taken up in 778 VSSs through convergence.
- Feasibility study for establishment of 3 Sal leaf Clusters has been completed.
- SHG Members were exposed to National & State level Adivasi Melas for sale of their products.
- Identification of Product Clusters across the project villages in 12 DMUs is under progress.

Livelihood Resource Centre:

- Guideline on Operationalizing Livelihood Resource Centre (LRC) has been developed.
- Dedicated building for functioning of LRC Constructed
- Five Managers for LRC have been engaged
- Advisory Committee of LRC Constituted and first Advisory Committee Meeting conducted.
- Guideline on different funds under LRC developed

Capacity Development

- Training Need Assessment and development of Comprehensive Capacity Development Framework for OFSDP-II has been prepared in association with Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar.
- Annual CB Plan 2019-20 has been prepared for all stakeholders following the Capacity development Framework of OFSDP-II.
- Initial orientation to all project staff from PMU, DMUs, FMUs, P-NGOs etc. were organized during 2017-18.
- Training Modules on following thematic aspects have been prepared and circulated to DMUs / FMUs for conducting trainings / orientation programme at VSS level.
 - Orientation on OFSDP, Phase-II
 - Community Mobilization & Institution Building
 - Functioning of VSS & Implementation of OFSDP-II
 - Book Keeping, Documentation and Maintenance of VSS Records.
 - Micro Planning Exercise
 - Orientation to Animators on Project Interventions
 - Forest protection and Management
 - Survey & Demarcation
- Exposure of DMU & DMU level officials to High-Tech Nursery established in Kharagpur by JICA Assisted West Bengal project organised.
- Exposure Visit of senior Officers of PMU & DMU to JICA Assisted Forestry Projects of Uttar Pradesh & Tripura organized.
- A team 15 members were trained at IIFM, Bhopal on Micro Planning Exercise
- 1206 nos. of trainings on different themes conducted for Community level institutions covering 57885 members (32595 male & 25290 female) till Dec, 2019.
- 195 nos. trainings for facilitators / secondary stakeholders conducted covering 9250 members on different thematic areas till Dec, 2019.

MIS/ GIS & M&E:

- Robust web based IMS (MIS & GIS) System has been developed for OFSDP-II
- 23 Modules on different thematic aspects have been developed.
 - Institutions Module (PMU, DMU, FMU, VSS, SHGs etc.)
 - P-NGO Module
 - Capacity Building Module

- High Tech Nursery Module
- Plantation Module
- Survey & Demarcation Module with GPS Location
- Consolidation and demarcation Module
- Infrastructure (DMU / FMU/ VSS Buildings) Module etc.
- SHG Module
- Governing Body Meeting on Quarterly basis under the Chairpersonship of Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt., F&E Department, Govt. of Odisha.
- High power Committee Meeting under the Chairperson ship of Chief Secretary to Govt., Odisha
- Periodic Review meeting with DMU Chiefs at PMU level
- Monthly Review meeting at DMU level
- Fortnightly review meeting at FMU Level
- Circle level review meeting
- Field visit etc.

Development of Mobile Application:

- Development of Mobile App. for effective planning, monitoring and for taking real time based necessary corrections in project interventions is under progress and it expected to be in use from July- August, 2020.

CMRV & REDD Plus Readiness:

- Overall framework on Community based Monitoring, Reporting & Verification and REDD+ Readiness has been developed.
- Consultative workshops have been organised for common understanding on CMRV and REDD+ readiness.
- Drivers of deforestation & degradation, possible mitigation measures, approaches of community monitoring etc., have been identified
- VSSs have been ranked with the factors of degradation and deforestation for coverage in pilot CMRV interventions.
- Field based implementation plan worked-out.

Coordination and Convergence:

District Advisory Committee:

- District Advisory Committee Meeting convened under the Chairmanship of Collector and District Magistrate on quarterly basis at District level.

- Senior officers of relevant line Department are the members of the Committee.
- This committee facilitates the convergence activities at the VSS level.
- Convergence work of worth Rs. 40.62 Crore have been taken up in the project villages covering 150754 beneficiaries from 1174 VSSs of OFSDP-II.

Block Level Coordination Committee (BLCC):

- **Block Level Coordination Committee** Meeting is convened under the Chairmanship of Block Development Officer on monthly basis at Block level.
- Extension Officers of relevant line Department are the members of the Committee.
- This committee facilitates the convergence activities at the VSS level.
- FMU Chief is the member convenor and places the requirement identified during the Micro Planning Process for under taking the community development programme through convergence.

AUDIT

- Records and Accounts for each Financial Year completed have been audited by a Firm of Chartered Accountants in accordance with appropriate auditing principles applied by the said auditors as per clause – 6 (C) of Article – 3 of the loan agreement.
- **Procurement Audit** : Procurement audit is being carried out by the Comptroller Auditor General of India as per Clause – 5 of Article – 3 of the loan agreement.
- **Statutory Audit**: Statutory Audit for the Financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19 is completed and copy of the audited accounts have been submitted to JICA.
- **Internal Audit**: In addition to the above audits the project also introduced Internal Audit of all the Project Divisions on a Half Yearly basis. The Internal Audit is completed for the Financial Year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 1st Half of 2019-20.
- **VSS Audit** : Annual Receipt and Expenditure of the VSSs have been audited for the Financial Year 2018-19 by a firm of Chartered Accountants appointed by the respective VSSs with consultation of the FMU with the approval of DMU Chief as per Vana Surakshya Samiti Management Manual.
- **Comptroller Auditor General of India Audit** : In addition to the procurement audit as stated above the Comptroller Auditor General of India also conducts transaction audit.

Financial progress till March, 2020:

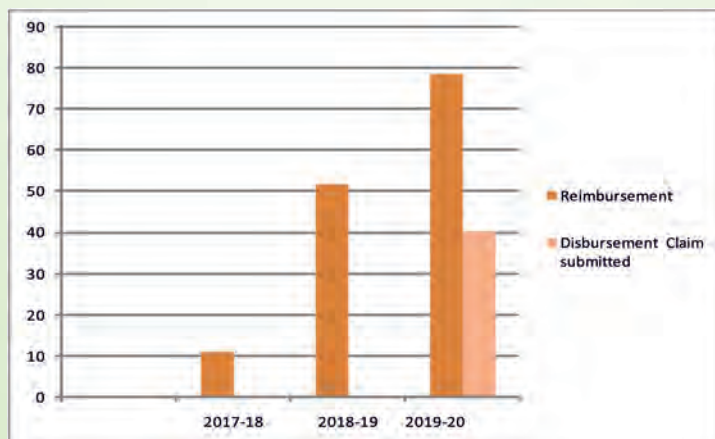
Rs. in Crore

Financial Year	Fund Received	Funds Utilized
2017-18	25.00	14.86
2018-19	59.41	57.31
2019-20	100.00	82.78
Total	184.41	154.95

**Reimbursement made by JICA**

Rs. in Crore

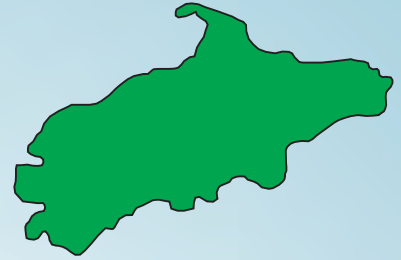
Financial Year	Reimbursement Claim submitted	Disbursement made by JICA	Claim Due
2017-18	11.13	11.13	Nil
2018-19	51.85	51.85	Nil
2019-20	78.48	38.17	40.31
Total	141.46	101.15	40.31



ATHMALLIK

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY



Annual “Sameekshya”-2019-20 of Athmallik Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at Hotel Prashanti, Angul on 10th January 2020. Hon’ble MLA, Athmallik Shri Ramesh Ch. Sie attended as Chief Guest, Dr. Sudarshan Panda, IFS PCCF and Project Director, OFSDP, Phase-II participated as Presiding Officer and Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul Circle & Director; Satkosia Tiger Reserve joined as the Chief Speaker of the DMU level Sameekshya meeting. Shri Samyak Samantara,

OFS-I (SB), DFO-cum-DMU Chief Athmallik, Shri Rajendra Gochayat, OFS-I (JB), ACF-cum-Asst. DMU Chief and Shri Gouri Shankar Das, OFS-I (JB) Asst. Conservator of Forest of Athmallik DMU were the other dignitaries present in the dias. Official representatives of as many as ten line departments viz. from Veterinary, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fishery, Soil Conservation, DIC, KVK, OLM, ORMAS & RSETI alongwith members of electronic and print media, participants from VSSs including SHG members attended the Sameekshya meeting.



The Programme began with the inauguration of exhibition stalls by the Chief Guest & Project Director; OFSDP-II along with other dignitaries and discussed with the stall representatives about different themes and produces that were displayed. On this occasion 6 number of Stalls on (a) Plantation & NRM Activities (b) Community Mobilization & fire Awareness (c) SHG IGA (d) Livelihood Based Convergence Activities (e) VSS infrastructure/ VFDF/ Microplan Initiatives (f) Way forward were

exhibited with relevant documents, photographs, samples, products and achievement made so far. Further a special document “SAMEEKSHYA BOOKLET 2019-20” and an exclusive leaflet “SAMEEKSHYA LEAFLET 2019-20” prepared for the occasion was unveiled by the dignitaries.

The DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Athmallik DMU in his introductory address outlined the achievement of different project activities under OFSDP-II, which include progress of plantation, it’s rate of survival in Batch-I VSS(s), SMC work undertaken in the assigned areas of both Batch-I & Batch-II VSSs. He also made a graphical presentation of increase in water table in the locations where plantation & SMC works have been undertaken. He expressed sincere thanks to the

representatives of different line departments, who were instrumental in implementing various community development programme under convergence mode, which were identified by the communities during micro planning exercise. Important activities taken up under convergence include Back yard poultry, Animal Vaccination Camp, Eye Cataract Screening and Operation Camp, Japanese Encephalitis Vaccination Programme, Onion Seeds Distribution, Nutritional garden programme, employment generation through DDU-GKY & PMKVY etc.



DELIBERATIONS

Dr. Sudarshan Panda, IFS, PCCF and Project Director, OFSDP:

In his Presidential address as the Presiding Officer of the meeting highlighted on the crucial role of forest for healthy living of human being and animals as well. Successful implementation of JFM contributes significantly for sustainable and holistic management of forest eco system and bio-diversity leading to community ownership on forest resources. Defining the role of community in forest conservation, he said that conservation of degraded forest will be the major source of free oxygen and water in future. He also briefed that in Odisha the forest land has increased in all districts except Malkanagiri. Praising the conservation measures of Athmallik Forest Division, PD, OFSDP acknowledged the contribution of VSS members and staffs of the Forest Division for their committed effort in maintaining the 44% jungle of total geographical area of Athmallik sub-division. During his deliberation, he emphasized on proper land use policy which can be more helpful to reduce the man-animal conflict to a great extent. He suggested that activities viz. apiculture, mushroom, horticulture/agriculture/pisci-culture extension activities etc. can be beneficial for communities around towards improving the living standard of Athamallik Forest Division limits.

Shri Ramesh Ch. Sai, Hon'ble MLA, Athmallik:

The Chief Guest, Shri Ramesh Ch. Sai, Hon'ble MLA, Athmallik invoked "Jahin-Jangala, Tahin-Mangala" in his address and emphasized on the fundamental role of VSS in forest conservation through regular watch & ward (Thengapali) from forest fire, illicit felling etc. Praising the effort of VSS in this forest division, he thanked the VSS members for control of forest fire during 2019-20 in comparison to previous years. Emphasizing on processing of Sal / siali leaves he urged the communities to plan for value addition and produce Sal/ Siali Plates, Cups for which VSS Building-Cum-IGA Centre can be used as a facilitation Centre.



Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul Circle:

Dr. Karat as Chief Speaker of the DMU level Sameekshya, shared the success of OFSDP Phase-I and he sought co-operation from all stakeholders, more specifically from VSSs for successful implementation of OFSDP Phase-II bringing into decentralization of all project activities based on comprehensive Micro plan and Gender Mainstreaming Action Plan.

Deliberation by Line Department

After the inaugural session, Technical Session-I started with presentations / talk of line department officials on different schemes of their own department which can be converged in OFSDP villages at VSS level.

Dr. Chittaranjan Acharya, Chief District Veterinary Officer (CDVO), Angul explained different departmental schemes under Animal Resources Development (ARD) Department viz. mobile animal health check-up, artificial insemination programme, fodder cultivation programme, backyard poultry development activities, layer farming, DEEDS, Mukhya Mantri Krishi Udyog Yojana (MKUY) etc. along with financial assistance schemes of Government for implementing the above programmes. He assured the support of his department for convergence and other support for the benefit of the forest fringe community.

Shri Santanu Sahu, Dy. Director Fisheries, Angul Circle, Angul in his presentation explained the flagship programme of the Government for blue revolution viz. “Matshya Pokhari Yojana” with its major components. He also outlined the benefits of “Matshyajibi Unnayana Yojana” from which SHGs and village community members can take assistance for undertaking relevant income generating activities. He also explained on RKVY assisted subsidy linked programmes for procurement of fish netting implements such as boat and net etc. He also shared the other key benefits that community can avail from F&ARD Department.

Shri Ram Ratan Pradhan, Scientist from Krishi Vigyan Kendra in his presentation shared the KVK support for different agricultural and horticultural development activities along with extension services. He explained on different climate & disease resistant variety vegetables which can be

cultivated in Athmallik region for better yield. He assured of support from KVK on extension training, exposure and demonstration support for different agri-horti based convergence activities.

Shri Pramod Ku. Panda, Asst. Manager, DIC, Angul in his presentation detailed about their facilitative provision for promotion of Micro, Small & Medium enterprises and its priority sector such as Agro & Food Processing, handicraft & handloom based products & PMEGP schemes, their eligibility criteria and documents required for linkage under the scheme etc.

Shri Souravmay Das, Dy. CEO, ORMAS & DPM, OLM in his presentation explained that inter-sectoral convergence is an essential element to achieve the desired goal and no individual department can fulfil the target on its own. Emphasizing on livelihood upliftment programme he explained that DDUGKY Scheme is considered to be one of the most appropriate to facilitate the alternative employment to the youths on the basis of their educational qualification and their area of vocational interest. Explaining on the functional aspects of OLM, he explained that OLM has been on a mission mode to achieve social inclusion, financial inclusion and economic inclusion and Govt. is providing grant, loan and community investment funds that are being utilized by community cadre staffs.

Shri Nalini Ranjan Sahoo, representative of Project Director, Watershed in his presentation explained on different soil & water conservation measures which can be undertaken for sustainable agricultural & horticultural practices in micro watershed approach in Athamallik Division.

Shri Lalit Ku. Panda, ADH, representative of Deputy Director of Horticulture, explained on different horticulture based livelihood activities such as apiculture, mushroom activities, vermi compost preparation etc. where subsidy is about 60%. Besides he also explained on departmental schemes for Banana, Kaju and Mango Plantation under NHM etc. Other schemes under NHM include inter cropping of different species like zinger, onion, potato, pine apple for which department is providing hybrid vegetable seeds / plants.

Shri Pradeep Ku. Nanda, Aisstant Agriculture Officer (H.Q.) representing CDAO, Angul outlined the utilities of small farm implements such as iron plough, sprayer, weeder, marker. He requested the DFO-Cum-DMU Chief to supply the indent of interested farmers well in advance to departmental authorities to fulfil the demand.

The Technical Session-II was hosted by Shri Amaresh Prasad Dash, Team Leader, Madhapur FMU. P-NGO Chief made presentations on initiatives taken by Partner NGO under OFSDP Phase-II wherein he highlighted the active role of P-NGO in Community Mobilization & Capacity building, SHG-IGA, Infrastructure development and execution of different convergence activities with support from Line Department.

Subsequently the representatives from selected VSS of FMU, Athmallik and FMU, Madhapur such as Tangianisha, Hariharapur, Nuagarh, Kaierighati, Chandrapur, Bijipur, Sorisapanka presented their Success Stories and best practices adopted in their VSS. The Range Officers of Batch-I & Batch-II FMU(s)-Athmallik, Madhapur highlighted noteworthy project intervention and shared their experience.

Deliberations by community level stakeholders:

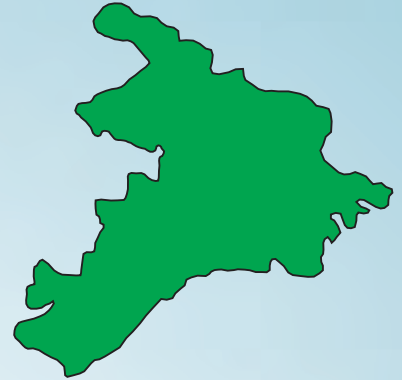
Themes Covered	Presented By	Main deliberation by Participants.
Community Initiative in SFM	Satyanarayan Pradhan, Treasurer, Kaierighati VSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation & Protection of Forest by Community Initiation by way of thengapali & it's strict Implementation by 114 members. • Collection of fines from different sources including illicit felling and it's deposit in VFDF fund. • Fireline treatment, participation in plantation & SMC activities • Pisci-culture activities in Community Pond by the effort of VSS members etc.
VSS-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre as a Village Resource	Surya Narayan Singh Samata, President, Tangianisha VSS & Girish Ch. Bhukta, President, Hariharapur VSS	<p>Explained on multi-farious use of Building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a place to conduct community meeting / collective decision making. • Conduct Capacity Building Programme / Trainings at Community level • Use of roof top for drying yard etc. • IGA Centre, Cultural unit, public hearing,
SHG-IGA	Ratani Amanta, Gramapati SHG, Hariharapur & Sabita Nayak, Maasantoshi SHG, Nuagarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented on the interventions taken up by the SHGs under IGA such as Pisciculture, hybrid Mung Cultivation & Sal leaf processing • Other interventions include Backyard poultry rearing along with Preparation of Badi, Arisa & Rasiladu etc.
Model SMC Measures	Kailash Ch. Sahu, FMU Chief I/C, Athmallik FMU.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Plantation activities undertaken in different VSS along with SMC Measures such as staggered trenches, LBCD, WMCD • Improvement in water level (based on collection of Pre & Post monsoon data).
Convergence Initiatives for Sustainable livelihood & EPA interventions	Kishori Ballav Nanda, FMU Co-ordinator, Athmallik FMU.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective of Convergence & Types of Convergence • Livelihood based convergence activities undertaken in different VSS with support from Line departments such as backyard poultry rearing, animal vaccination, eye cataract screening & operation, Japanese encephalitis vaccination • Skill based convergence under DDUYGKY & PMKVY etc.

Themes Covered	Presented By	Main deliberation by Participants.
Community Mobilization & Effective Communication Strategy	Santosh Ku. Bhoi, FMU Chief, Madhapur FMU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community role for restoration of degraded forest. Farm Forestry Initiation Control of forest fire, protection of forest by community watch & ward Resolution of inter & intra disputes amongst VSS(s) Constitution of Village forest Development Fund for SFM & related activities. Gender equality in JFM activities etc.
SHG-IGA Sal leaf Processing	Puspita Pradhan & Subhadra Pradhan, SHG Members from Bijipur VSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Way forward with Sal leaf processing as a sustainable IGA.
Chandrapur- A Model village initiatives under OFSDP Phase-II	Amaresh Prasad Dash, Team Leader Saroj Ku. Giri- Mushroom Entrepreneur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Mobilization under OFSDP Phase-II to undertake different activities including convergence under OFSDP Phase-II Capacity building of VSS members/ SHG members Entrepreneurship development in the VSS. Case studies of Saroj Ku. Giri & Dillip Ku. Pradhan as a mushroom entrepreneurs & poultry entrepreneur respectively.
DDUGKY- A Convergence Initiative towards Employment generation	Debananda Nayak, FMU Co-ordinator, Madhapur FMU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective of DDYUGKY Organisation of different Counselling Camp for motivation of rural youths for employment generation including parental counseling Tagging of potential candidates with different PIAs for employment Engagement of Pass out candidates with different agencies located at Bangalore, Chennai etc., Sharing of Success Stories.
Cataract Eye Surgery initiatives from OFSDP Phase-II	Sailendra Pradhan, FMU Co-ordinator, Bamur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pictographic presentation of Eye Cataract Screening & Operation as an essential attempt to provide clear vision with better livelihood to old & needy VSS members covered under the Project.

BARIPADA

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY



Annual “**Sameekshya**”-2019-20 meeting of Baripada Divisional Management Unit under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at the Sankalp Conference Hall of Baripada Forest Division on 4th February 2020. The Annual Review Meeting was organised to review the progress of implementation of OFSDP-II in Baripada Forest Division. On this occasion, Smt Sujata Murmu, President, Zilla Parishad, Mayurbhanj attended as Chief Guest and Dr. Jagnyadutta Patti, Deputy Director, Simlipal Tiger Reserve as the Guest of Honour in the Sameekshya meeting.



In her address as Chief Guest, Smt. Sujata Murmu, President, Zilla Parishad, Mayurbhanj, expressed her happiness that OFSDP-II has been extensively focussing on the livelihood support activities of forest dependent communities. She also appreciated the effort of project on community mobilisation of the VSS members for sustainable and holistic development at village level. She assured to provide all support to save and develop the forest ecosystem and in implementation of livelihood activities for the beneficiaries in the project areas.



Dr. Jagyandatt Pati, Deputy Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve, Baripada, praised the initiatives of OFSDP-II in addressing the livelihoods aspects of the communities. He particularly emphasised on the special efforts of the project to collaborate with the line departments in dovetailing various govt. schemes

and programmes for comprehensive development at community level. He also appreciated the interventions taken up under the project during the year such as Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries, Pillar Posting in VSS Assigned Area of OFSDP-II, plantation, IGA interventions etc.

Shri Swayam Mallick, IFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Baripada Forest Division gave an overview of the project components under OFSDP-II and shared the component wise progress made by the FMUs and DMUs in this year. He also briefly deliberated on the plans of action to be taken up during 2020-21 under OFSDP-II. Representatives of other offices, participants from VSS including SHG members and media representatives attended the Sameekshya meeting.



Venue	: "SANKALAP" Conference Hall, Baripada
Date	: 04.02.2020
Time	: 10.00 AM

1. Participants Details:

i	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD, Watersheds, • Coordinator, National Livelihood Mission, • Director, RSETI, • Deputy Director, Agriculture Department
ii	No. of VSS President/Member participated	80
iii	No. of Animators Participated	29
iv	No. of women participation out of the VSS Member	36
v	No. of P-NGO Team Members	NA
vi	No. of Member Secretary	11
vii	No. of project staff	23
viii	No. of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	21
ix	Representative of PMU/PMC	-

2. Display of Photo gallery

A photo exhibition was organised to exhibit the activities of of Bariada DMU under OFSDP-II in 2019 -20.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

SHG groups were participated to showcase their products under livelihood and IGA activities.

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| i. | No of Stall | 5 |
| ii. | Commodity Display | Bamboo Crafts, Jute Crafts, Sal leave Cups, NTFP Items, Sal leaf cup making machine. |

Inauguration of Sameekshya

Chief Guest

Smt. Sujata Murmu, Hon'ble Zilla Parshad President, Mayurbhanj graced and inaugurated the DMU level Sameekshya Review Programme.

Guest of Honour

Dr. Jagnydatt Pati, Deputy Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve, Baripada

Deliberations:

Smt. Sujata Murmu, Hon'ble Zilla Parshad President, Mayurbhanj

In her deliberation as Chief Guest, she highlighted on the following points.

- Promotion of Sal leaf products and Bamboo Items should be encouraged.
- Protection of forest and wildlife should be taken care of.
- Construction of Multi-Purpose VSS Buildings at VSS level should be initiated.
- Market linkage of NTFP products may be initiated to increase the livelihood of local people.
- Soil Moisture Conservation and Drainage Line Treatment works in the forest area should be increased. Focus should be more on construction of check dams
- Awareness on forest fire protection should be done at each VSS level.

Dr. Jagyandatt Pati, Deputy Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve, Baripada

In his deliberation as Guest of Honour outlined the following points.

- Implementation of OFSDP-II in Baripada Forest Division and Mayurbhanj District has a major role in livelihood improvement of forest dwellers.
- Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries and Pillar Posting in VSS Assigned Area is helping in scientifically monitoring of forest areas.
- Suggested the SHG members to maintain the quality of NTFP products like Honey, Neem Oil etc. avoiding dilution.
- Suggested the VSS Members to ban use of polythene at eco-tourism destinations and to promote jute items.

Shri Swayam Mallick, IFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Baripada Forest Division

DMU Chief of Baripada Forest Division gave an overview of the project components under OFSDP-II and shared the component wise progress made by the FMUs and DMU in the reporting year. The highlights of the presentation include as below:

- Successful implementation of OFSDP-II in Baripada Forest Division from 2017 to present.
- Sustainable Management of Forest in both JFM and Non JFM mode is continuing at Six Field Management Units (FMU) of DMU, Baripada.

- Improvement in the livelihood of local people has been initiated through income generation activities and convergence with line departments.
- Elaborated in brief about the plan of action for 2020-21.

Deliberation by the Participants

RO-cum-FMU Chief, Bangriposhi:

- Due to the implementation of OFSDP-II project, interaction with VSS people has been increased which has helped the Department to manage the forest resources in an easier way.
- Departmental convergence activities and convergence with line departments have been initiated for the development of VSS people and their livelihood.
- Sustainable Management of forest has been initiated in both Batch-I and Batch-II VSSs of the Division through both JFM and Non-JFM activities.

SMS (M&E, GIS/MIS, REDD+):

Made a detailed presentation on physical and financial achievement of Baripada Forest Division under OFSDP-II. Progress of activities covered in the presentation include Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries, Survey & Demarcation, Pillar Posting of VSS assigned area, Drainage Line Treatment, Assisted Natural Regeneration, Forest Fire Protection, Hi-Tech Nursery, Constriction of VSS buildings, Micro plan preparation, Community Mobilization and Capacity Building activities.

SMS (Livelihood, Microplanning, RF & Marketing):

Presented on the activities taken up in convergence with line departments like Forest Department (SBR), Forest Department (CAMPA), BPCL/ HPCL, RWSS, OK & VI Board, LIC & CSC, BOI- RSETI, India Post Payments Bank and DDU-GKY etc.

VSS and SHG Members: Sharing of Best Practices/Major Achievement

VSS President, Itamundia:

- Implementation of OFSDP-II project in the VSS has changed the lives of VSS people and they have become more aware in protecting the forest and environment.
- The old defunct VSS is now active due to implementation of OFSDP-II project.
- People are more aware in protection of forest and wildlife.

Animator, Bartana:

- After orientation programme of OFSDP-II for animators, they are well aware about the project and their responsibilities.

- They have got more opportunities to discuss their issues with project and departmental staff and are trying to involve all women of villages in SHG groups so that the income generation activities will be created and livelihood will be improved.
- The VSS members have involved themselves in protecting the forest along with voluntary plantation programme in the VSS area.

VSS Member, Hudisahi:

With the support of Forest Dept. and Project staffs of OFSDP-II, the VSS members have been benefited with various Govt. Programmes like Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Swacha Bharat Mission and Indian Post Payment banks.

SHG Members, Palasbani VSS:

After inclusion of OFSDP-II, the SHG members have got ample opportunities to showcase their products at district as well as state level exhibitions. The Project is improving people's livelihood and empowering women in forest fringe villages.

B O U D H

FOREST DIVISION



Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY



Annual Sameekshya 2019-20 of Boudh Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at Bira Narasinghapur Permanent Nursery of the Boudh Division on 14th February 2020. The Annual Review Meeting was organised to review the progress of implementation of OFSDP-II in Boudh Division. Shri Suresh Panth, IFS, Addl. PCCF, I/c Berhampur Circle attended as Chief Guest and Sri Lalatendu Mishra, OAS (SAG), Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Boudh joined as Guest of Honour in the Sameekshya meeting.



Shri Suresh Panth, IFS, Addl. PCCF, I/c Berhampur Circle in his address said that Forest Management should be planned in such a manner that community members should be motivated to take lead role for sustainable management of forest both within and outside the forest area with the assistance of forest staff. It was also reiterated that maximum care should be taken to address the socio-economic growth of the community through optimum convergence with the line departments.



Shri Lalatendu Mishra, OAS,(SAG), Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Boudh participated the Sameekshya-2019-20 as Guest of



Honour in the second session and inaugurated the SHG stalls. He appreciated the initiatives of OFSDP-II for creating a platform for the SHG members to exhibit and to sale their exclusive products.

Shri Y. Raghunath Rao, Superintendent of Police, Boudh attended the Sameekshya 2019-20 as Guest of Honour. In his address, he emphasized that forest is important for life as all green plants are giving oxygen to all living beings.



Officials and representatives of other line departments viz. Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, WCD also deliberated on the flagship programmes of their Departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

Shri Jashabanta Sethi, OFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Boudh Forest Division gave an overview of the project components under OFSDP-



He shared the component wise progress made by the FMUs and DMU during the year. He highlighted the initiatives taken up by the VSSs under OFSDP-II on sustainable forest management following JFM Mode. Shri Sethi also appreciated the efforts of his staff and P-NGO Team for ensuring implementation of different govt. schemes and programmes in the project villages through convergence.

An exhibition was organised to showcase the achievements, progress made by the DMU. SHG groups and VSSs at Boudh DMU also showcased their achievements in the exhibition. Two stalls were exclusively made for the SHG members to showcase their produces during the Sameekshya 2019-20. Representatives of other offices, participants from VSS including SHG members and Media representatives attended the Sameekshya meeting.



Venue	:	Biranarasingpur Permanent Nursery
Date	:	14.02.2020
Time	:	10.30 AM

1. Participants Details:

i	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Lalatendu Mishra, OAS, (SAG) Collector & District Magistrate, Boudh Shri V. Raghunath Rao, S.P, Boudh Dr. Laxmidhara Sahoo, CDMO, Boudh Shri Bhanja Kishore Manhari, Ex. EE, Boudh Shri Narayan Mahanandia, DAO, Boudh Shri R. K Sethi, LDM, Boudh Dr. Madan Mohan Pradhan, ADPHO(VBD)Boudh Shri Rama Chandra Malik, Director,RSETI Miss Dipti Sagarika Sahoo,AHO,Boudh Shri Debadatta Mishra, DPC(Mission Shakti) Shri Fransis Barla, DPM, OLM, Boudh Shri Pradip Kumar Naik, WEO, Harabhanga Shri Abinash Mahakur, Technical Asst., NHRDF
ii	No. of VSS President / Member participated	72
iii	No. of Animators participated	21
iv	No. of Women participation out of the VSS member	14
v	No. of P-NGO Team Members	8
vi	No. of Member Secretary	14
vii	No. of Project Staff	15
viii	No. of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	15

2. Display of Photo gallery

96 nos. of Photographs were displayed in a single platform at Sameekshya 2019-20 which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

SHG groups were participated to showcase their products under livelihood and IGA activities.

- i. No of Stall 5
- ii. Commodity Display Pulses, Agarbati, Haldi & Badi, Phenyle, Bamboo Craft.

Inauguration of Sameekshya 2019-20

The District Level Annual Review Meeting “Sameekshya-2019-20 was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri Suresh Pant, I.F.S, Addl. PCCF, I/c Berhampur Circle, and Guests of Honour, Shri V. Raghunath Rao, Superintendent of Police, Boudh and Shri Laxmidhar Sahoo, CDMO, Boudh on dtd.14.02.2020 at 10:30AM at Biranarasingpur Permanent Nursery of Boudh Forest Division. Shri Jashabanta Sethi, DFO, Boudh presided the Divisional/District Level Review Meeting “Sameekshya 2019-20”.

Deliberation by Guest and Dignitaries:

Chief Guest – Shri Suresh Pant, Addl. PCCF, I/c Berhampur Circle:

He deliberated that the work style of OFSDP-II is completely different from other projects. Usually most of the projects having 5 years term, however in this project the working period is 10 years which will pay a vital role for better achievement. He also expressed that Boudh DMU has done commendable progress under inter-sectoral convergence programme for the greater benefit of the communities at large. He highly appreciated the efforts of the project on plantation works and other income generation activities taken by DMU Boudh. He agreed to provide support to organise health camp in future in response to the request of CDMO Boudh. Further, he said that apart from forestry and convergence activities under the project, the regular meetings and trainings being conducted at DMU/FMU & VSS level are the important inputs under the project in achieving the timely result in the project area.

Guest of Honour - Shri Lalatendu Mishra, DM & Collector, Boudh

He attended the Sameekshya-2019-20 in second session and inaugurated the SHG stalls. He appreciated the arrangement made for publicity and sale of the SHG products in the Sameekshya 2019-20. Also, he added that one separate outlet will be provided to the SHG member at Boudh Town for selling of their products.

Guest of Honour - Shri Y. Raghunath Rao, Superintendent of Police, Boudh

He emphasized that forest is important for life as all green plants are giving oxygen to all living beings. He encouraged all the VSS members and other participants to plant more number of trees by giving contemporary examples of Indian community leaders.

Guest of Honour – Shri Laxmidhar Sahoo, CDMO, Boudh

He deliberated that plant emits oxygen regularly during the day time and we take 78% Nitrogen, 21% Oxygen & 1% other gas during our inhale and viewed that the plantation is most necessary for better health. He requested to DFO, Boudh to organise health camp in the project villages in convergence with the Health Department like other convergence activities.

Deliberation by Line Department Representatives:**Shri Narayan Mahanandia, DAO, Boudh**

He gave emphasis on inter-sectoral convergence of all possible agricultural programmes at VSS level to tap the maximum benefit for VSS members. He also told that different farmer trainings have been organised at VSS level during 2019-20 under ATMA, Boudh to provide hand holding support for agricultural development at VSS level. He assured to organise more training programme, exposure visit to other district for SHG/VSS members in near future.

Shri RK Sethy, LDM, Boudh

He stated that in the present scenario insurance of life and assets is very vital and it has become an important aspect for human life. He assured to extend all possible support to cover all VSS members and Forest Dept. officials to link with any appropriate insurance scheme with minimum investment. Also, he described about the insurance schemes like PMSBY, PMJJBY and APY.

Deliberation by community level stakeholders:**Shri Rabi Narayan Bhukta, President, Balipata VSS.**

He told that they are protecting jungle since long back as their primary duty, whereas after intervention of OFSDP-II, the Thenga-Pali is being enforced strictly in order to protect forest. He told that VSS members of his VSS are well satisfied with the activities under taken in OFSDP-II.

Shri Alek Bagarti, Treasurer, BN Pur VSS.

He said that 1st time nos. of SMC activities have been taken in the assigned area to check the soil erosion and recharge ground water. He told that convergence works of 5.50 lakh has been completed by the support of PR Department. He also told that SHG members are empowered to participate in VSS meeting and able to take necessary decision for their betterment of VSS.

Smt. Pramodini Mahapatra, Animator, Goundisar VSS

She told that six nos. SHG are in her village, but they were not doing anything except saving and consuming bank loan. After intervention by OFSDP staffs, the SHGs are now becoming more active and initiated income generation activities, like, mushroom cultivation, vegetable cultivation and business of pulses.

Smt. Sasmita Kanhar, Animator, Bhuktapada VSS

She also described the involvement of two SHGs of the VSS in poultry farming and vegetable cultivation.

Shri Loknath Rana, Treasurer, Landaparbat VSS

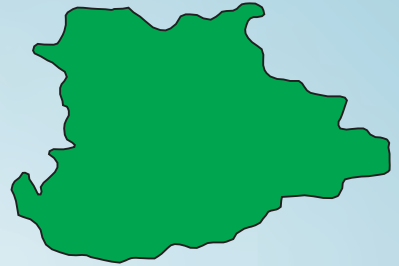
He briefed that all type of development has been started due to OFSDP-II. After the intervention of this project, there are nos. of activities are successfully implemented by different departments. He expressed that development is reached to his VSS due to support of the OFSDP-II staffs. He counted one by one achievement which were benefitted to the VSS members during last year.

Shri Bebhari Jhankar, Treasurer, Jhankarpada VSS

He appreciated the works of OFSDP-II staffs who have facilitated with the line departments to implement different development works such as concrete road construction, individual household latrine etc.

DHENKANAL FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY

Annual Sameekshya 2019-20 of Dhenkanal Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at Hotel Nirupama, Dhenkanal on 21st January 2020. The Annual Review Meeting was organised to review the progress of implementation of OFSDP-II Project in Dhenkanal Division. Dr Sudarsan Panda, IFS, PCCF and Project Director, OFSDP attended as the Chief Guest, Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul, Shri Bhumesh Chandra Behera, OAS-I, Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Dhenkanal and Smt. Anupama James, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Dhenkanal participated as Guest of Honour in the Sameekshya meeting.

Dr Sudarsan Panda, IFS, PCCF and Project Director of OFSDP, in his address as Chief Guest stated that OFSDP-II has high priorities on restoration of degraded forests through JFM mode and the functioning of VSSs under the project are to be strengthened and capacitated for sustainable forest management with the help of Forest Department and Project functionaries. It was also stated that OFSDP-II has adopted different plantations models like ANR, AR, Farm Forestry etc. for increase in forest coverage both inside and outside the forest area. He also shared that the learning of OFSDP, Phase-I, helped to take up livelihood initiatives for the forest fringe communities, which will help the forest dependent people to augment alternate livelihood and reduce excessive dependency on forest.

Shri Bhumesh Chandra Behera, OAS-I, Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Dhenkanal in his address as Guest of Honour appreciated the Annual Review programme initiated under OFSDP-II. He hoped that this platform would be useful for all the Department at District level to collaborate meaningfully for the smooth implementation of community oriented programmes through convergence mode. He also deliberated that Forest Management should be intended to create more forest cover and livelihood opportunities for the community.

Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul participated as the Guest of Honour in the Sameekshya and said that OFSDP-II should focus on the self-sustainability of the VSSs formed under it and strengthen their income generation activities. He deliberated on the importance of convergence activities in forest fringe areas and scope of collaboration with the line departments for the holistic development of the community.

Officials and representatives of other line departments viz. Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, Women & Child Development Department (WCD) also deliberated on the flagship programmes of their Departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

Shri Bimal Prasanna Acharya, OFS (SB-II), DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Dhenkanal Forest Division gave an overview of the project components under OFSDP-II and shared the component wise progress made by the FMUs and DMUs in this year. He also deliberated the plans of action of Dhenkanal DMU for the period of 2020-21 in brief.

An exhibition was organised to showcase the achievements of the project during 2019-20. SHG groups and VSS formed under the DMU also showcased their achievements in the exhibition. Four stalls were organised, where the SHG members showcased their produces. Representatives of other offices, participants from VSS including SHG members and media representatives etc. attended the Sameekshya meeting.





Venue	: Hotel Nirupama, Mahisapat, Dhenkanal
Date	: 21.01.2020
Time	: 10.00 AM onwards

1. Participants Details:

i	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri Bhumesh Chandra Behera, OAS-I, Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Dhenkanal 2. Smt. Anupama James, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Dhenkanal 3. Shri Narottam Behera, Project Director, DRDA, Dhenkanal 4. Dr. Asisa Kumar Biswal, Chief District Veterinary Officer, Dhenkanal 5. Shri Bhagaban Dash, Dy. Director (Horticulture), 6. Shri Bishnu Prasad Kar, CSQCE) O/o; Chief District Agriculture Officer, Dhenkanal 7. Shri Diptikanta Mohapatra, District Fisheries Officer, Dhenkanal 8. Shri Biswanath Pattanaik, District Lead Bank Officer, Dhenkanal 9. Shri Dibyasundar Kar, Scientist, (Horticulture) KVK, Dhenkanal. 10. Shri Sarangadhar Samal, Member Secretary, NYSASDRI (PNGO)
ii	No of VSS President / Member participated	38 (13 Presidents, 05 Treasurers, 20 Members)
iii	No of Animators participated	08
iv	No of Women participation out of the VSS members	15
v	No of P-NGO Team Members	07
vi	No of Member Secretary	22
vii	No of Project Staff	41
viii	No of Other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	24
ix	Representative of PMU/ PMC/ RCCF	1. Dr. Sudarsan Panda, IFS, PCCF (Projects)-cum-Project Director, PMU, Bhubaneswar
		2. Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul

2. Display of Photo gallery

Theme wise photographs displayed of Dhenkanal FMU & Hindol FMU & Others.

Photos exhibited basically on following themes in respect to all FMUs (six FMUs)

- VSS Constitution/Reconstitution
- Survey Demarcation & Pillar Postings
- Construction of VSS Buildings
- Different Capacity Building Programme/ Meetings/ Workshops etc.
- Participatory Micro Planning
- Convergence Activities
- Raising of Nurseries & Plantation Activities etc.
- SHG & IGAs

64 photographs were displayed on above themes

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

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| i. Persons | 12 |
| ii. No of Stall | 4 |
| iii. Commodity Display | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamboo & Cane Handicrafts • Badi & Food items • Processed Cashew • Arisha Peetha, Sweets, Pickle • Turmeric Powder • Suji Halua & Chhatua • Mushroom Pickle & Pakada etc. |

Inauguration of Sameekshya-2019:

1. Chief Guest- Dr. Sudarshan Panda, IFS, PCCF and Project Director, OFSDP-II, PMU, Bhubaneswar.
2. Guests of Honour: Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul
3. Shri Bhumesh Chandra Behera, OAS-I, Collector-cum-District Magistrate & Chairman DAC, Dhenkanal
4. Smt. Anupama James, Superintendent of Police, Dhenkanal
5. Shri Narottam Behera, Project Director, DRDA, Dhenkanal
6. Shri Bimal Prasanna Achrya, DFO-Cum DMU chief, Dhenkanal

Deliberations:

Chief Guest, Dr. Sudarsan Panda, IFS, PCCF & Project Director, OFSDP.

In his deliberation as Chief Guest, he deliberated on the following points.

- Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP-II) facilitates the communities in preparation comprehensive micro plan following the PRA exercises & FGD tools for holistic development of the communities. Further annual plan of each VSSs are developed, incorporating the prioritized activities identified by the villagers and the same is approved at Gram Sabha for augmenting convergence from other line departments.
- The protection of the forest and improvement of livelihood for the forest dwellers are the main priority.
- 1200 VSS are involved in OFSDP II out of which 150 VSS are in Dhenkanal Forest Division. Dhenkanal FMU intervened in 25 VSS and Hindol FMU in 27 VSS. Rest 98 VSSs from 4 FMUs namely Kamakhyanagar East, Kamakhyanagar West, Sadangi & Kapilash will be covered in next batch.
- It was suggested that due to limitations in Kapilash Wildlife Sanctuary Area, efforts should be given to select more VSSs in other ranges, so that the target is met.
- It was reiterated that the Government Fund required to be utilised judiciously in achieving the desired outcome of the project. The P-NGO member, project staff and the officials of Forest Department of DMU & FMUs shall be sincere in delivering the duties and responsibilities optimally for successful implementation of the project.
- There are about 13000 VSS in Odisha, out of which 7000 VSS are included in the AJY Project.
- Forest cover in Odisha increased due to the participation of the VSSs in Odisha. Degradation due to development activities like canal, mines, roads and industries etc., can be taken care through compensatory afforestation programme. The land use policy and pattern in some of the districts are not in a proper manner for which the elephant human conflict, crop loss and loss of life is alarming.

Guest of Honour : Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul

In his deliberation as Guest of Honour, he deliberated on the following points.

- He briefly presented the scope and history of Community Participation in Forest protection and its utility to the people involved under the VSS fold.
- Community involvement is the main priority. OFSDP focuses on the upliftment of the landless and poor members of the VSS.
- It was reiterated that development forums like HPC, DAC, BLAC etc. has been constituted for inter-sectoral convergence in the project villages.
- The Microplan at Dhenkanal FMU is already completed but proper implementation of the given proposals are prioritized to work into results.
- Farm forestry is one of the main component of the project, which encourages the plantation of short term yielding species in the private lands.

- The VSS building are ready for the IGA facilitation, serve as Community Resource Centre and Record Keeping etc.
- The 2nd Sameekshya held at Dhenkanal is to bring all the VSS and Line Departments on a single platform for their involvement to bring the plans to results.

Guest of Honour : Shri Bhumesh Chandra Behera, OAS-I, Collector-cum-District Magistrate & Chairman DAC, Dhenkanal

In his deliberation as Guest of Honour, he deliberated on the following points.

- The Collector & DM, Dhenkanal greeted to all the delegates and the participants present in the meeting. He appreciated the strategy of convening annual meet by OFSDP, Phase-II, which creates a platform for all line department to share the contributions made by them in the project villages during the year. Moreover, this platform also provide opportunity for the officials of line department to share their schemes and programme, which are to be implemented. He asserted that the livelihood promotion through SHGs would ultimately strengthen the VSS, Villages, District and thereby the State and ultimately Country. The goals and objectives would be achieved by means of coordination and support of each other that is department and the people.
- He assured that every aspects of the project will be supported by the District Administration, Dhenkanal.
- He appreciated the Level of Participation by the VSS and SHG Members in “Sameekshya” and exhibiting their Works & SHG Products.
- OFSDP endeavours for holistic development of a village in the cooperation of other line departments. He also advised the Line Department Officials present in the meeting to cooperate with OFSDP programme and to ensure all possible schemes are implemented in the project villages of OFSDP-II.
- It was also stated that Pond Development for Fishing, Goat Farm, Poultry Farm, Vegetable Cultivation etc. for promotion of livelihood of people in local areas can be possible through convergence.

Guest of Honour : Smt. Anupama James, Superintendent of Police, Dhenkanal

In her deliberation as Guest of Honour, she touched upon the following points.

- She expressed her gratitude for being given opportunity to participate in the Annual Meet Sameekshya-2019. She also appreciated the arrangements made by the Forest Department, showcasing SHGs Products & different activities exhibited through photographs and initiation of organising such an Annual Review Meeting under OFSDP-II.
- She impressed upon the need for sustainable mode of NTFP Collection, processing and Marketing for raising the income of the forest dependent communities.
- She drew attention to the Elephant and Human conflict and requested to ensure the safety of the human as well as the wild animals. The scope of the project was well

defined that the restoration of degraded forests and promotion of livelihood by implementing the actual plan with the best mutual cooperation among people and other departments. Protection of forest is the main issue which needs attention by all.

Shri Bimal Prasanna Acharya, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Dhenkanal

The DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Dhenkanal made a Power Point Presentation on the “Sameekshya-2019”. He made a brief presentation on the progress made so far in term of construction of the VSS Building, Plantation Activities, DLT, Capacity Building, IGA and Convergence Activities etc., in the VSSs covered in Batch-I and other progresses such as selection of VSS, Micro Planning, Survey and Demarcation etc. taken up in Batch-II VSSs under OFSDP-II.

Deliberations by Line Department Representatives:

Shri Bhagaban Das, Dy. Director (Horticulture)

He discussed about the SHGs, forest fire impact and relationship between forestry and horticulture. He described the relation of Forest with Horticulture by saying “BANA – UPABANA”. It was stated that subsidy of 50% for plantation of Amala, Alovera and farming of Honey Bee through Horticulture Department can be availed. He briefed on the provisions available in AYUSH Mission which include 50% subsidy on medicinal Plants like, Alovera, Aswagandha, Sarpagandha, etc. He highlighted the Bee keeping programme taken up at Majhisahi VSS in Dhenkanal FMU in convergence with KVIC and Forest Department. He urged for plantation of horticulture species in all VSSs under OFSDP-II in convergence with National Horticulture Mission. It was stated that the soil in these area is virgin and fertile organic manure and minerals. He highlighted on the off-season vegetable cultivation at Kankadahada which is having a good demand in the capital market. On the point of wild animal conflict, he encourages for an alternate of solar fencing with subsidies.

Shri Diptikanta Mohapatra, District Fishery Officer, Dhenkanal

He stressed about the “Jangle Surakshya-Jiban Rakshya” and briefly explained the concept. He assured assistance of fish farming in the ponds available in the VSSs covered under OFSDP-II. Further, it was stated that Gram Panchayat Ponds can be taken on lease by the local SHGs for fish farming. All require support will be augmented by the fisheries department and the beneficiaries can also avail 50% subsidy. It was asserted that the economic condition of the forest fringe communities can be strengthened through aquaculture and pisciculture.

Shri Bishnu Prasad Kar, O/o CDAO, Dhenkanal

He suggested that cultivation of pulses crops will not only help the beneficiaries for nutritional benefit but also would be a strategic approach to reduce the elephants menace in the locality. He urged the forest department officials to enlighten the farmers to grow such type of crops. He stated that soil is the main asset of the farmer, so soil must be protected by planting more and more trees. He encouraged the VSS members to be in touch with the Block Level Agriculture Officials regularly to get timely benefits.

Dr. Asis Kumar Biswal, Chief District Veterinary Officer, Dhenkanal

He opined that poultry farming is highly promising in the forest fringe areas. He urged that the SHG should be motivated to take active part to generate more Eggs, Meat & Hen Products. It was said that one hen normally produces 320-340 eggs in a year. Farming of Banaraj species (backyard farming) in Forest areas is quite feasible. Poultry farming through SHG in forest fringe areas can improve the economic condition substantially.

Deliberation by community level stakeholders:

The following VSS and SHGs members, FMU Coordinators & Forester had shared the progress of activities, Best practices / Success Stories adopted in their FMUs

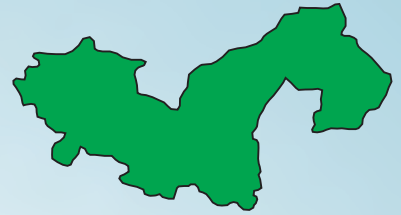
1. Shri Ananta Charan Biswal, Baabandha VSS, FMU Hindol : He described about the development of forests and role of Members in VSS.
2. Shri Umakanta Jethy, Treasurer, Kamadhenukot VSS, FMU, Dhenkanal – Successful Forest Protection by the Villagers & impact of VSS policing to control the poachings.
3. Shri Bankanidhi Khatua, Sudhadihikateni VSS FMU, DKL- Described about VSS assigned area, survey demarcation by the project how to protect Forest & unity among villagers
4. Shri Bijay Kumar Pradhan, Treasurer, Kalikaprasad VSS, FMU, DKL- Construction of LBCD in forest areas with the help of Forest Staff and FMU Coordinators contribute towards water conservation and minimise depredation by elephant.
5. Smt Hrishu Tudu, Majhisahi-Banasahi VSS, FMU, DKL She described about Honey Bee Boxes provided in her village for Honey Bee farming and plantation activities undertaken in the VSS Areas.
6. Shri Chakradhar Das, FMU Coordinator, FMU Dhenkanal : He made a power point presentation on the progress of activities in 25 VSS and progress of convergence with line departments in Dhenkanal FMU .
7. Smt. Nirlipta Ojha, FMU Coordinator, FMU Hindol : She also pointed out the details of progress which have been taken in FMU Hindol through Power Point Presentation.
8. Shri Dinesh Kumar Sharma, FMU Coordinator, FMU Sadangi – He pointed out the progress made by FMU Sadangi under OFSDP-II.
8. Shri Manas Ranjan Lenka, FMU Coordinator, Kamakhyanagar West : He told about the constitution of VSS and the convergence activities have been taken in their FMU.
9. Shri Santosh Kumar Behura, FMU Coordinator, Kamakhyanagar East : He made a Power Point Presentation about the progress of activities taken along with convergence activity.
10. Shri Sabyasachi Behera, FMU Coordinator, Kapilash : He described about the progress made in VSS and the convergence activities being pursued.

11. Shri Himansu Sekhar Prusty, Forester-cum-Memb.Secretary, K.Nuasahi/Ragadisahi, Batch-I: He pointed out the problems faced by Dhenkanal FMU during implementation of activities in Batch-I VSS which should not expected to occur in Hindol FMU & other FMUs.
12. Shri Niranjan Behera, Cashier,Gundrapasi VSS, Kapilash on Forest protection.
13. Shri Bankanidhi Das, Balikiari in Hindol FMU : He stressed about the development of forest areas after initiation of SHG & forest department.
14. Smt. Anita Behera, Secretary, Maa Laxmi SHG – She told about the help of Bank and constitution of SHG for making Badi, Pampad, etc.
15. Shri Akhila Kumar Samal, Madhapur VSS – He described about the plantation activities should be taken to prevent elephant depredation.
16. Smt. Sakhi Pradhan, President, Bagabasa VSS, K.Ngr (East) – She described about the VSS development in their area with the help of forest department officials.
17. Shri Abhiram Panda, President, Bainsia G.P. VSS, Joranda Sectin, FMU Sadangi – He pointed out about the details of forest protection which they have taken active part since 1995 through Thenga-Pali.
18. Shri Shyam Sundar Sahoo, Tumusingha, K.Ngr West : He told that their jangle have been protected since 40 years through Thenga-Pali Yojana

GHUMUSAR(SOUTH)

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY

Annual Sameekshya 2019-20 of Ghumsur (South) Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at the Lalsingi Permanent Nursery on 27th January 2020. The Annual Review Meeting was organised to review the progress of implementation of OFSDP-II Project components in Ghumsur South Division. Shri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Berhampur Circle, participated as Chief Guest in the Sameekshya meeting.

Shri Suresh Panth, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Berhampur Circle in his address said that the project objectives of OFSDP-II should be met through strategic forest management and by undertaking sustainable livelihood activities, through convergence. Community Mobilisation, facilitation for timely implementation of planned interventions, regular follow up and monitoring are the key to JFM mode interventions and to ensure Sustainable Forest management in close participation of the communities. Shri Abhaya Kumar Dalei, DFO Cum DMU Chief Ghumsur North Division attended as the Guest of Honour and emphasised on the role of forest officials and project functionaries in implementing all the activities in time bound manner.

Shri Satya Narayan Behura, OFS, DMU Chief of Ghumsur (S) Forest Division gave a detail presentation on the activities and progress of the OFSDP-II under this division. He shared that Micro Plan in 20 batch-II VSSs have been completed in the present year. He also shared the component wise progress made by the FMUs and DMU for the year 2019-20.

Representatives of other line departments viz. Fishery, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, Women and Child Development Department deliberated on the key programmes of their respective Departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

An exhibition was organised by the VSSs to showcase the achievements, progress made during this reporting year.





Venue	: Conference Hall of RMC, Bhanjanagar
Date	: 27.01.2020
Time	: 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM.

Participants Details:

1	Name & Designation of the Line Department	1. S. Rana Rao (Asst. Director of Horticulture, BNJ) 2. M.T Dora(WEO, Surada) 3. Minatee Ku. Swain(BLM, OLM, Surada) 4. Dinabandhu Gouda(Secretary of RMC) 5. Hrushikesh Swain(ABEO- Cum BRCC, BNJ) 6. Shyamaghana Pradhan (Asst. Engineer, JN. Prassd)
2	No. of VSS President / Member Participated	52
3	No. of women Participated out of the VSS Member	08
4	No. of PNGO Team Members	06
5	No. of Member Secretary	11
6	No. of Project Staff	17
7	No. of other Forest Department staff including FMU Chief	10

1. Display of Photo gallery

Photo gallery displayed in the Sameekshya programme based on the component wise project activities.

2. Exhibition of WSHG Members

- No of Stalls-02
- Commodity displayed – Black gram, green gram, horse gram, vegetables, ragi powder, mustard, turmeric, Badi, papad, some dry food items, leaf plates and tuber crops etc.

3. Inauguration of Sameekshya- 2019

The Sameekshya 2019-20 of Ghumsur South was inaugurated by Sri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl PCCF & I/c Berhampur Circle in presence of DFO Cum DMU Chief Ghumsur South and Ghumsur North, ACF Ghumsur South and North, Principal Bhanjanagar college and Director PNGO LIPICA along with all participants. The meeting was inaugurated with the followings:

- Welcome Song by FMU Team, Suroda.

- Introduce Plastic Free Bag Slogan (Say no Plastic Bags)
- Publication of Odiya & English Sameekshya Booklet 2019-20.
- Inauguration of Video Document on progress of work in Gh South Division under OFSDP-II

Deliberation by Guest Dignitaries:

Chief Guest

Shri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF & i/c Berhampur Circle

Shri Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF & i/c Berhampur Circle spoke at length on the key objectives of OFSDP, Phase-II and explained in details on the implementation modalities. It was reiterated that the study undertaken by Govt., reveals that forest area has been increased in Odisha. He stated that the tenure of OFSDP, Phase-II is ten years and it aims at strengthening the capacity of the communities for sustainable management of forest and to augment alternate livelihoods for the forest dependant people. It was stated that different people centric schemes and programmes of other line departments shall be implemented in the project villages for holistic development. He urged that project authorities at all level shall ensure effective coordination with the line department and facilitate in implementation of govt. schemes in the project villages for the benefit of the communities at large.

It was also shared that Forest and Environment Dept. Govt of Odisha is planning to plant 15 Cr. Seedling in the current year as against 5 Cr. Seedling (approx.) planted in previous years. The concept of 5 Ts (Team Work, Technology, Time, Transparency & Transformation), which are basic requirement for successful implementation of project were deliberated.

Guest of Honour:

Shri Satya Narayan Behura, DFO Cum DMU Chief, Ghumsur South Division spoke in details about the implementation of OFSDPP-II in Ghumsur South Division. It was stated that OFSDP-II covers 60 VSSs in 3 FMUs namely Buguda, Suroda and Badagada. While deliberating on the project objectives, he highlighted on the community participation for protection and sustainable management of forest. The concept of addressing the alternate livelihood under project stated to be unique and need of the hour.

He highlighted the initiatives of the project authorities of DMU & FMUs under Ghumsur South Forest Division on coordination with the officials of other line departments for holistic development through convergence. It was reiterated that all relevant schemes of education, health, road connectivity, agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, drinking water, sanitation, income generation, SHGs strengthening and empowerment, irrigation, social security etc shall be taken up with due coordination with the line department through convergence.

Shri Abhaya Kumar Dalei, DFO Cum DMU Chief Ghumsur North Division

Shri Dalei, DFO Cum DMU Chief Ghumsur North Division in his brief deliberation spoke about the problems and challenges being faced by the forest fringe communities. It was urged that the challenges faced by the communities shall be appropriately identified during micro planning process and necessary steps shall be taken, whole heartedly by all stakeholders, to augment the

basic facilities through convergence. He also spoke about the need to augment alternate livelihood for the forest dependant communities, which in turn will reduce the anthropogenic interference for sustainable growth of forest. It was stated that support for value addition, branding, marketing of products on cluster basis shall be considered.

Dr. Nilanchala Muni, Principal of KSUB College Bhanjanagar, the Guest of Honour on this occasion appreciated the strategies and steps taken by Govt., for conservation and improvement of forest. He also profusely appreciated the concept of OFSDP-II, where focus has been given for sustainable forest management along-with Socio economic development of the VSS members. He appreciated the effort and dedication of all stakeholders associated in implementation of OFSDP-II and extended sincere thanks for playing important role in shaping the communities for better future.

Deliberation by other Dignitaries:

Shri Shankarsan Behera, ACF, Ghumsur South Division spoke on the occasion. He said that all employees irrespective of department, working for the community development, shall work in coordination with each other for better result. It was said that ultimate beneficiaries of all departmental schemes and programmes are the people live in the communities. So there is ample scope for all departments to work in tandem. Moreover, coordinated work will ensure timely and successful implementation of the sachems, enabling the departments to meet their target. While appreciating the good work of the VSSs, he requested them to get themselves involved for overall development including sustainable forest management.

Shri Sudersan Badi, ACF Cum Asst DMU Chief, Ghumsur North Division stated that no single agency / department can bring solution to all basic problems faced by the communities. So it is essential that all departments / agencies to work in synergy to address the challenges faced by the communities. He applauded the sincere efforts of line departments, for whom series of community development works, as per the need identified by the communities during micro plan, have been accomplished.

Shri Pravakar Naik, ACF Cum Asst DMU Chief Ghumsur South shared his experience on implementation of OFSDP-I project and AJY where he was involved. He briefly described the interventions taken up in OFSDP-I and stated that the OFSDP-II has been designed based on the learnings of OFSDP-I. Further, he said that Ama Jangala Yojana, the flagship programme of Govt. of Odisha is being implemented in 23 Forest Division across the state following similar approach. He asserted that basic needs of the poor, destitute and backyard class people can be met through optimal convergence of all departments. He also talked about the Satoyama Model Initiative of OFSDP-II for eco-system management following the landscape management model.

Shri M.Motilal, ACF Ghumsur North Division spoke on Natural Resources, which are essential for survival of both human being and animal kingdom. He encouraged the VSSs members for their active participation in managing the resources for the benefit of the people at large.

Smt. Ranjita Dash, Director P.NGO LIPICA shared that LIPICA as partner NGO of OFSDP-II is working for the development of the forest and forest dwellers. The organisation got the scope to facilitate in implementing OFSDP-I, AJY and OFSDP-II project. He appreciated for the support and

guidance received from DMU Chief and his team for establishing the processes for smooth implementation of OFSDP-II.

She also expressed her satisfaction for the coordinated effort of all officials of DMU, FMU & Partner NGO for smooth implementation of project.

She asserted that the micro plan developed by the communities would be the best tool for effective convergence of all livelihood programme as per the need of the communities. It was stated that schemes shared by the different line department namely Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal husbandry and fishery, in the last DAC Meeting, shall be optimally explored and implemented for the benefit of the communities. She spoke on Social audit, which is very important to understand the impact of implementation of OFSDP-II.

Shri S. Rama Rao, the Asst Director of Horticulture Department informed the member present that various programme such as potato cultivation, mango and coconut plant, horticulture mini kit etc., are being implemented in OFSDP-II project areas with due convergence with Horticulture department. He appreciated the effort of DFO and his team for implementation of various development programme through convergence. He proposed that proposals on honey bee cultivation, mushroom cultivation can be prepared for implementation through convergence with Horticulture Department

Ms. Minati Swain, Representative of OLM from Suroda Block shared that there is very good coordination among FMU Suroda and OLM for implementation of Livelihood promotion and IGA programme through SHGs. Recently the Leaf plate press machine support provided from OLM to Maa Sriya and Hara Gouri SHGs of Kendupali VSSs. Loan to the tune of Rs. Two lakhs have been provided to the SHGs members to facilitate income generation activities at community level.

Shri Susant kumar Naik, BPM Misson Shakti shared that convergence programme under Suroda Block is going on joint coordination of forest Department and Line Department. The BLAC Meeting under Chairmanship of Block Development Officer (BDO) plays an important role for effective convergence of different schemes at block level. It was stated that under Mission Shakti, loan and revolving funds have been provided to the SHG members for undertaking varied IGA as has been identified during the Micro Planning process.

Deliberation by the Participants:

Shri Subhakanta Mishra, SMS (Livelihood, Rural financing & Marketing) made a detail presentation on the work progress under OFSDP-II in Ghumsur South Division. The gist of the presentation is as follows.

- Objective of project, Strategy adopted, introduction about the area taken under this division i.e 60 nos of VSSs in 3 Range Cum FMU.
- Plantation activities completed in 950 ha area in all 20 VSSs of FMU Buguda.
- 15 no's of capacity Building programme have been undertaken under different component of the project

- Consolidation and demarcation of forest Boundaries taken up under Non JFM mode in Range Cum FMU Buguda. The above activity implemented in 2 RF and 1 ARF with boundary clearance of 32 Km and construction/Repairing of 161 no of pillar
- Drainage Line Treatment (DLT) activities taken under 25 Ha area in JFM mode in FMU Buguda and 13 ha each in Non JFM mode under FMU Buguda and Suroda. The potential SMC measures (LBCD) implemented under this component.
- 29 km of fire line treatment made in 20 VSSs of FMU Buguda.
- 20 no's of VSS Building Cum IGA facilitation centre under FMU Buguda has been completed and out of that 18 nos of Building has already been inaugurated.
- 97 no's of SHGs under FMU Buguda and 81 no's of SHGs under FMU suroda has been identified and the SHGs gradation also completed.
- 08 nos of PNGO coordination cell Cum DMU level review and 35 no's of FMU level review meeting have been conducted in 2019-20.
- Land and Beneficiary selection under farm forestry component for Batch-I FMU has been completed
- Water table data collection of both FMU Buguda and Suroda has been completed.
- Range level VSS forum has been constituted in FMU Buguda and Suroda
- The FMU and PNGO team participated in Gram Sabha Meeting on 15th August and 2nd October 2019. The VSS wise EPA plan of FMU Buguda and Micro plan of FMU Suroda has been approved in Gram Sabha.
- Framers club was formed in Golabandha VSS of FMU Buguda
- VSS display Board has been installed in all VSS of FMU Buguda and Suroda
- Plastic and polythin free campaign organized at the VSS level
- Exposure visit of animators, PNGO and FMU team of Buguda to KVK Bhanjanagar was organized by FMU Buguda
- The Project team of DMU and FMU, PNGO team and some SHGs members of Buguda and Suroda visited to Sal siali press machine cluster of OLM Darngibadi
- The PNGO team consist of 3 members deployed under Batch-II FMU.
- All 20 VSSs have been registered and registration certificates issued to the VSSs.
- VSS General saving & VFDF Accounts has already been opened in all 20 VSSs of Suroda
- The Survey and Demarcation of assigned area has been completed in all 20 VSSs. Total 2498 Ha. area has been assigned to all 20 VSSs of FMU Suroda. The boundary clearance with pillar posting work has been completed. Besides that, the treatment area survey for plantation, DLT, SMC also completed.

- All 40 nos. of animators (2 in each VSS i.e. one male and female) are selected and engaged in all 20 VSS of FMU Suroda from 1st January 2019.
- The Community Mobilization training on Implementation of OFSDP-II programme has been completed in all 20 VSSs of FMU Suroda.
- Micro plan preparation has been completed and approved in Gram Sabha in Batch-II FMU Suroda
- The area identification for VSS Building Cum IGA Facilitation center has been completed in all 20 VSSs
- The VSS Identification process with preliminary survey and demarcation of Batch-III VSSs has been completed
- Blood donation camp was organized by Range Cum FMU Badagada

Deliberation by community level stakeholders:

Ms. Rasmita Behera, Animator of Golabandha VSS shared that she is working for the development of the women in SHGs, organizing the SHGs meeting and updating records, facilitating for organizing the VSS meeting. The development works like plantation, check dam, VSS building, seed distribution in convergence, health camp etc various programme are being implemented at the VSSs level. She said that migration has reduced as the VSS members getting the work in the VSS from the Project.

Animator of Gundibira VSS Shared that various programme such as potato cultivation, planting of coconut tree, mango tress etc. have been taken up with the support of Horticulture Department. Under OFSDP-II, survey and demarcation, posting of pillars etc. have been completed. Area for construction of VSS cum SHG Facilitation Centre has been identified. Broad site specific plan for plantation in the VSS area has been completed. He stated that VSS members are very happy to be part of OFSDP-II

Shri Dhableswar Pradhan, the president of Chanchrapali VSS shared that the VSS functioning as grass root institution for forest management and development of the people. The construction of VSS building Cum IGA facilitation helps us to conduct the VSS meeting, SHGs meeting and various community development programme. It works as an office of the VSSs and the records of the VSS kept in that building. The VSS road, Mushroom cultivation, animal vaccination camp etc are conducted in convergence mode. The VSS members are actively participating and protecting the forest, wild animals and also all the programmes of OFSDP-II.

VSS and SHG Members: Sharing of Best Practices/Success Stories/ Major Achievements :

Major aspects discussed in the DMU level Sameekshya of Ghumsur South are:

- The Leaf plate making machine has been established in Kendupali VSS of FMU Suroda in convergence with Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM). Two SHGs namely Maa Sriya

and Maa Hara Gouri of Kendupalli VSS have availed loan for Rs. 1 lakhs from OLM for these activities. Now they are selling the leaf plate in the market and getting profit. There is a plan to open an outlet in the Block Head quarter for selling of NTFP and Agro based products.

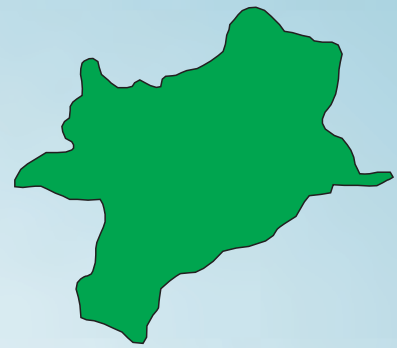
- As identified in the Micro Plan Document, road connectivity in two VSSs i.e. Sandhabali and Ghasipada under Soruda FMU of value of Rs. 9 lakhs each have been completed.
- Binod Behera the animator of Raghunathpur VSS of FMU Buguda shared that the drinking water was the major issues his VSS. The VSS members of Raghunathpur placed the matter directly in BLAC meeting. After that immediate action has been taken by RWSS for drinking water supply project with overhead tank. The project has been executed by RWSS in 2019-20 and the cost of the project is Rs 3,60,000/-. Efforts of the Animators for the above work was appreciated.
- The VSS Building Cum IGA facilitation centre of Samalai VSSs under FMU Buguda is being used as tailoring centre, where five women members are stitching garment like saya, blouse, bag etc. These ladies were earlier trained on tailoring under DDUGKY in 2018-19 and were employed at Tamilnadu where they used to get monthly remuneration of 9000/-. But after 6 months, they are back to Village and working from their own village with a good income on daily basis.
- The coconut and mango seedlings distributed to the Titili (Cyclone) affected people under FMU Suroda is one of the best convergence programme. 970 seedlings of mango and coconut were distributed to 388 beneficiaries.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks by Shri Sovan Patnaik, SMS (M&E, MIS, GIS & REDD+)

GHUMUSAR(NORTH)

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY

Annual Sameekshya 2019-20 of Ghumsur (North) Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at the Lalsingi Permanent Nursery on 28th January 2020. The Annual Review Meeting was organised to review the progress of implementation of OFSDP-II Project in Ghumsur North Division. Sri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF, I/C Berhampur Circle participated as Chief Guest and Shri Sudarshan Behera, OFS, Deputy Project Director (A&F) of OFSDS, Bhubaneswar attended as Guest of Honour in the Sameekshya meeting.

Shri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF, I/C Berhampur Circle, in his address said that protection of forest should be given priority under project by active involvement of communities. Moreover, sincere efforts should be given to take up livelihood interventions for the forest dependant families through convergence. The project has special provision for community mobilisation and training programmes which would be ensured at the FMU and DMU level to extract the desired outcome in the livelihood programmes.

Shri S.N. Behura, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Gh. South, deliberated on the objectives of the OFSDP-II and emphasised on the collaboration of line departments for convergence activities.

Representatives of other line departments viz. Fishery, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, Women and Child Development Department deliberated on the key programmes of their Departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

Shri Abhay Kumar Dalai, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Ghumsur North Division gave an overview of the project components under OFSDP-II and shared the component wise progress made by the FMUs and DMUs in this year.

An exhibition was organised to showcase the achievements, progress made by the DMU. SHG groups and VSS formed under the DMU also showcased their achievements in the exhibition. Total six number of stalls arranged to exhibit the forest and agriculture produces of community groups.





Venue	:	Training Centre, Lalsingi Permanent Nursery, Bhanjanagar
Date	:	28.01.2020
Time	:	10.30 AM onwards

1. Participants Details:

i	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sri Ashok Kumar Panda, Lead Bank Manager, Ganjam Sri Sambit Acharya, Asst. Horticulture Officer, Bhanjanagar Dr. Banamali Sahu, Sub-Divisional Veterinary Officer, Bhanjanagar Sri Ghanasyam Dakua, Asst. Executive Engineer, Bhanjanagar
ii	No. of VSS President/Member participated	48 Nos.
iii.	No. of Women participation out of the VSS member	12 Nos.
iv.	No. of P-NGO Team Members	7 Nos.
v.	No. of Member Secretary	31 Nos.
vi.	No. of Project Staff	20 Nos.
vii.	No. of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	6 Nos.
viii.	Representative of PMU/PMC	

2. Display of Photo gallery

The photographs on project activities were displayed at the Sameekshya review meeting.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

SHG groups were participated to showcase their products under livelihood and IGA activities.

i.	No of Stall	6
ii.	Commodity Display	Harada, Bahada, Moong, Mustard, Biri, Kolatha, Cow Pea, Turmeric, Bamboo Craft, Broom, Asana, Till, Badi, Pampada & Cashew

Inauguration of Sameekshya

Shri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF, I/C Berhampur Circle: Chief Guest
 Shri Sudarsan Behera, OFS-I, (SB), Dy. Project Director, PMU, OFSDS
 Shri Abhay Kumar Dalai, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Gh. North: President
 Shri S.N. Behura, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Gh. South, Guest of Honour
 Shri Rajendra Minz, Sub-collector, Bhanjanagar, Guest of Honour
 Shri Sudarsan Badi, ACF-cum-Asst. DMU Chief, Ghumsur North: Guest of Honour
 Shri M. Motilal, ACF, Ghumsur North: Guest of Honour
 Shri Prabhakar Nayak, ACF-cum-Asst. DMU Chief, Ghumsur South: Guest of Honour
 Shri Sankarsen Behera, ACF, Ghumsur South, Guest of Honour
 Shri Hari Sankar Rout, Secretary, P-NGO, SWATI, Guest of Honour

1. Deliberations

Chief Guest, Shri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF (I/C), Berhampur Circle

Shri Suresh Pant, IFS, Addl. PCCF (I/C), Berhampur Circle in his inaugural address stated that project has been launched in Ghumsur North for last two years and the project tenure is 10 years. It was said that normal tenure of any project is 5 years but it is OFSDP-II, which will be implemented for 10 years in this state.

He advised all VSSs members to take plantation activities in their assigned area & to protect the forest from fire. Decision of Govt. in Forest & Environment Department as regards free distribution of 15 Crores seedlings for plantation during 2019-20 was shared. It was stated that due to active involvement of VSSs the forest coverage in Odisha has been increased.

The Micro Plan has been prepared in all OFSDP-II implemented VSSs & the comprehensive development work are being carried out through convergence. While narrating the main aim & objective of OFSDP-II, he stated that agriculture, horticulture, Pisciculture and apiculture works etc. are being undertaken through convergence to augment the livelihood of the poorest of the poor forest fringe dwellers. The new technique of raising of seedlings in hyco-pot under OFSDP-II was shared, which has the potential for significant reduction in use of plastic for nursery purpose. He emphasized the preparation of leaf plates through SHG through proper market linkage. He urged the OFSDP-II team to take necessary steps to implement the works, which were not taken up by the Government in the VSS.\

Shri Abhay Kumar Dalai, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Ghumsur North

In his brief deliberation, Shri Dalai stated that due to active involvement of VSS, the forest coverage in Odisha has been reported to be increased to the extent of 284 Sq. He opined that OFSDP, Phase-II is an unique project, where emphasis has been given to generate alternate livelihood options of the forest fringe communities through convergence. It was said that SHGs shall be trained on producing sal leaf plates, cups, which will help in reduction of use of plastic. Few best practices and learnings of Ghumsur North in implementation of OFSDP-II were also shared.

Shri S. N. Behura, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Ghumsur South

Shri Behura expressed that Ghumsur forest is famous for Black Buck, Giant Squirrel, Peacock & Elephant. It was stated that forest coverage is increasing gradually by combine support from VSS with Forest Dept. He urged that the VSS members shall be sensitized optimally to control forest fire. Other areas covered in his deliberation in the initiative to make the area plastic free, Education to all, use of Internet at VSS level etc.

Shri Rajendra Minz, Sub-Collector, Bhanjanagar

In his brief deliberation, he stated that plantation work is being carried out in all Govt. Offices under his control and the responsibility was given to the Revenue Inspectors. He expressed his concern on illicit felling of trees, forest fire etc., which are detrimental in nature. It was stated that it takes more than 10 -15 years for the growth of the tree, whereas this can be destroyed within no time.

Shri Prabhakar Nayak, ACF-cum-Asst. DMU Chief, Gh.South

Briefly explained the aims & objectives of OFSDP-II. The experience of formulating the comprehensive micro plan by the VSS members following the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was explained. It was said that such Sameekshya Meeting creates opportunities for better convergence with other line departments for holistic development of the forest dependant families in project area.

Shri M. Motilal, ACF-cum-Asst. DMU Chief, Ghumsur North

He stressed on the support from the Line Department to fulfil the requirements of the Villagers during Micro Plan. He also opined that provision of alternate livelihood for the people will lead to reduce dependency on forest. Also spoke on utilization of unutilized revenue lands, use of Bamboo crafts & forest protection.

Shri Harisankar Rout, Secretary, P-NGO, SWATI

Narrated his experience of implementation of OFSDP-II and encouraged VSS people for their active participation for sustainable forest management including the protection of forest from illicit felling and forest fire. Moreover, he spoke on different government schemes, which are aimed at protection of girl child – “Mo Gelhi Jhia” for implementation in convergence.

Deliberations Line Department Representatives:

Shri Ashok Kumar Panda, LDM, Ganjam

LDM, Ganjam suggested to engage the youths with qualification 12th standard from VSS in banking correspondence. He explained various schemes of Government such as: Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Automatic Accidental Insurance, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Loan to SHGs, Loan for Dairy Farm, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, which can be availed by the beneficiaries.

Shri Banamali Sahu, SDVO, Bhanjanagar

SDVO, Bhanjanagar emphasised on protection of domestic & wild animals through awareness in the rural villagers. He advised that the villagers may take up different livelihood interventions like back yard poultry, goatary, dairy farming etc. in their locality, for which different govt provides subsidy to the rural farmers. It was also suggested that the people of these communities shall be optimally sensitized about various disease & for vaccination programmes.

Shri Sambit Acharya, Asst. Horticulture Officer, Bhanjanagar

Asst. Horticulture Officer, Bhanjanagar explained that Horticulture Dept. plays a main role in forest protection & in development of forest dependents. Suggested to get benefit by utilizing different schemes of Government from horticulture such as: Hybrid vegetables, Coconut, Mushroom, Cashew, Floriculture, Apiculture etc. he also stated that Hybrid vegetables & mushroom has been cultured in many VSS of Mujagada Range & Cashew has been produced & processed in Dangabhumi VSS, Tarasingi Range. Moreover the DPR submitted for taking up Honey Bee Cultivation has been approved by Collector-cum-District Magistrate, which will be initiated shortly.

Smt Ashalata Digal, RO-cum-FMU Chief, Mujagada FMU

While explaining the detail progress of Mujagada FMU, narrated four causes of deforestation and said the importance of water, forest, land, people and animal. It was suggested that for fuel and fodder instead of fire wood, compost gas, solar system and petroleum gas can be used. He stated that the forest department helps people to protect the forest by making friendship with them. She has encouraged the VSS people not to use firewood from forest for cooking and advised them to use the LPG gas for cooking.

Shri Umakant Das, RO-cum-FMU Chief, Jagannathprasad FMU has presented a detail progress report on OFSDP-II and various convergence activities in his FMU.

Shri Jibananda Tripathy, Forester-cum-Member Secretary briefly explained on “Community initiative in successful management of forests” & stressed that unity of community is helpful for development of forest. The protection of forest could be possible by the cooperation & interest of people.

Deliberations by community level stakeholders:

Shri Iswa Ganesh, Asst. FMU Chief, Jagannathprasad FMU & Shri Bulu Naik, Member Secretary, Khurudugochha VSS briefly explained on different models taken up for “SMC Measures” under OFSDP-II. They narrated the advantages of SMC & encouraged the VSS members for its maintenance in future.

Shri Khali Pradhan, President, Jogimari VSS shared the support and assistance augmented from project authorities for successful implementation of the project activities. He urged other VSS members for effective implementation of project interventions and wished them good luck for success of the project. He also stated that VSS people should keep cooperation with Forest Department & P-NGO for the achievement of OFSDP related activities. He also shared his

experience of formulating the comprehensive Micro Plan following the PRA exercise and stated that this is a tool for holistic development of the village through convergence.

Shri DandapaniJani, Treasurer, Jayamangala VSS opined that Forest Department has helped them in many ways. He stressed the importance of OFSDP-II in his VSS & advised the VSS people to protect the forest. It was stated that varied development work has been taken up in last couple of years after launching of OFSDP-II.

Shri Loknath Acharya, Animator, Baniapalli VSS explained about OFSDP-II & stated that good work taken up at VSS level has contributed for Ghumsur North DMU to be awarded with Indra Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra Award during implementation of FDA. He also explained the benefits of SMC & suggest the VSS members to save forest from forest fire.

Smt. Sisuma Gouda, Animator, Gothalunda-Balimala VSS shared the “Smokeless Village: Kriyadhar VSS”. She has narrated that after several efforts of the Departmental staffs, the villagers agreed to use the LPG instead of fuel wood. She explained that LPG gas has been supplied to their VSS through “UJJWALA” Scheme & now almost all Household of their VSS are using & refilling LPG gas.

Smt. Tikina Pradhan, Animator, Kepiti VSS presented “Convergence initiatives with other departments / programmes at the field level”. She has narrated the various convergence activities of Jagannathprasad FMU such as: Animal Vaccination Camp, Seed treatment, Construction of IHHL, Distribution of custard apple seedlings, Coconut plant, Mango seedlings, Construction of solar stand post, construction of Bore well, Construction of CC road & training to unskilled candidates through DDU-GKY scheme.

Miss Sonali Behera, Animator, Daha VSS shared her pleasure for getting an opportunity to work for her own village as Animator. She appreciated the support and guidance received from the project for implementing various community development works through convergence. She composed and sang a song on importance of forest and how to it is to be taken care by community participation.

JHARSUGUDA

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY

The Annual Review Meeting – “Sameekshya-2019-20” of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project-II of DMU, Jharsuguda Forest Division was organized on 14.01.2020 at Hotel Micro Continental, Beheramal, Jharsuguda. Shri Chitta Ranjan Mishra, IFS, RCCF, Sambalpur, Shri Susanta Kumar, IFS, DFO cum DMU Chief, Jharsuguda Forest Division are accompanied by other guests inaugurated the Annual Review Meeting – “Sameekshya-2019-20” by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Shri Susanta Kumar, IFS, DFO cum DMU Chief, Jharsuguda Forest Division welcomed all the Guests on the dais and the participants present in the meeting. He briefed the participants about the aim, objective, implementation strategies and progress of the OFSDP-II in the Division. He also spoke on objective of the Annual Sameekshya meeting 2019-20.

Officials and representatives of other line departments viz. Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, WCD also deliberated on the flagship programmes of their Departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

Representatives from VSSs from Batch-I & Batch-II FMUs participated the Sameekshya-2019-20 and shared their experiences and lessons learnt to the audience. They conveyed thanks to project authorities for their support and assistance in implementation of varied community development works through convergence.





Venue	:	Hotel Micro Continental, Jharsuguda
Date	:	14.01.2020
Time	:	10.30 AM

1. Participants Details:

i.	Name & Designation of the Line Department	Dr. Madhulika Sahu, ADPHO Shri Arun Ku. Mohanty, Project Director watershed Dr. P. K Parija, Addl. District Veterinary Officer Smt. Suprava Set, DSWO, (Dept. W & CD) Smt. Binapani Nayak, District Fishery Officer Ms. Seema Tigga, DPC Mission Shakti Shri B. Preetam Kumar, Team leader SEWA
ii.	No of VSS President / Member Participated	38
iii.	No of Animator Participated	22
iv.	No of Women participation out of the VSS member	6
v.	No of P-NGOs Members	7
vi.	No of Member Secretary	11
vii.	No of Project Staff	18
ix.	No of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	4
x.	RCCF, Sambalpur	Shri Chitaranjan Mishra, IFS, RCCF, Sambalpur

2. Display of Photo gallery

Four Photo Gallery displayed on activities implemented by DMU, FMU and VSS.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

Yes, Three SHG groups were participated from Belpahar, Bagdihi & Kolabira FMU.

- i. No of Stall 3
- ii. Commodity Display Food items, NTFP and Brooms.

Inauguration of Sameekshya-2019

Shri Chitaranjan Mishra, IFS, RCCF, Sambalpur, **Shri Susanta Kumar**, IFS, DFO cum DMU Chief, Jharsuguda Forest Division and accompanied by PD, Watershed inaugurated the Annual Review Meeting “**Sameekshya-2019-20**”.

Main deliberation:

Shri Chitta Ranjan Mishra, RCCF, Sambalpur in his brief deliberation emphasized on the importance of review of progress of work and to provide needed solution for timely implementation of planned activities. He also encouraged to the VSSs level functionaries to share the best practices followed during the reporting period and future plan of action for Forest Management & Socio-economic Development of forest dependant communities. He told “Sameekshya” is the forum where everyone can learn & shared the best practices of each other’s.

Shri Susanta Kumar, IFS, DFO cum DMU Chief, Jharsuguda Forest Division welcomed to the Chief Guest and the Guests present on the dais & off the dais. He briefed about the aim, objective, implementation strategies and achievements of the activities under OFSDP-II in the Division. He also summarized on the objective of the Annual Review meeting “**Sameekshya2019-20**”.

Deliberation by Line Department Representatives:

Shri Arun Kumar Mohanty, Project Director Watershed focused on proper management of Forest, Water, Soil & Animal. He talked about the rain water harvesting to solve the water problem for drinking water and agriculture purposes. He also emphasized on protection of forest from fire. He urged the project authorities to involve the primary stakeholders in each phase of project implementation for better execution of work and to ensure their ownership for sustainable development.

Dr. P.K. Parija, Addl. District Veterinary Officer, Jharsuguda stated that forest & human being is two side of the same coin. He urged that each and every person, institutions shall take oath to protect & create new forest for future generations. He also shared the various schemes related to animal disease control programme and stated about the insemination of country cows for yielding more milk.

Smt. Binapani Nayak Addl. District Fishery Officer talked about benefits of pisciculture. She asserted that pisciculture increases the income sources of the community in a short span. She shared the subsidized schemes and benefits for fish farming.

Ms. Seema Tiga DPC, Mission Shakti stated the aims & objectives of the Mission Shakti. While explaining the functional modalities of Mission Shakti, she spoke on different provisions available for women SHGs to undertake various IGA activities. She also urged for convergence with the other government departments to increase income source of the SHGs.

Smt. Suprava Set, DSWO, Jharsuguda spelt-out in detail about the Schemes and benefits of ICDS under Women & Child Development Department. She stated the provisions and facilities being provided in AWC i.e Pre-school activities for improvement of physical, mental, psychological

aspects of children, nutritional programme for mother and child, women empowerment activities, initiative to protect the girls and women rights.

Deliberation by community level stakeholders:

Shri Pradeep Biswal, President Dhulunda VSS from FMU Belpahar briefed the success of the plantation activities in his VSS. He also shared challenges faced during the constitution of the VSS & the means in achieving the successes. He stated that Involvement, participation and unity within the community are the key factors to achieve the Goal. He also shared that plantation has been taken up in Dhulunda VSS with satisfactory growth. Some village development activities taken up in their VSS also shared. He stopped the deliberation by a slogan -"Kaam Kase Karengedil Se".

Shri Nortama Padhan, President Anilapoda VSS said all the members of VSS shall work in team mode with all commitment for successful implementation of project.

Shri Ramesh Chandra Satpathy, President VSS Tangarpalli, shared the future action plan & activities accomplished in his VSS till date. He focused on protection of forest from fire and theft. He shared the initiative of his VSS, where the members organized a rally to create awareness among the community member to ensure "No fire" in the village forest & have passed a resolution to form a mobile team to protect fire in the area assigned to them.

Shri Rajesh Padhan, Animator Jhargon said all the VSS members are protecting the forest since 35 years by introducing "Thengapali" system. Jhargana, a VSS was constituted in the year 2007 & reconstituted in the year 2018 under OFSDP II. He requested to all the VSS members to take similar initiative to protect the forest from fire. He raised the query to understand the procedure to obtain permission for cutting of 10-15 years old bamboo grown in their assigned area. He stated that agreed slogan of their VSS for the year is:

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Ms. Manorama Patra, Animator Kudaloi VSS described in brief on her functioning as Animator to convene VSS meetings regularly and in facilitating to solve the issues in consultation with the project officials. She also shared the activities like plantation, DLT, livelihood interventions etc. taken up in her VSS.

FMU coordinator Shri Rajiv Lochan Patel briefed on the livelihood activities under taken in first batch VSSs and spoke on further plan of action for sustainable forest management and socio-economic development of people live in the project villages.

Shri Subash Chandra Mahapatra, RO cum FMU Chief, Belpahar, presented on the regularity of conduct of VSS level EC meeting, BLAC meeting and PNGO fortnightly meetings under his Forest Range. He also shared the brief progress of work across the VSS under FMU Belpahar during 2019-20. It was stated that forest fire points have been reduced significantly as the members of all VSSs have been sensitized and they have taken initiatives to check forest fire. VSS wise need based works have been initiated through convergence for comprehensive development of the communities. He also shared that many challenges & difficulties were cropped up in the intital phase, but united efforts help them to face the challenge and to arrive at solution for smooth implementation of project activities.

Shri Durga Prasad, President Nikitimal VSS from Kolabira FMU shared the experiences of his VSS. He shared the actions identified for women empowerment, forest protection and plantation activities to be implemented in this project. He said that the villagers of Nikitimal VSS are highly *conscious to protect forest for clean and safe environment*. He also said that the villagers of Nikitimal VSS have decided to establish a fruit orchard & to construct the connecting road from Niktimal to Dudkair during the year.

Shri Arun Kumar Patel, Animator Ludunga VSS shared the activities under taken under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan, Anti liquor rally, protection of the forest from fire and fruit bearing plantations. He also shared the details of plantation programme to be taken up in Ludunga VSS during 2020-21. He said that the villagers have been sensitized time and again on protection of forest. It was also shared that they convene six to seven Executive Body Meeting every month for better implementation of project interventions.

Shri Padma Lochan Patel President Gudigaon, Kolabira shared the activities work out as per the VSS micro plan prepared by VSS members. It was stated that the villagers have realized that forest fire is the main cause to destroy the forest and animal, accordingly, series of sensitization programme have been convened to protect the jungle from fire.

Shri Fanindra Kumar Meher, Asst. FMU Chief Kolabira briefed on the progress of work taken up under Kolabira FMU during 2019-20. Community development activities taken up through convergence were also presented. Detail of plan of action of Kolabira FMU for 2010-21 was also presented. He said that species for plantation has been finalized based on type of soil & the species identified by the local people.

Shri Ashok Kumar Dev, Member Secretary shared his experience of social forestry work & stated that all scheduled work planned in the VSS for the reporting year have completed.

Shri Shakti Prakash Naik, FMU Coordinator Bagdihi briefed on the initiatives taken to undertake livelihood interventions through convergence. He asserted that such initiatives helped the communities to enhance their income source for better living.

RO cum FMU Chief, Bagdihi shared his experience of implementation of OFSDP-I in past. He urged the VSS members to take lead in identification of sites for plantation, nursery etc., in their own villages under OFSDP-II.

Shri Tarekeswar Pradhan, FMU Coordinators, Bagdihi shared the experience of cultivation of Lemon Grass & the benefits augmented to the farmers & SHG members. He took the proud to say that Bagdihi is the first FMU to introduce the Lemon Grass farming as an alternative source of livelihood in the VSS area. Around 127 numbers of farmers have started Lemon Grass cultivation in their own land. All the staffs are trying to sensitize more & more farmers & SHG members towards cultivation of Lemon Grass.

Shri Krutibas Chhatra, President Deopan VSS proudly said that they are protecting the assigned forest since 1998. Now two watchers have been engaged by the community to protect the forest area by contribution of each family of their village.

Shri Chitta Ranjan Mishra, RCCF, Samabalpur summarized discussion and appreciated all for their contribution for successful implementation of OFSDP-II. He urged all VSS members to take optimum step to protect from forest fire, which will be great contribution of the villagers for sustainable growth of forest. Further, he spoke about the concept of 5T, which is the key for successful implementation of any project for the overall development of communities.

Shri Basil Barla, ACF-cum-Asst DMU Chief extended vote of thanks to all for their active participation and contribution for successful implementation of project. He urged all to work in team mode with clarity for achieving our goal.





KARANJIA

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY

The Annual Sameekshya - 2019-20" of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project-II of DMU, Karanjia Forest Division was organized in the Conference Hall of Karanjia DMU on 18.01.2020. Shri Dhukhabandhu Naik, Sub Collector, Karanjia was participated the *programme as* Chief Guest and accompanied by other guests inaugurated the Annual Review Meeting – “Sameekshya-2019-20” by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Shri Gopal Sahoo, SMS GIS/MIS greeted the participants and requested the members in dias to lit the lamp. Shri Dhukhabandhu Nayak, Sub Collector, Karanjia Sub Division along with DMU Chief, PA, ITDA, APD- Soil Conservation and other guests present in the workshop lit the ceremonial lamp. After formal inauguration of the programme, the annual report of DMU, Karanjia for 2019-20 was released and copy of the release was distributed among the members present.

The stalls displayed by the SHGs from Gurguria FMU & Thakurmunda FMU were inspected by the Guests attended the meeting. The Sharna SHG from Gurguria FMU displayed processed NTFP products like Honey, Triffala, Churna, Palua etc., whereas the Dibyajyoti SHG, Gram Shree Dala Kutu & Mayuri SHGs of Thakurmunda displayed the products like Pickle, Phenyl and tassar woven clothes for sale.

Shri Dhukhabandhu Naik, Sub Collector, Karanjia highly appreciated the strategy of forest department in forming VSS with an objective to protect and manage the forest. He assured that a sensitized VSS can be role model for ensuring holistic development of any village assigned to them. He also stressed upon on building the capacity of the VSS members for optimal maintenance of book of records and other relevant documents as a reference of successful model.

He further appreciated the approach of engaging the animators from the same villages to facilitate the implementation of project interventions. Finally, he reiterated that coordinated efforts shall be made for holistic development of the villages covered under the OFSDP-II.

Shri Prasanna Behera, OFS (I)-SB, DMU Chief of Karanjia Forest Division made a detailed presentation on the activities and progress of OFSDP-II under this division. He shared that all the VSSs have been formed in Batch-I & Batch-II FMUs and preparation of Micro Plans in all these VSSs have been completed. It was stated that interventions like survey and demarcation, posting of pillars, fireline treatment, Soil moisture conservation measures, plantation etc. have been completed in these VSSs.

Shri Dharmendra Mallik, PA, ITDA, Karanjia, while explaining the functioning of ITDA, it was revealed that ITDA alone cannot contribute significantly for the people without the assistance of other departments including Forest Department. He assured to augment all necessary support to implement the schemes of ITDA in OFSDP-II villages.

Representative of other line department viz Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, Minor Irrigation, Electrical Department deliberated on the key programmes of their departments to sensitize the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.



Venue	: Conference Hall, DMU, Karanjia
Date	: 18.01.2020
Time	: 09.30 AM onwards

1. Participants Details:

i.	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Agriculture Officer • Asst. Horticulture Officer • Senior Scientist, KVK-II, Jashipur • Asst. Project Director, Soil Conservation • Asst. Fishery Officer • Asst. Director, Sericulture, Baripada • Spl. Officer, Khadia & Mankedia Dev. Agency • Child Development Project Officer, Karanjia • SDO, Electrical, Karanjia
ii.	No of VSS President / Member Participated	54
iii.	No of Animator Participated	20
iv.	No of Women participation out of the VSS member	34
v.	No of P-NGO Team Members	NA
vi.	No of Member Secretary	11
vii.	No of Project Staff	26
ix.	No of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	12

2. Display of Photo gallery

Four Photo Gallery displayed on activities implemented by DMU, FMU and VSS.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

Five SHGs from each FMU participated

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| i. | No of Stall | 4 |
| ii. | Commodity Display | Food items, NTFP and Brooms. |

Inauguration of Sameekshya-2019-20

The “Sameekshya-2019-20” meeting was inaugurated by Shri Dukhabandhu Naik, Sub Collector, Karanjiam in presence of the DMU Chief and other dignitaries present. .

Shri Prasanna Behera, OFS –I (SB), DFO cum DMU Chief, Karanjia Forest Division:

The DFO cum DMU Chief, Karanjia Forest Division greeted the dignitaries and participants to the second annual review cum Sameekshya Meeting 2019-20. He made an overall presentation on the achievement of OFSDP-II during 2019-20. He informed all participants that OFSDP-II is being implemented with twin objectives i.e Sustainable Forest Management & Sustainable Livelihood Improvement of forest dwellers. It was reiterated that one of major objective of the project is sustainable forest management through Joint Forest Management Mode and livelihood aspects of the communities are largely ensured through convergence. It was said that Sameekshya offer an opportunity to the VSS members for open discussion and to show case the good work taken up by them. He also said that presence of line department is an added advantage for ensuring better convergence at the community level. He appealed the participants including the representatives of line department for extending necessary support to VSSs for their holistic development.

Shri Dhukhabandhu Naik, Sub Collector of Karanjia

The Sub Collector, Karanjia as Chief Guest of the function briefly spoke on the project objectives and different works taken up in the filed under the project. He said that formation and registration of VSS and Executive Committee at village level is the first initiative to take up development activities on a need based and holistic manner. Conduct of regular meetings, maintenance of documents, participatory planning, execution through VSSs is a phenomenal indicator of development. He also spoke that OFSDP, Phase-II is an unique project, where initiatives on economic development of the people have been envisaged along with sustainable forest management through community participation. The concept of hiring Animators from the locality to facilitate the project interventions stated to be an unique and essential innovation of the project.

Deliberations by Line Department Representatives:

Shri Dharmendra Mallik, Project Administrator, ITDA.

Project Administrator, ITDA in his deliberation spoke on the objectives of OFSDP-II. He apprised in details on different interventions/ schemes being implemented through ITDAs. It was reiterated that ITDA is primarily working for tribal development through group based activities. It was also said that no single agency can contribute for the holistic development of the villages without optimal coordination of other departments including forest department. He assured to augment all required support in the OFSDP-II villages with due coordination with the officials of the project. He also appreciated the functioning of Odisha livelihood Mission (OLM) in augmenting livelihood support to SHG members of the project villages for their economic development.

Shri Rabindra Nath Panda, APD, Soil Conservation.

In his deliberation, it was stated that Soil Conservation Department primarily works for Livelihood improvement in the areas where the where the concentration of ST /SC Population is more. The

concept of 5 Js (Jal, Jangal, Jamin, Jantu & Jan) i.e Water, Forest, Land, Animal and People were explained and stated that these are the major areas for which all requisite development plan shall be prepared. It was also confessed that without coordination from forest department, development works of Soil Conservation Department in these rural villages is very tough to execute. It was said that Soil Conservation Department is working to protect the surface soil by implementing different plantation work through MGNREGS. Apart from above, pond renovation, farm pond development, construction of check dam, irrigation facilities etc. are being executed under the department.

Shri Radhesyam Behera, Assistant Horticulture Officer

He spoke on various schemes being implemented under the horticulture department. He said that the Farm Forestry Component of OFSDP-II can be implemented in joint collaboration of Horticulture Department. He assured all timely inputs from horticulture department will be provided for success of form forestry in Karanjia Division.

Shri Abhimanyu Andia, AAO, Karanjia

AAO, Karanjia stated on the different schemes and programmes of agricultural Department, can be implemented in the project villages. It was said that various subsidy schemes for agricultural interventions can be availed by the beneficiaries. These subsidy is available for purchase of seed, agricultural inputs / implements and the subsidy rate varies from 50% to 90% for different programme. It was shared that these schemes are meant for the ST & SC People of BPL Categories. It was stated that one beneficiary can get subsidy up to Rs. 50,000/- on electricity tariff for irrigating the crops. Others subsidy based schemes through MGNREGS, Swara Yojana were also discussed.

Shri Ramakanta Pradhan, Asst. Director, Sericulture, Thakurmunda.

He said that Tassar Silk is produced from larva of several species of silkworms belonging to the moth genus *Antheraea*. These silkworms lives in the Asana, Arjuna, Sal Plants, which are normally seen in the wild forest. He assured to augment all required support, if similar projects are planned in the OFSDP-II villages.

Ms. Janaki Behera- Assistant Fishery Officer.

The Assistant Director elaborated on different schemes of fishery department, which include pond renovation for pisciculture, water harvesting structures, marketing of fish, colour fish production etc. She explained that various schemes of fishery department are being execute through SHG mode. Details of subsidy available in different schemes were also intimated in brief. It was said that the details of schemes can be seen from the official website of fishery department and the beneficiaries also can apply through online.

Shri Satya Narayana Mishra- Assistant Horticulture Officer, KVK-II, Jashipur.

He briefed about the schemes of KVK for the better understanding of the participants. It was said that Annual Plan of each KVK is being prepared during April-May of respective years.

Shri Debasis Prusty – Special Officer, Khadia and Mankadia Dev. Agency, Jashipur

The schemes available to address the need of Khadia & Mankadia Tribes were explained in brief. It was reported that Khadia and Mankadia Dev. Agency has been established to provide

special attention to the above communities for holistic development. He assured to extend all support and assistance to OFSDP-II to address the livelihood aspects of the above tribes.

Shri Asish Kumar Mohanta, FMU Coordinator, Dudhiani

He highlighted on the varied livelihood activities undertaken in Dudhiani FMU during the reporting year. He also spoke on the effectiveness of regular conduct of Block Level Advisory Committee Meeting held in his block under the Chairmanship of BDO for dovetailing the different schemes and programmes of different departments.

Ms. Diptimayee Sethy, Asst FMU Chief, Karanjia FMU.

She highlighted the progress made on bamboo plantation in Karanjia FMU under OFSDP-II. She stated that Odisha has 9% of bamboo forest cover and 7% of total growing stock of bamboo in comparison to corresponding national figure.

Deliberations by community level stakeholders:

Shri Parasuram Majhi, President, Tainsira VSS, Dudhiani FMU.

He said that OFSDP-II has contributed significantly for restoration of the assigned village forest. The interventions taken up for forestry management include DLT, ANR, AR etc. He also informed that two animators from his village has been engaged as Animator to facilitate the project interventions.

Ms. Rukmani Mohanta, President, Jharbeda VSS, Dudhiani FMU.

Ms. Rukmani Mohanta thanked the project authorities to take Jharbeda VSS under OFSDP-II. Progress made till date in Jharbeda village were narrated in details.

Ms. Champamani Naik, Animator, Gudidhia VSS, Dudhiani FMU

Ms. Naik stated that she is very happy to get a opportunity to work as animator in the project. She apprised the gathering that she is performing her responsibilities with utmost sincerity. She apprised that she has contributed for smooth implementation of project activities since inception of the project in her village. She also stated that on her role to coordinate the SHG activities of her VSS.

Ms. Nasamani Sinku, Animator, Mangada VSS, Gurguria FMU

She shared the achievement of her VSS till date. She narrated in detail on the processes followed community mobilization, institution building, planning etc., taken up in her VSS. She said that all members of the VSS are being involved in implementation of OFSDP-II. It was said that people of her VSS desires to have a VSS Meeting Hall in their village.

Sri Bhubaneswar Mohanta, President, Rangamatia VSS, Gurguria FMU.

He pointed out on various work taken up in his VSS. He apprised that maize is a potential crop to be grown in Rangamatia village. He requested the project authorities to ensure due convergence with agriculture department for necessary support for the purpose.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri Nishikanta Jena, SMS, Livelihood to Chair and other members present.

RAIRANGPUR

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY

Annual Sameekshya 2019-20 of Rairangpur Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at the DMU Campus Hall on 28th January 2020. The Annual Review Meeting was organised to review the progress of implementation of OFSDP-II Project components in Rairangpur Division. Shri Dharmananda Behera, Sub-Collector of Rairangpur attended the Sameekshya as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the meeting.

Shri Ashok Kumar Pattnayak, Additional SP, Rairangpur attended as the Guest of Honour. He appreciated the concept of involving communities for protection and management of forest by addressing the livelihood aspects of the communities. However, it was reiterated that adequate capacity building & concurrent community mobilization hold lot of significance for the success of the project.

At the outset, Dr. Arun Kumar Mishra, IFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Rairangpur Forest Division shared the overall achievements of DMU Rairangpur in brief under OFSDP-II. Component wise progress made in each FMUs under Rairangpur DMU were also presented by Dr. Mishra..

Representatives of other line departments viz. ITDA, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, Fishery deliberated on the key programmes of their respective Departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

An exhibition was organised to showcase the achievements, progress made by the DMU. Self help Groups (SHGs) and VSS formed under the DMU also showcased their products and other related achievements in the exhibition. Four stalls were arranged to exhibit the forest and agriculture produces grown at community level under livelihood component.





Venue	: DMU Office Campus, Rairangpur Forest Division
Date	: 28.01.2020
Time	: 10.00 AM

1. Participants Details:

i	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sj. Dharmananda Behera, OAS-I (SB), Sub Collector • Sj. Ashok Kumar Pattnaik, Addl. SP • Sj. Ananta Narayan Sing Languri, OAS-I (SB), PA ITDA • Sj. Suwendu Das, PD Watershed • Sj. Trinath Majhi, OAS, BDO, Bijatala • Sj. Kalu Majhi, OAS, BDO, Jamda • Sj. Nabin Chandra Naik, ACF Rairangpur Forest Division • Sj. Trilochana Ray, SMS(LLI), Rairangpur DMU • Sj. Lokanath Sahoo, SMS(MIS), Rairangpur DMU • Sj. Deepak Ku. Mohanty, Senior Scientist & Head KVK • Sj. Ramesh Ch. Dehury, APD, Watershed • Smt. Sakuntala Hansdah, Asst. Collector • Sj. Mansing Soren, ADH, Rairangpur • Sj. Bijay Kumar Patra, Dist. Employment Officer • Sj. Jagdish Kumar Chand, BVO Rairangpur • Sj. Sarat Ku Ghose, Agronomist • Sj. Lalit Ku. Mohanta, Social Worker • Sj. Pradipta Kabi, Wildlife Warden • Miss. Archana Nayak, A.S.C.O, Soil Conservation • Sj. Jayanta Kumar Sahu, Asst. Fishery Officer • Sj. Jagannath Tudu, Scientist, KVK
ii.	No of VSS President/ Member participated	21 Nos
iii.	No of Animators participated	22 Nos
iv.	No of Women participation out of the VSS member	22 Nos
v.	No of P-NGO Team Members	NA
vi.	No of Member Secretary	9 Nos
vii.	No of Project staff.	17 Nos
viii.	No of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	8 Nos

2. Display of Photo gallery

A photo exhibition was held to display the achievements made on different components under OFSDP-II in DMU Rairangpur.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

- i) No of stalls : 4
- ii) Commodity displayed : Kusum Oil, Honey, Bamboo Product, Jhuna, Neem Oil, Karanja Oil, Unpolished Rice.

Inauguration of Sameekshya:

After welcome address and offering of flower bouquets to guest on dais, Dr. Arun Kumar Mishra, OFS-I (SB), DFO-Cum-DMU Chief, Rairangpur DMU requested all the invited Guests and Chief guest to lit the Lamp and inaugurate the programme' "Sameekshya,2019".



In his inaugural address, he once again extended warm welcome to all the participants. He deliberated in brief about the aims & objectives of OFSDP-II. It was reiterated that the components envisaged under OFSDP-II viz provision for alternative livelihood, gender mainstreaming, inter sectoral convergence, management of forest fire, carbon sequestration etc. are exclusive in nature and will definitely yield commendable impact for sustainable conservation of forest in project area. He assured that all required support under the project will be rendered to address the issues relating to rehabilitation of degraded forest, provision of alternate livelihood to forest dependent and forest fringe dwellers. He urged that project staff should coordinate with all relevant line departments to dovetail different development schemes in the project villages.

He praised for the efforts taken by the 1st Batch VSSs for successful implementation of the project and urged the VSS Presidents, Treasurers, Animators to continue their good work. He spelt-out the achievements of the VSSs in brief and expressed his satisfaction on the progress made under timely selection & formation / constitution of VSS, survey & demarcation of the assigned & treatment area, PRA & Micro Planning, Selection of Animators, DLT, ANR, AR plantation, post planting operations, Selection & implementation of the EPA etc. under the project.

Deliberations by Dignitaries:

Chief Guest: ShriDhramananda Behera, OAS-I (SB), Sub-Collector, Rairangpur

Shri Dharmananda Behera, Sub-Collector and Chief Guest of the function emphasized on the need of increasing forest cover under the perspective of climate change and global warming. He

urged the project authorities to strive hard for optimal convergence with other line departments for taking up various development activities, including livelihood activities through convergence. He impressed upon that the provision of alternate livelihood options for the communities is crucial to reduce anthropogenic pressure on forest. He also stated on sustainable harvest NTFP by following due protocol for better management of forest.

Guest of Honour: Shri Ashok Kumar Patnaik, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Rairangpur.

Shri Ashok Kumar Pattnayak, Additional SP, Rairangpur appreciated the twin objectives of OFSDP-II i.e Sustainable Forest Management and the provisions for alternate livelihoods for forest dwellers under the project. Moreover, it was stated that Joint Forest Management mode of implementation is the key factor in achieving the sustainability. He assured to augment all out support as and when required for success of the project activities coming under his jurisdiction in addition to his normal and usual duties.

Deliberation by Line Department Representatives:

1. Shri Ananta Narayan Singh Laguri, OAS-I (SB), P.A. I.T.D.A., Rairangpur.

The Honourable Guest deliberated on various success stories already achieved with regard to forest fringe dwellers. He revealed that the ITDA, Rairangpur and OFSDP-II, Rairangpur DMU have already executed many programmes successfully through convergence. He urged and requested to the representatives of all line departments to work in tandem with OFSDP-II for the comprehensive development of the villages covered under the project.

2. Shri Trinath Majhi, OAS, Block Development Officer, Bijatala Block

The Honourable Guest shared his past experiences and cited the success stories of few beneficiaries of the project villages, who have already benefited through convergence. He promised to extend all cooperation to forest department to enhance the livelihood of rural people coming under various VSSs. He also assured to take optimum effort to implement the works identified in the Micro Plans developed by the villagers.

3. Smt. Sakuntala Hansdah, ORS, Asst. Collector, Rairangpur.

She expressed her pleasure to know the aims and objectives of OFSDP-II which has already been implemented in the division. She committed to extend all necessary assistance for success of this project.

4. Shri Suvendu Das, Project Director Watershed, Baripada, Mayurbhanj.

The Honourable Guest S. Suvendu Das, Project Director, Watershed gave an overview of the activities carried out by his Department in collaboration with the Forest Department. He revealed that the aims & objectives of both the Departments are identical, whereas the Forest Department used to work forest areas, whereas his department focuses in non-forest areas. He suggested for suitable management interventions of natural resources and reiterated the importance of 5J i.e.(JAMI, JALA, JUNGLE, JANTU and JIVAN). He further, advised the ways and means to maintain equilibrium between infrastructure development and Natural Resources and Environment. He assured to extend all cooperation to Forest Department.

5. Shri Bijay Kumar Patra, District Employment Officer, Baripada.

Shri Bijay Kumar Patra outlined in brief about the functioning of **District Employment Office**. Then he requested the VSS members to report the names of the unemployed youths to the **District Employment Office** for undertaking need based capacity building / counselling programme, enabling them to be eligible and skilful for engagement in different sectors whether Govt./ Non-Govt. etc.

6. Shri Kalu Majhi, OAS, Block Development Officer, Jamda.

Shri Majhi deliberated on traditional method of forest protection, which is adopted by the tribes for their sustainable livelihood. He pronounced his profound pleasure that the OFSDP-II has adopted new scientific technology to enhance the green cover of the land. He expressed his satisfaction on the initiatives of communities of project villages for protection of forest and in taking up various livelihood programme under OFSDP-II. He assured to extend all possible help to work with the forest department to enhance the livelihood of the local people.

7. Shri Deepak Kumar Mohanty, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Jashipur.

The honourable Guest assured that he would take up proactive steps to provide new technologies to the farmers through Lab to Land extension programmes. KVK has a mandate to double the farmer's income by 2025. He stressed the need for exposure visit of the farmers.

8. Shri Jagdish Kumar Chand, Block Veterinary Officer, Rairangpur.

Dr. Chand made the participants aware regarding various popular schemes with veterinary Department. He stressed on various fodder plantation, poultry farming, duckery, keeping high yielding mulching cows etc. He assured all required support to the beneficiaries, as and when required from his department.

9. Shri Mansing Soren, Asst. Director of Horticulture, Rairangpur.

He illustrated the activities which are being taken up by his Dept. viz plantation of cashew, collection, value addition & marketing etc. He urged the VSS members for enhancing green cover, getting good profit by adopting cashew plantation and other horticultural species viz. mango, guava, papaya, drumstick vegetables etc.

10. Shri Lalit Kumar Mohanta, Social worker, Senior Journalist & Advocate, Rairangpur.

Shri Lalit Kumar Mohanta impressed upon all the officials of line department, VSS Presidents, Treasurers, Animators, FMU Chiefs, FMU Coordinators, Member Secretary etc. to work whole heartedly for success of OFSDP-II. He revealed that all out efforts must be taken at all level so that our environment is protected from abnormal climate change and global warming. It was stated that protection of forests from forest fire, extensive plantations in degraded forests and sustainable management of forest through community participation is the only means to protect the world from climate change. He appealed all line department officials to ensure the livelihood of forest dependent people. He urged for preventing stubble burning in paddy fields immediately.

11. Dr. Arun Kumar Mishra, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur DMU

He deliberated on the key objectives for implementation of OFSDP-II in Rairangpur Forest Division. He revealed details regarding the implementation of OFSDP-II in Rairangpur Forest Division including the progress of 1st batch in 40 VSS of two Ranges and 2nd batch of 60 VSSs of this Division in three Ranges. Dr. Mishra revealed that due to active support of various VSS in the state, the forest cover has increased substantially as per FSI Report. After initial remarks the DMU Chief requested all the Honourable guests of the line departments to publish the Annual Progress Report "SAMEEKSHYA -2019" Magazine 2nd edition of the Rairangpur DMU and the copies were distributed among all the member present in the meeting.

While explaining in details about the provision of alternate livelihood options of OFSDP-II, it was stated that augmenting alternative livelihood options through varied Income generating Activities at the community level, would help in reducing dependence of the communities on forest resources, thereby minimizing the anthropogenic interference in sustainable forest and bio-diversity management. Ensuring alternative livelihoods opportunities for the forest dependent communities through inter sectoral convergence programmes have been given utmost priority in the OFSDP-II. To steer this segment, different Committees have been constituted from State level to grass-root level, to ensure optimum synergy in the programmes of the line departments and those initiated by the OFSDP-II.

12. Shri Lokanath Sahoo, SMS (MIS & GIS), Rairangpur DMU

After opening remarks of the DMU Chief, Shri Lokanath Sahoo, SMS (M&E, MIS, GIS & REDD+) of Rairangpur Divisional Management Unit read over the Annual Progress Report of Rairangpur DMU under the OFSDP-II. He then gave a power point presentation regarding various activities undertaken in the project so far.

Deliberations by the participants

1. Shri Rajmal Marandi, Animator, Kudarsahi VSS, Bahalda FMU.

It was stated that all interventions planned in Kudasahi VSS during the reporting year i.e. survey, demarcation, pillar posting plantation etc. were accomplished successfully in time under the full guidance of the VSS President & Member Secretary. Post plantation operations along with watch & ward works are under progress. Awareness campaigns have been organized to protect forest from fire.

2. Shri Antu Soren, Animator, Asurghaty VSS, Bahalda FMU.

He deliberated on successful construction of DLT, ANR Plantation in 20 Ha, construction of VSS building cum IGA facilitation centre, Formulation of Micro Plan etc. He reiterated that the villagers have been adequately sensitized for protection of forest from fire. He revealed that no forest fire occurred during last year due to full commitment of the villagers. He thanked to OFSDP-II for valuable support and thanked to Rairangpur DMU for selecting his VSS.

3. Mrs. Biren Bandra, Animator, Raghunathpur VSS, Bahalda FMU.

Mrs. Biren Bandra, Animator highlighted on the success of ANR Gap Plantation over 30 ha. She told that post plantation operations have been almost completed. AR plantation over 2 Ha. have already taken up to increase the density of forest and to improve the green cover of the open forest land. He narrated in brief that 9 nos. of SHGs are operating in her VSS and the members are interested for taking up small income generating activities. She requested project authorities to augment necessary support, to fulfil the dreams of her villagers.

4. Shri Brajamohan Hembram, President, Dhakata VSS, Badmpahar FMU.

He revealed that two Check Dams have been constructed in his VSS under DLT in Non- JFM Mode, which has resulted into increase of moisture conservation. Big patch of agriculture lands have been utilized for vegetable cultivation round the year. About 70 farmers of his village have been benefited of irrigation facility in their 20 – 30 Ha of agricultural land. They are now able to produce vegetables which are being sold in the nearby markets. He also invited all the participants to visit his VSS and to see vast example of vegetable crops on both side of the check dams. He proudly declared that his village is supplying fresh vegetables to nearby weekly markets round the year.

5. Shri Sushil Kumar Mohanta, President, Kurkutia VSS, Manada FMU.

He stated that the concerted efforts of OFSDP-II personnel and VSS members helped to take up various livelihood interventions in his VSS. It was said that all interventions taken up in the VSS are decided by the villagers through their VSS Committee. Villagers are also committed to protect forest from theft and fire, so as to improve the green cover and density of the forest area.

6. Mrs. Anupama Mohanta, Animator, Banduda VSS, Badampahar FMU.

She explained regarding various activities taken for their livelihood implementation. It was brought to the notice of audience that one SHG of Banduda VSS has mobilized fund and got the work order from Block Development Officer for execution of one pond in their village of worth 1,50,000/-. The OFSDP-II staff are guiding and also helping her to negotiate with other line departments for more supports. She thanked DMU & FMU staff for their support & guidance for undertaking different Income Generating Activities through SHGs for the sustainable livelihood.

7. Shri Bhanja Behera, President, Kuajhari VSS, Bisoi FMU.

He deliberated on all the activities of the project i.e. Survey & demarcation, Pillar posting, PRA & Micro Planning and demarcation of land for IGA centre etc. assigned to them as 2nd batch VSS have already been completed. Further he promised to take uplift the status of VSS so as to stand 1st in the ensuring Sameekshya-2020 in all respect.

8. Mrs. Babita Mohanta, Animator, Badsialinai-B VSS, Manada FMU.

She told that through convergence, 84 beneficiaries have been benefited with LPG Connection. It was stated that such provision would go a long way to minimize pressure upon the forest

resources including collection of fire wood. She revealed that the villagers of Badsialinai VSS are committed to protect the forest from fire. Two SHGs have been taken up mushroom cultivation successfully with the active cooperation & guideline of KVK, Jashipur.

9. Shri Budhram Naik, President, Khejuripada VSS, Badampahar FMU.

He extended his heartiest thanks to the project staff for successful completion of plantation work over 90 ha. (ANR-70 ha, NTFP-15 Ha., Fuel & Fodder-5 Ha). Post plantation works have almost completed. The construction of VSS building cum IGA facilitation centre has been completed. Due to timely supply of vegetable seeds, they are now selling fresh vegetable in nearby weekly markets which has reflected in enhanced livelihood.

10. Shri Lakhanlal Majhi, Animator, Beshrakocha VSS, Rairangpur FMU.

He revealed that his VSS comprises of 3 SHGs and his VSS member benefited due to execution of LBCD by the project. SHG members are under taking vegetable cultivation with the support from horticulture department with the active cooperation from FMU coordinators. He assured that his VSS would get top position in the coming Sameekshya-2020 as the best performing VSS.

11. Mrs. Manjulata Mohanta, Animator, Baneikala VSS, Manada FMU.

She told that they are determined to make all the degraded forest in the assigned area to moderate dense forest through project interventions and assured to protect the forest from theft and fire. She shared her happiness that 6 VSSs have been converged with ITDA, Rairangpur for making Sal Leave Plate through the VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRA and at present she proudly holds the post of Director of cluster. The work would start very soon and she thanked to SMSs & Coordinators for guiding & helping them. She assured to secure the VSS prize during the next Sameekshya-2020.

12. Shri Mohan Majhi, Treasurer, Patherkata VSS, Manada FMU.

He explained that survey and demarcation, pillar posting and other post planting activities have already been completed in his VSS and invited the project personnel, Line department officials to visit the VSS in order to extend better co-operation.

13. Smt. Damayanti Hembram, SHG President, Dhakata VSS, Badampahar FMU.

She explained her deep sense of gratitude to the OFSDP-II for supporting & guiding them on mushroom cultivation, vermin-composting & cultivation of vegetables by providing assured water supply through construction of one new check dam in her VSS. The project staff have helped them for getting electricity in her village after long years of Independence of her country.

14. Shri Sadananda Mohanta, Animator, Ralibeda VSS, Badampahar FMU.

He thanked OFSDP-II personnel for their sustained efforts and supports for getting electricity through solar system. Altogether 205 numbers of households of the Ralibeda VSS have been benefited due to this solar lighting system. He was hopeful for many more works would be executed in his village coming days with the support of OFSDP-II.

15. Ms. Jhunu Hembram, Animator, Pahadpur VSS of Bahalda FMU

She narrated that being a female animator, she is committed to strengthen all the SHGs within her VSS. They have successfully completed plantation of 20 Ha. ANR plantation at Pahadpur VSS with the help of VSS members as well as project & departmental staff. Other post plantation works of ANR activities are going on as per the time frame.

During the concluding session, award were given as a recognition of good work to the best performing office bearers under different categories viz. President, Member Secretaries, Animator (Both male & Female), FMU Coordinators, Project Accountant and DEO to acknowledge their contribution in implementation of the project.

At the end, Shri Lokanath Sahoo, SMS-MIS/GIS extended a vote of thanks to all dignitaries and other participants for participating in the Sameekshya 2019-20.

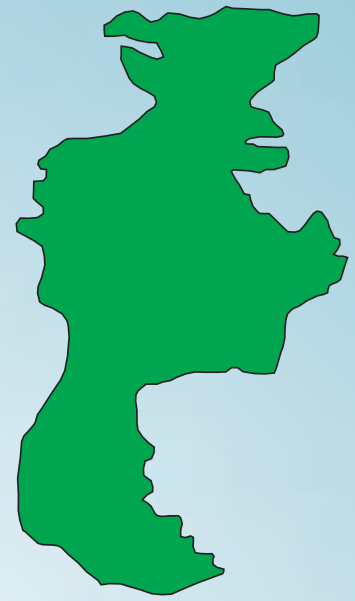


Glimpses of deleberation by Guests at Sameekshya 2019-20 at Rairangpur DMU

SAMBALPUR

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY

Annual Sameekshya 2019-20 of Sambalpur Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at the RCCF Conference Hall at Motijharan, Sambalpur on 21st January 2020. Shri Chita Ranjan Mishra, IFS, RCCF of Sambalpur attended as Chief Guest in the Sameekshya Meeting. The programme was Chaired by Dr Sanjeet Kumar, IFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Sambalpur Division.

Shri Chitta Ranjan Mishra, IFS, RCCF Sambalpur in his inaugural address said that the objectives of OFSDP-II should be met by increasing the forest density. It was mentioned that quality growth of forest not only essential for maintaining the eco-system it will also solution to meet the basic NTFP requirement of the forest fringe dwellers. He ascertained that involvement of communities for protection and management of forest is the key for Sustainable Forest growth. He urged all stakeholders to implement the project interventions in true spirit, which would help Sambalpur District to retain its Forest Density, he said.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, IFS, DMU Chief of Sambalpur Forest Division gave a detail presentation on the activities and progress of the OFSDP-II under this division. He shared the status of VSS formation, Micro Plan preparation of both Batch –I, Batch – II and status of plantation activities, SMC measures, status of Hi-tech nursery in his deliberation. He also shared the component wise progress made by the FMUs and DMU during the reporting year.

Representatives of other line departments viz. RSETI, OLM, Horticulture, Veterinary deliberated on the key schemes / programmes, provisions, entitlement etc., of their departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

An exhibition was organised to showcase the achievements, progress made by the DMU. SHG groups and VSS formed under the DMU also showcased their achievements in the exhibition. Stalls were arranged to exhibit the activity wise photographs.



Venue	: RCCF Conference Hall, Sambalpur
Date	: 21.01.2020
Time	: 10.30 AM

1. Participants Details:

i.	Name & Designation of the Line Department	1. Shri Chita Ranjan Mishra, IFS CF Sambalpur 2. Shri Lalit Kumar Patra, IFS ACF Sambalpur 3. Shri Pankaj Kumar panda, Retired DCF Sambalpur 4. Shri Sourav Roy, Director, SBRSETI 5. Shri Dinesh Behera, AGM, NABARD 6. Shri Srimanta Hota, Dy. CEO, ORMAS 7. Shri Iswar Sabat, Chairman, PNGO 8. Shri Dillip Kumar Panigrahi, Consultant, MSME
ii.	No of VSS President / Member Participated	36
iii.	No of Animator Participated	22
iv.	No of Women participation out of the VSS member	6
v.	No of P-NGO Team Members	7
vi.	No of Member Secretary	11
vii.	No of Project Staff	18
ix.	No of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	4
x.	RCCF, Sambalpur	Shri Chitaranjan Mishra, IFS, RCCF, Sambalpur

2. Display of Photo gallery

Two Photo Gallery displayed on activities implemented by DMU, FMU and VSS.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

SHG groups were participated to showcase their products under livelihood and IGA activities.

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| i. | No of Stall | 3 |
| ii. | Commodity Display | Food items, NTFP and Brooms. |

Inauguration of Sameekshya-2019-20

Shri Chitaranjan Mishra, IFS, RCCF, Sambalpur, Dr Sanjeet Kumar, IFS, DFO cum DMU Chief, Sambalpur Forest Division accompanied by ACFs and other DMU Office bearers inaugurated the Annual Review Meeting “Sameekshya-2019-20”.

The Programme began with the inauguration of exhibition stalls by the Chief Guest. RCCF, Sambalpur along with other dignitaries. The dignitaries interacted with the SHG Members and enquired about the initiatives taken by them for adding value to the local products for sale at remunerative price. SHG Members were also asked to indicate the incremental benefit they earn due to initiatives taken on product diversification.

Shri Lait Kumar Patra, IFS, Asst. Conservator of Forest extended warm welcome to all participants and requested the Chief Guest to unveil the “SAMEEKSHYA BOOKLET 2019-20 & “SAMEEKSHYA LEAFLET” 2019-20 specially prepared by for the occasion and was distributed among all dignitaries and participants.

Deliberations at Sameekshya:

Shri Chitta Ranjan Mishra, RCCF, Sambalpur

RCCF, Sambalpur explained that the forest department has shown a change in approach towards public motivation for forest conservation and economic development ensuring livelihood support of forest dwellers. He dragged the attention of the root level stakeholders to plan for livelihood activities based on the resources and skill available to them. Project staff were advised to provide adequate support and assistance for promotion of livelihood interventions through convergence. Initiatives such as value addition, branding, marketing etc., shall be planned from beginning for augmenting remunerative price. He also advised to Forest Dept. may coordinate with other line Dept. for other community development activities and to augment necessary assistance to enhance the socio economic conditions of the forest dwellers.



Dr. Sanjeet Kumar, IFS, DFO cum DMU Chief, Sambalpur Forest Division

The DMU Chief highlighted the aims and objectives of the project. He stated that the goal of the Project is enhancing forest ecosystem along with sustainable livelihood of local people by improving sustainable forest management, sustainable biodiversity conservation and community development, thereby contributing to harmonization between environmental conservation and socio-economic development in the Project area. Then he requested the dignitaries to give their valuable suggestions and creative thinking to make the programme successful.



Deliberation by Line Department Representatives

Director of SBRSETI, Sambalpur

Shri Sourav Roy, Director, SBRSETI discussed on the requirement for financial linkage of the community based institutions, particularly for SHGs and advised the project authorities to take adequate initiatives to increase the credit linkages of the SHGs to undertake varied income generating activities. It was said that Government is taking adequate steps to mainstream the SHGs interventions in a federation mode. Lots of inputs such as financial, physical, capacity building, infrastructural etc., are being rendered to SHGs / federations to make the initiatives viable and sustainable. Further, he said that capacity building of the primary stakeholders associated in varied livelihood interventions are key for success and suggested to organize 10 to 15 trainings in collaboration with SBRSETI at VSS level in next financial Year.

AGM NABARD

Shri Dinesh Behera, AGM of NABARD discussed on feasible options for taking income generating activities through SHGs. He explained the provisions available with NABARD to facilitate the SHG interventions in the project areas of OFSDP-II. He assured support and assistance from NABARD to promote income generation activities through the Self help Groups.

Deputy CEO, ORMAS:

Shri Srimanta Hota, Dy. CEO, ORMAS in his deliberation explained that inter-sectoral convergence is an essential element to achieve the desired goal and no individual department can fulfil the target on its own. While sharing the provisions available under OLM, he explained the concept of social inclusion, financial inclusion and economic inclusion under OLM.

P-NGO Chairman, Sambalpur

The Chairperson, Mr. Iswar Sabat thanked to all the VSS level representatives for their wholehearted involvement during the preparation of Micro Plan. He spoke on various alternative livelihood model and advised that community should take lead in identifying their need and to put forth the same to authorities for execution.

MSME Clusters (FMC) Technical Adviser

During his deliberation, Sri Dillip Kumar Panigrahi from MSME explained about Bamboo craft. He said that bamboo can be harvested in plenty in Sambalpur. While briefing in detail, he said, it is not a tree, it comes under grass species. Many species of bamboo can grow 3 feet or more in a day and after harvest, it grows through its extensive root system. He suggested that project may plan to promote bamboo craft as a source of livelihood in collaboration with MSME.

Deliberation by community stakeholders:

Ms. Swarnlata Sahu, VSS Animator Gudapal deliberated on different interventions taken up in Gudapal VSS. She also shared the skill trainings on vegetable cultivation, goat rearing etc., organized for the beneficiaries of Gudapal VSS in collaboration with RSETI, Burla.

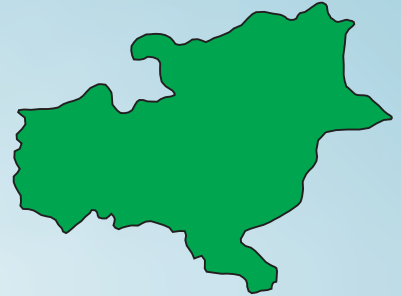
Gadgadbahal VSS President, Godluising VSS President, Rantal VSS President discussed about various Govt. schemes implemented in their respective VSSs. The VSS members highlighted noteworthy project interventions and shared their experience. The members also highlighted the works they have undertaken and spoke in detail about the progress made in past one year.

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri Madanlal Sharma, ACF of Sambalpur Forest Division. He extended vote of thanks to all dignitaries, invited guests, VSS/SHG members, department/ Project Officials, Reporters of Print & electronic media etc. for their co-operation and support to conduct "SAMEEKSHYA-2019-20" successfully.



SUBARNAPUR FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY



Annual Sameekshya 2019-20 of Subarnapur Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at the Conference Hall of Subarnapur Forest Division on 24th January 2020. Smt. Monisha Banerjee, IAS, Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Subarnapur participated as Chief Guest and Shri Sudarshan Behera, OFS-I (SB), Deputy Project Director (A&F) of OFSDS, Bhubaneswar attended as the Guest of Honour in the Sameekshya meeting.



Smt. Monisha Banerjee (IAS), Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Subarnapur District in her inaugural address appreciated the progress made in OFSDP-II till date, and highlighted the importance of “community participation” in achieving the objectives of OFSDP-II. She urged that the project should give utmost priority to address the livelihood aspects of the communities along with sustainable forest management. She assured all required support from district administration for inter-sectoral convergence for the benefits to the communities.



Shri Sarat Chandra Panda, PD, DRDA in his deliberation as Guest of Honour, spoke on the objectives and modalities of implementation of OFSDP-II. It was reiterated that successful

implementation of OFSDP-II require community participation and coordinated efforts of all line departments for holistic development. He stated that a detailed community development plan has been prepared by the communities in all OFSDP-II Villages, accordingly, all line departments shall take the advantage of such plan and the schemes / programme, which are relevant to the specific villages, shall be implemented. He urged the OFSDP-II officials / staff shall coordinate with the line departments for timely execution of works, as per the plan worked out at village level.

Shri Sushanta Ku Samantaray, OFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Subarnapur Forest Division briefed on the overall progress made in Subarnapur Division under OFSDP-II. He highlighted on the participatory process followed under OFSDP-II in preparing the perspective community development plan in each VSS covered under OFSDP-II. He also appreciated the support and assistance of officials of other line departments for undertaking different developmental activities in the project villages. He also spoke in brief about the Hi-tech Nursery established in Subarnapur under the project, with an objective of timely raising of seedlings for plantation in the project villages and else where.

Representatives of other line departments viz. ITDA, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, Minor Irrigation, Electrical Department deliberated on the key programmes of their Departments to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

An exhibition was organised to showcase the achievements, progress made under OFSDP-II. Self Help Groups and Vana Surakshya Samiti (VSS) formed under the DMU displayed their products and pictures on achievements in the exhibition. Two stalls were arranged to exhibit the forest and agriculture produces of community groups.

Venue	: Conference Hall, Division Office, Subarnapur
Date	: 24.01.2020
Time	: 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM



1. Participants Details:

i	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Smt. Monisha Banerjee (IAS) District Magistrate & Collector, ● Shri Sarat Chandra Panda, PD DRDA ● Dr. Binay Bhusan Patra, CDVO ● Shri R K Roy, Director SB-RSETI ● Shri S Das, Programme Co-ordinator SB-RSETI ● Shri S Pradhan, Scientist KVK ● Shri K C Nayak, DPC Mission Shakti
ii	No of VSS President / Member Participated	36
iii	No of Animator participated	62
iv	No of Women participation out of the VSS member	48
v	No of P-NGO Team Members	05
vi	No of Member Secretary	25
vii	No of Project Staff	16
viii	No of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	12

2. Display of Photo gallery

A photo exhibition was organised during the event.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

SHG groups were participated to showcase their products under livelihood and IGA activities.

i.	No of Stall	4
ii.	Commodity Display	Bamboo Craft Materials, Terracotta Products, Sambalpuri Clothes & Paper Envelope.

4. Inauguration of Sameekshya-2019

Smt. Monisha Banerjee (IAS) District Magistrate & Collector, the Chief Guest of the Sameekshya 2019-20 in presence of Shri. Sarat Chandra Panda, PD DRDA, the Guest of Honour and Shri Susanta Kumar Samantaray, DFO cum DMU Chief, Subarnapur inaugurated the workshop. The Booklet on Sameekshya - 2019 of Subarnapur DMU was released.

5. Deliberations by Guest & Dignitaries

Smt. Monisha Banerjee, IAS: Chief Guest

Smt. Banerjee stated that there is a urgent need to increase the density of forest by massive plantation. Further, it was stated that protection and management of forest can be ensure through joint participation of Forest Department and Forest Dependent Communities. The challenges on forest during the summer stated to be taken care by the communities. Moreover, it was said that adequate initiatives are required in enhancing the Socio-economic conditions of the forest fringe villagers by creating alternate livelihood opportunities, as has been envisaged in OFSDP-II. Strengthening the livelihood opportunities through the women Self Help Group stated to be the suitable means in the project villages. However, the assistance to the SHGs for financial linkage, product development, market etc. need to be rendered by the project and other line department.

Shri Sarat Chandra Panda: Guest of Honour

Shri Sarat Chandra Panda stated that each & every individual should take care towards afforestation and protection of forest. He emphasised on the need for strenthgening the abilities of the primary stakeholders for effective management of forest and forest products. It was stated that need based Trainings and Exposures shall be planned for forest management and to take up Income Generating Activities though Self Help Groups. He also urged for the coordinated efforts of all line departments for ensuring holistic development through inter-sectoral convergence.

6. Deliberation by the Participants

Other members present in the Sameekshya were deliberated on the following points.

- Protection of forest by *Thengapali*.
- Seeds sowing an innovative approach by the VSS.
- Mass plantation by all VSS.
- Awareness towards Alcohol free village
- Income generation activities by the SHGs.
- Collection of NTFP for livelihood purpose.
- Village development work by the SHG.
- Prepare as tourist place of Singhjharikata under Balpur VSS.
- Convergence work through different departments.

7. VSS & SHG Members Sharing of Best Practices /Success Stories / Major Achievements.

Free Eye Camp for VSS People

Based on the request of VSSs representative, the DMU Subarnapur had organised the Eye Care & Cataract Screening Camps in four different locations from 15th – 25th July, 2019. The camps were convened in convergence with Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC), Pandapali. In total, 332 individuals from 25 VSSs of Sonepur FMU were tested their eye-sight and after final screening by medical authority, 136 cases were identified for Cataract Operation

Animal Vaccination Camp

DMU Subarnapur in convergence with Veterinary Department had organized livestock vaccination camp at VSS level under Sonepur FMU from 12th to 26th. July 2019. Under the overall supervision of concerned Block Veterinary Officer & Livestock Inspector, 988 cattle, 1648 goat & 230 sheep were vaccinated. FMU Co-ordinators, P-NGO Staffs and concerns animators facilitated the camps and mobilized the villages for vaccinating the livestock at village level.

Soil & Moisture Conservation through DLT.

It was reported that Subarnapur division falls under semi-arid climatic regions of Odisha, where periodic drought is very rampant. People in Subarnapur largely depend on agriculture for their livelihood. Acute shortage of water often affects farming activities and breaks the economic chain.

Accordingly, the decision of villagers covered under OFSDP-II to construct a check dam at Junani VSS of Sonepur FMU reported to be highly useful. This check dam has the potential to store water and to maintain the moisture conservation for farming even during drought like conditions.

Nursery & Plantation

It was reported that 822470 numbers of seedlings have been planted in 25 VSSs of OFSDP-II during 2019-20. 4,40,000 seedlings (2,20,000 seedlings through Polypot & 2,20,000 through Hyco-poy) were raised in the Hi-Tech Nursery established under the project and rest 382470 seedlings were raised in five temporary nurseries, which close to VSSs identified for plantation. The details of plantation taken up in 25 VSSs under Sonepur FMU during 2019-20 is as below:

● ANR without gap	:	319 ha
● ANR @ 400	:	531 ha
● ANR @ 800	:	212 ha
● Fuel Fodder	:	69 ha
● NTFP	:	47 ha
● Other Block Plantation	:	109 ha

Seeds Sowing: An Innovative Approach

The initiative of DMU Chief, Subarnapur on sowing of local seeds in the area available for plantation both in forest area and out-side the forest area were shared. It was reported that the

VSS members were requested to collect and store the locally available seeds during summer, under the overall guidance of forest staff. These seeds were sown both inside and outside of the assigned area in each VSS during rainy season. Further, these seeds were also sown by the VSS Members during the Vana Mohatsav Programme organized at VSS level.

Mass Plantation

Massive Plantation drive were taken up in each VSS of OFSDP-II. Awareness programmes, Competitions on environment themes were organised to sensitize the communities on the challenges and benefit of Eco-system with an aim to increase the green cover around the Subarnapur district.

It was reported that, Hon'ble Justice, High Court, Odisha Sri Chita Ranjan Das started the noble initiative by planting saplings at Jhiki, Sonapur on dated. 25.08.2019. Senior Officials from District Administration and VSS members of Subarnapur district participated in the programme and also planted saplings on this occasion. Mr. Das explained the need to keep our environment clean & green. He appreciated the initiatives of district administration and forest department in effective protection and management of forest through community participation. He urged utmost cooperation of all officials / staff to continue the mission, till a self sustainable system is established.

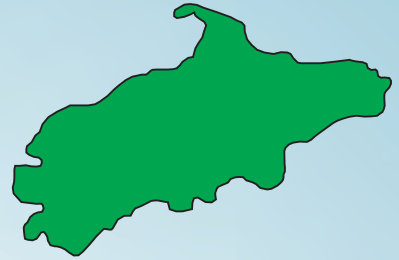
During the initiative, minimum 3000 seedlings were planted in each VSS (75 VSSs) covered under OFSDP-II. VSS members took oath to look after the planted sapling by designating the trees to every individual. DFO cum DMU Chief Sri Susanta Kumar Samantaray thanked the VSS members for such noble initiatives.



SUNDERGARH

FOREST DIVISION

Report on DMU Level Sameekshya - 2019-20



SUMMARY



Annual “**Sameekshya**” 2019-20 of Sundergarh Forest Division under OFSDP Phase-II was organized at the District Training Centre of Sundergarh on 14th January 2020. Shri Surendra Kumar Meena, IAS, Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Sundergarh participated as Chief Guest and Shri Jogesh Kumar Singh, MLA, Sundergarh Sadar, Smt. Emma Ekka, President, Zilla Parishad, Sundergarh attended as Guest of Honour in the Sameekshya meeting.



Dr. Lingaraj Otta, Addl. PCCF, Rourkela Circle to inaugurate the Sameekshya 2019-20 by the lighting the lamp along with other guest attended the meeting. At the outset, Dr. Otta stated on the twin objectives of OFSDP-II i.e Sustainable Forest Management and Socio-economic improvement of forest dependent communities. It was further added that project has mandate for comprehensive development at community level through inter-sectoral convergence.



Smt Emma Ekka, President of Zilla Parishad, Sundergarh attended as the Guest of Honour and lauded the initiatives taken up under OFSDP-II to mobilise forest fringe dwellers for implementation of project under joint Forest Management Mode. She expressed her satisfaction on the progress made so far in addressing the livelihood interventions through Women SHGs and assured that such initiative will go long way in empowering the women both socially and economically.

Shri Arun Kumar Mishra, OFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Sundergarh Forest Division gave a detail presentation on the progress made under OFSDP-II in Sundergarh Division. He stated that OFSDP-II project has been launched in 90 VSSs in three FMUs namely Ujalpur, Lephripara and Hemgiri

and rest 60 VSSs will be covered in Sundargarh and Bargaon FMUs in coming years. He extended sincere thanks to the representative of all line departments for their support and assistance in implementing various development programme in project villages through convergence.

Representatives of other line departments viz. DRDA, Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, OLM, KVK, State Bank of India deliberated on the key programmes of their respective Departments / agencies to sensitise the project functionaries and other stakeholders on the scope of convergence.

An exhibition was organised to showcase the achievements, progress made in the division under OFSDP-II. Representatives of SHGs and VSSs showcased their achievements in the poster exhibition. Three stalls were arranged to exhibit the forest and agriculture produces, as a mark of alternate livelihood grown by the villagers with the assistance of OFSDP-II.





Venue	: District Training Centre, Sundargarh
Date	: 14.01.2020
Time	: 09.30 AM onwards

1. Participants Details:

i	Name & Designation of the Line Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri Nrusingh Charan Swain Addl. Dist. Magistrate, Sundargarh 2. Shri Biswaranjan Rath Addl. Project Director, D.R.D.A. Sundargarh 3. Dr. Sujay Kumar Chattar I/C Chief Dist. Veterinary Officer, Sundargarh 4. Shri Bijaya Kumar Pradhan I/C Chief District Agriculture Officer, Sundargarh 5. Shri Dayanidhi Rout Asst. Director Horticulture, Sundargarh 6. Shri Pitabash Sahu Project Director, Watersheds, Sundargarh 7. Dr. Laxmipriya Pradhan Senior Scientist & Head, K.V.K, Sundargarh 8. Shri Goutam Ranjan Bosh I/C Dist. Fishery Officer, Sundargarh 9. Shri Sunil Kumar Satpathy Project Director, NIAM, Sundargarh 10. Shri Gopinath Sahoo Addl. Dist. Public Relation Officer, Sundargarh
ii.	No of VSS President/Member Participated	53
iii	No of Animator participated	20
iv	No of Women participation out of the VSS member	19
v	No of P-NGO Team Members	9
vi	No of Member Secretary	23
vii	No of project staff	20
viii	No of other Forest Department Staff including FMU Chief	13
ix	Representative of PMU/PMC	-

2. Display of Photo gallery

Photographs were display based on the project activities of reviewing year.

3. Exhibition by WSHG members

SHG groups were participated to showcase their products under livelihood and IGA activities.

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| i. | No of Stall | 3 |
| ii. | Commodity Display | Terracotta and Processed Food item |

Deliberations:

Chief Guest:

At the outset, Dr. Otta, Addl. PCCF, Rourkela Circle briefed on the benefit of implementation OFSDP, Phase-II under Joint Forest Management Mode. He said that efforts shall be made to involve the communities from the inception stage of implementation of project, enabling them to plan, execute and monitor the progress by themselves. Such annual Sameekshya stated to be highly essential not only to monitor the progress but also to create an environment for cross learning from each other.

He urged that project officials should take optimum measures to address the livelihood aspects of the village communities through convergence. Special emphasis was made to strengthen the SHGs for undertaking the Income Generating Activities (IGA), based on the skill, knowledge and resources available. Concepts like value addition, collective marketing, skill training, convergence etc., which are mandatory to establish a sustainable livelihood model were deliberated at length.

Deliberation by invited Guests:

M.L.A., Sadar Constituency, Sundargarh

Honourable M.L.A., Sadar advised the entire women members of VSS to take lead in protection of forests and she asserted that women power can do the wonder including sustainable forest management. She urged the communities across the project villages shall be highly vigilant to protect the forest from the mafias / timber smugglers. She also stated that adequate income generation activities through the local Self Help Groups are to be taken up to address the livelihood aspects at community level. She emphasised that sincere and exclusive efforts shall be taken under OFSDP-II to address the basic needs of the poorest of poor households. She appreciated the plantation programme taken up by the project in Ujjawalput FMU, where the survival rate is significantly good and also advised to take up causality replacement, wherever required.

M.L.A., Talasara Constituency, Sundargarh

Honourable M.L.A., Talasara appreciated the mode of implementation of OFSDP-II. The involvement of communities in terms of planning, implementation and self monitoring etc., under the project, were stated to be highly praiseworthy. The approach of holistic development through convergence with other line departments also reported to be a unique model. He also appreciated the modus operandi of project authorities in facilitating the communities for holistic development.

President, Zilla Parishad, Sundargarh

Honourable President, Zilla Parishad emphasised on awareness programmes for protection and management of forest through active participation of the communities. She advised that maximum households in the project villages shall be linked with LPG Connection scheme of Government, which will lead to reduce anthropogenic pressure on forest for fuel wood. She also emphasised on the need for fixation of remunerative prices of NTFPs, which will enhance the socio-economic status of the forest dependent dwellers.

Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh

The Addl. District Magistrate, Sundargarh praised the role of VSS members in protection & conservation of forest areas. He advised the VSS members to own the project and to involve in implementation of the project. He suggested for taking up large-scale plantation of fuel-wood and NTFP species in forested areas. He proposed for plantation of Mulberry, which can be grown in Sundergarh Climatic zone and has high demand in the market. Similarly, he suggested for plantation of Rubber & Neem species etc., which has the potential to strengthen the economic status of the farmers.

Deliberation by Line Department Representatives:

Additional Project Director, DRDA, Sundargarh

The Addl. Project Director, DRDA thanked all VSS level stakeholders for coming in a huge number & advised them to take lead for holistic development. He urged, all service providers, including the officials of all line departments to share the information related to the govt. schemes, programmes, detail on entitlement etc. of their own department at VSSs level meetings. He urged that all line departments shall work in synergy to address the need of the communities thorough convergence programmes.

I/C Chief District Agriculture Officer, Sundargarh

CDAO I/c, Sundergarh explained the need of coordination among the departments for holistic development at community level. He praised the initiatives of OFSDP-II in facilitating implementation of various works through convergence. It was also stated that such initiatives of OFSDP-II will built the abilities of the community members to plan, prioritize and to approach the respective line departments for execution. It is an enabling and sustainable development model, he opined.

Asst. Director Horticulture, Sundargarh

The Asst. Director Horticulture enlightened some of the key plantation programmes (RKVY, NHM, MGNREGS) and schemes (bamboo mission, subsidized backyard programmes) of horticulture department. He assured all possible convergence of horticultural programme in OFSDP-II project villages.

Project Director, Watersheds, Sundargarh

The Project Director, Watersheds appraised that involvement of primary stakeholders in planning and execution of project interventions is key for successful implementation of any developmental programmes. The involvement of primary stakeholders in implementation of OFSDP-II is reported to be apparently very good. He outlined regarding alternative livelihood programme, which would reduce the biotic / human pressure on forest and will contribute in enhancing the regeneration of forest with assured livelihood options. Moreover, he praised the initiatives of OFSDP-II for undertaking varied livelihood programme for the primary stakeholders through convergence.

Senior Scientist & Head, K.V.K, Sundargarh

The Senior Scientist & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sundargarh enlightened the importance of 5 “J” i.e. Jal (water), Jami (Land), Jungle, Jivan (Life) & Jantu (Animal). She highlighted some of the key linkages of agriculture with forestry. She praised the collaborative/convergence programme including plantation & allied activity programmes taken up in OFSDP-II. She spoke on farmer development; use of technology in agricultural field including extension of activities from lab to land.

Project Director, NIAM, Sundargarh

The Project Director, NIAM, Sundargarh outlined some of the key activities of his organization viz. employment creation through skill development programmes, skill based trainings, employment in different industries etc. He assured all-out support and assistance for taking up employment linked training programme in the project villages of OFSDP-II under DDUGKY.

I/C Dist. Fishery Officer, Sundargarh

The I/C Dist. Fishery Officer, Sundargarh stated that fishery activities is highly promising in the rural pockets. It was stated that each village has different types of water bodies, which can be taken up for pisci-culture with minimum investment. Such initiatives are reported to be not only be economically viable, but also add nutritional value at the community level. He outlined the provisions and schemes available under his department and assured all required support and assistance to take up all related interventions through convergence.

Deliberations by community level stakeholders:

Shri Jagdish Saw, President, Barbahali VSS, Hemgir FMU

President, Barbahali VSS informed that their VSS has been constituted for more than 30 years and are protecting their assigned forest area through Thengapali system. It was reiterated that the Executive Body of Barbahali VSS was re-constituted 16.08.2018 and they conduct meeting meticulously every month.

He appreciated the provision of Animators at VSS level, who are instrumental for community mobilization and in implementation of project activities with active participation of the communities. Progress made in his VSS during the reporting year was briefly presented.

Smt. Dayabati Kishan, President, Dainidihi VSS, FMU Ujalpur

President, Dainidihi VSS reported that the project interventions are being made with active participation of the VSS members. Progress made so far was briefly presented. Initiatives of project authorities for supply of LPG connection to beneficiaries were highlighted. It was also stated that collection of fuel wood has been drastically reduced due to use of LPG for cooking purpose.

Shri Mukteswar Buda, President, Sahebdera VSS, FMU Iephipara

President, Sahebdera VSS shared the happiness of the Executive Committee after the inclusion of their VSS under OFSDP Phase-II. He shared the processes followed on reconstituting the EC on 02.11.18. While briefing the progress made so far under OFSDP-II, he shared the initiation taken

in his VSS for protection of forest. It was reiterated that GB & EC Meetings are conducted regularly. Further, the villagers have unanimously declared their village is free from alcohol and more than 90% households of the VSS have been provided with LPG Connection, he said.

Shri Lingaraj Nayak, President, Talasara VSS, FMU Bargaon

President, Talasara VSS also explained the VSS reconstitution process, Survey & Demarcation processes, importance of water bodies in VSS assigned area etc. He opined that after the facilitation & motivation by OFSDP officials forest protection & other forest related activities are being taken care by VSS members in regular intervals.

Shri Chaitanya Nag, President, Amasdegi VSS, FMU Sundargarh

President, Amasdegi VSS stated on the processes followed for reconstitution of VSS and said that Executive Committee Meeting is being convened on 24th day of each month. Other initiatives taken up by the VSS for protection and management of forest were also shared. He also spoke on the livelihood interventions taken up in his VSS through convergence.

Shri Krushna Chandra Dhuraa, Animator, Kutrajore VSS, FMU Hemgir

Animator, Limdihi VSS explained about the livelihood initiatives taken up in their VSS in convergence mode. It was stated that employments of rural youths have been taken up through skill development programme of DDUGKY. It was also reported that dropout in primary & secondary education has been completely stopped. Moreover, 100% beneficiaries on entitlement scheme i.e old age pension & national food security programme have been covered.

Shri Laxmidhar Badek, Animator, Kendudihi VSS, FMU Ujalpur

Animator, Kendudihi made a brief presentation on the progress made in their VSS. The highlights of the progress include plantation work, soil moisture work, construction of VSS Building, farm forestry planning, coverage of 80% household under Ujjawala Scheme etc. He lauded the efforts of VSS members to ensure the survival of plantation above 95%, despite the damages caused by elephants. It was also shared that 100% achievement in augmenting MGNREGS Job Card to each beneficiary has been accomplished.

Miss Kunti Kisan, Animator, Kaputikira VSS, FMU Lephripara

Animator, Kaputikira VSS shared the initiatives taken in their VSS for control of illicit felling, forest fire, alcoholism, making the village plastic free etc. She highlighted some of the key convergence programmes executed in their VSS and its benefits. She briefed in short about her role in coordinating the SHG meetings and her support and assistance to maintain their register and books of account. Also shared the inputs and guidance to the SHGs for undertaking different Income Generating Activities.

