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[PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT]

**MAKING WOMEN THE CHANGE AGENTS: AN INITIATIVE
IN WOMEN-LED LIVELIHOODS ENHANCEMENT**

Project Information Sheet

Title of the project	Making Women the Change Agents: An Initiative in Women-led Livelihoods Enhancement
Nature of project	Livelihood promotion involving women
Project Holder	Voluntary Institute for Rural Development (VIRD)
Geographic coverage	Villages- Kumunikata, Juritaila, Barataila, Angarakata Gram Panchayat- Tinkibir, Block- Reamal, Dist- Deogarh, State- Odisha, Country- India
Periodicity of Report	1st October 2014 to 30th April 2015
No. of Beneficiaries	100 women resolved into 04 Self Help Groups and 60 individuals
Type of Beneficiaries	Women engaged in Animal Husbandry and Kitchen Gardening
Amount sanctioned	230,000 INR
Amount Released	100,000 INR



SANKALAPA, a USA based supporting agency extended its supporting hand to Voluntary Institute for Rural Development (VIRD) to take up a model village programme '***Making Women the Change Agents: An Initiative in Women-led Livelihoods Enhancement in remote tribal areas of Deogarh district***'. The project was implemented in villages namely **GADAGADA, KAUSITAILA, JURITAILA, KUMUNIKATA** in Tinkbir Gram Panchayat of Reamal Block of District Deogarh, Orissa, India covering 36 Scheduled Tribe households. The project primarily aimed at collective efforts and initiatives of tribal to promotion of sustainable livelihood. Towards this end, the project focuses on improving agricultural productivity, by creating alternative agricultural practices, and group based enterprises through women to address the basic livelihood issues. The efforts of VIRD towards creation and strengthening of social capitals like village level organizations and an enabling environment towards furthering the development process has tremendously impacted to empower the tribal communities by fostering confidence among themselves. Apart from creating physical assets/ infrastructures, which would provide benefits to the people in terms of improving the productivity of agriculture, increasing the income of poor tribal families through group based enterprises; VIRD gave more emphasis on the empowerment process. VIRD believes that improved social capital would effectively and efficiently manage the physical assets/infrastructures created in the village and could ensure sustainability of these assets.



This report provides detail description of the activities undertaken during the completion phase.

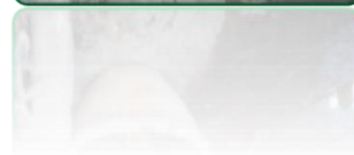
OBJECTIVES:

Short term:

- ✓ To impart knowledge and skill to the community on development of Micro Plans and mobilize the community for preparation of such Micro Plan for each of the project villages underlining livelihood promotion scoping strengthening livelihoods resource base and diversification of occupations
- ✓ To dovetail government schemes and programmes for execution of the Micro Plans strengthening resource base for livelihood promotion (Land Development and structures for land-water management)
- ✓ To promote women's participation in the domain of economic activity through Dairy Development
- ✓ To encourage women driven community effort so that nutrition deficiency is addressed through promotion of kitchen gardens.
- ✓ To mobilize the primary collectors of MFP into Self Affinity Groups and develop viable business models through provision of working capital support.

Long term

- ✓ Community adept in development planning plans, monitors and evaluates development interventions and dovetails resources allocated under government schemes and programmes for strengthening livelihood resource base
- ✓ Dairy development emerges as a viable economic activity which would be adopted by at least three-fifths of the households.
- ✓ All the households practice kitchen gardening that supplements household nutrition needs and income (to the extent of Rs. 500 per month)
- ✓ Primary collectors mobilized into Self Affinity Groups secure remunerative price for their forest produces (Mahua and Sal Leaves) so that it helps enhance household income by Rs. 3000 per annum.
- ✓ Women's participation enhanced in the domains of economic activity leads to increase in households' savings and enhances households' ability to address the unmet needs of health and education.



PLAN OF ACTION & TIME FRAME

Description	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Project Induction Meeting	✓			
Group Formation	✓			
Capacity Building	✓	✓		
Development of Micro Plans		✓		
Support for Dairy		✓		
Kitchen Garden Support	✓			
Support for Collective Marketing of MFPs	✓	✓		
Quarterly Monitoring (Internal)	✓	✓	✓	✓
External Evaluation		✓		✓

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO REPORTING PERIOD

<u>Project Induction Meeting:</u>	One Induction meeting was conducted on Dt.3.06.14 at Barataila village where beneficiaries from all the 4 target villages participated.
<u>Formation of Groups:</u>	Prior to the intervention, VIRD had collectivized 40 women into 4 Self Help Groups to be supported under this project.
<u>Support for Kitchen Garden:</u>	38 women from even number of households were supported to undertake kitchen gardening in their respective backyards.
<u>Support for Dairy Unit</u>	Two SHGs was initially selected to be supported to set up Dairy Units.
<u>Capacity Building measures</u>	A 2-day training programme was organized in two batches; each batch containing members of two SHGs; numbering 20.
<u>Quarterly Review Meeting</u>	A field based quarterly review meeting was organized.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Capacity Building

Capacity Building of the beneficiaries is the key component of the project which would ensure success as well as sustainability. During first quarter one training programme was organized for the beneficiaries to understand the dynamics of SHGs, its activities and steps for development. A similar training programme was organized in the month of December 2014 as a reorientation programme. It was conducted in two batches, each batch containing 20 SHG members.



Support for Diary Development

In accordance with the plan of action, two milch cows were provided to (1) Maa Laxmi Swayongsahayika Gosthi and (2) Mahamai Swayongsahayika Gosthi.

The Veterinary Asst. Surgeon Dr. Sudhira Kumar Sahu was invited to conduct one educative class on care of the animals. Dr. Sahu educated the SHG members on proper care of the animals, health issues, feeding practices and basic care if fallen ill.



The cows have been insured. Support for feeds, health care has been extended as proposed in the original project document.

Review Meeting

The review was conducted to assess the impact, progress made and tracking. The meeting was conducted at the field office participated by the leaders of the SHGs, PRI members and the staff of VIRD. A complete review of the activities was done.



List of members collectivized into SHGs (target group of the project)

Sl. No.	Name of Village	Name of SHG	Name of Member
1	GADAGADA	MAA TARANI SOYANG SAYAKA GOSTHI	Lalita Amant
2			Panchali Behera
3			Arati Amant
4			Suprava Behera
5			Kuni Behera
6			Sunita Mallik
7			Sunei Behera
8			Minati Behera
9			Tilottama Behera
10			Sibani Behera
1	KAUSITAILA	SWARNLAXMI SOYANG SAYAKA GOSTHI	Manorama Behera
2			Sunita Behera
3			Sushama Behera
4			Saraswati Behera
5			Champabati Behera
6			Jasoda Behera
7			Sankhini Behera
8			Damayanti Behera
9			Susama Behera
10			Kaminee Behera
1	Kumunikata	MAA LAXMI SOYANG SAYAKA GOSTHI	Kailasini Munda
2			Arnapurna Munda
3			Sanjulata Munda
4			Bishnupriya Munda
5			Kumudinee Behera
6			Babita Munda
7			Sabita Behera
8			Bimala Behera
9			Sankuntala Munda
10			Bidehi Munda
1	Juritaila	MAHAMAI SOYANG SAYAKA GOSTHI	Chaina Penthei
2			Subhadra Bagha
3			Gunja Luhara
4			Jaie Bagha
5			Bharati Bagha
6			Meghi Rajhansh
7			Teri Penthei
8			Manda penthei
9			Sukanti Behera
10			Rani Luhura

Financials:

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Receipt and Payment Account for the period 01/10/2014 to 30/04/2015

Receipt	Amount	Amount	Payment	Amount	Amount
To Opening Balance Cash in Hand	-		By Purchase of Cows 2 nos. at Rs. 36,000/- each		72,000.00
Cash at Bank	-				
To Grant received from SANKALP		100,000.00	By assistance for feed. Medicine etc for cows for all SHGs		30,000.00
To Organization Contribution		4,142.00	By CB Meeting Expenses		2,142.00
			By Closing Balances Cash in Hand	-	
		104,142.00			104,142.00

Income and Expenditure Account for the period 01/10/2014 to 30/04/2015

Expenditure	Amount	Amount	Income	Amount	Amount
To assistance for feed. Medicine etc for cows		30,000.00	By Grant received from SANKALP		100,000.00
To QR Meeting Expenses		2,142.00	By Organization Contribution		4,142.00
To excess of income over expenditure					
		72,000.00			
		104,142.00			104,142.00

