

Celebration of International Women Day, 2016

At the outset, the celebration of International Women's Day programme started with a warm welcome from one of the chief functionaries of NSVK, Jharkhand - Mr. Saryu Prasad. In this celebration programme 221 SHG members participated from 10 villages of our intervention area (Orbenga, Tapkra, Kurum, Kasira, Tetertoli, Rokedega, Kondekera, Koinadand, Jaldega and Pithartoli). Mr. Prasad talked about women of Jharkhand, how they are advocating for their rights for their entitlements and livelihood.

In this programme Hon'ble MLA of Palkot, Gumla Mrs. Bimla Pradhan, newly elected woman Panchayat Mukhiya, Mrs. Punam Oraon of Dahupani Panchayat and Mrs. Bhagbati Devi of Umda Panchayat were present. Also present were representative of hon'ble MLA Mrs. Pratima Devi, and some other famous personalities of Palkot Block, Mr. Sumit Kumar Kishori, Suraj Dev Singh, Yudhistir Kansari and Jitendar Lal were also present. Mr. Pradipta Chand for Caritas India, Ranchi also gave his precious time to the



programme.

The programme was inaugurated by hon'ble MLA of Palkot by lighting the candle which was followed by a welcome song in traditional Sadri language by Shanti Mahila Mandal of Tapkara. Mr. Pradipta Chand from Caritas India gave a



brief introduction of the Agrarian Prosperity Project since its inception. Presently, the project is working with 1263 house hold across 10 villages and four panchayats under Palkot Block. He shared the objective of APP and the achievements of the project. This was followed by sharing of experience about the project by four women of intervention area. They told about their past how they used to struggle economically but under intervention of APP, NSVK they were supported to start small business and livestock. The SHG of Tapkara performed a small skit and through the skit they tried to show case their success as an SHG.

Apart from that, the Honorable MLA of Palkot and newly elected women panchayat mukhiys and some special guest addressed to the participants, in their talk they suggested to keep growing with the help of NSVK, and understand the strength of women empowerment, fight for your rights and the women have to play a key role to build a good family in the same time society.

Thematic consultation on small holder issues (by consolidating civil society initiatives in the state on agriculture)

A workshop was organised by NSVK with collaboration of Caritas India, Ranchi in the





month of May, 2016. In this programme, two government representatives, Mr. Amar Deepak Tigga, Head of Livestock Department, Palkot Block and Mr. Harman Toppo head of Agriculture Department, Palkot Block provided their valuable insights on issues related to small land holding and related livelihood. Dr. Tigga in his speech gave a brief idea on different provisions for farmers available through Livestock department. In addition, he suggested the participating farmers to undertake de-worming and immunization for their cattle with the help of his department at low cost so that it can reduce 40% mortality among domestic animals. He also suggested that nutrient fodder should be provided to the cattle for betterment of livestock. Dr. Tigga offered the farmers to collect seeds of Barsim and Oats from his department.

Mr. Harman Toppo shared about the different schemes of Agriculture department of Palkot. He shared that, Dobha, Talab are being provided to farmers these days through his department on condition that name of the applicant was passed in the gram sabha during Yojna Banao Abhiyan for the same purpose. There are different sizes of dobha and talab with different budgets. He said that the maximum budget available for a Dobha is Rs. 60,000.00 and for Pond it is Rs. 1,90,000.00.

Both of them shared a very important matter to the participants that, Tuesday and Friday are being treated as Blok divas. On these days all the heads of each department provide their presence in the block. As such the farmers can come to them for the provisions and services.

Convergence from line departments



Irrigation Pump

In the month of March, 2016 two farmers of our intervention area - Pampu Khadia of Tapkar and Ruila Munda of Jaldega, Palkot Block, benefited from irrigation pump at 50 % subsidy. They paid Rs. 8000 to ATMA Kolibira, Simdega to procure irrigation pump.



Poultry Shed

Lakshman Turi and Jitendar Turi of Kasira village have benefited from "Poultry Shed" given to them by Livestock Department of Palkot Block. Both

farmers has received Rs. 35,000 each for the hospitalized to reduce chances of maternal or infant mortality.



construction work, which is in progress these days.

Janani Suraksha Yojna



Indo Devi aged 25 of Pithatoli and Arti Devi age 20 of Jaldega have registered their name in Community Health Centre for the support money regarding safe delivery. This support money will help the mother and new born child for nutrient food. The pregnant and lactating women in the villages are being made aware about their maternal rights and entitlements

through awareness sessions undertaken by NSVK staff. The people now a day's understand that during delivery the pregnant women should be

Indira Awas Yojna



Meena Devi, aged 30 of Kasira village received an amount of Rs. 75000.00 under Indira Awas Yojna to construct her house. The construction work has already initiated and hopefully, the work will be over in a month or two.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

Under MGNREGS 8 marginalized farmers of our intervention area applied for Dobha (small farm pond). The digging work is likely to finish by the first week of June, 2016. It will reduce their water woes and at the same time they can use the water for the domestic use and for livestock.

Case Study-

Dhamati Devi, age 30, Tetertoli village, Palkot Block

Tetertoli is one of our targeted villages. The village is surrounded with mountain and forest. Dhanmati Devi is a widow and has two daughters Puja and Arti. Puja is 12 years old and Arti is 9 years old. When husband of Dhanmati Devi, Late Suman Pradhan passed away in year 2011 life came to a standstill for the family. During that period it was difficult for Dhanmati Devi to arrange three square meals for her family. They used to compromise with one dress for a long

time. Nothing was all right for the family during this period, but Dahnmati Devi is a rebel she never gave up. She started collecting fire wood from nearby forest and started selling it in Palkot and sometimes at Gumla. Even though it was not a easy task for her she used to walk a lot for selling it as Gumla is 30 kilometres distance from the Bhaoktatoli, so up and down 60 kilometres per day she used to walk for a very less income. Dhanmati Devi took it as a livelihood option as she had no other option.

In the year 2011 Naya Sawara Vikash Kendra initiated work in Tetertoli through APP project. The project was a blessing in disguise for her. In the initial phase of project, formation of SHGs and FC was an entry point for the project. In this period “*Bhagwati Mahila Mandal*” group was formed in Bhoktatoli by the project staff where Dhanmati Devi was one of the members. In the year 2012 through APP she received a support Rs. 5000 which was a revolving fund support through the project. With this support money she purchased two units of female goat and through the technical help of project’s agriculture specialist she took proper care of her goats by providing time to time vaccinations, de worming and medical treatment as per need. Now she has 8 units of goat with her, last year she sold two goats of Rs. 12000/- She is happy these days and her children are enjoying the schooling life, Puja in class 7th and Arti in class 4th.

Project Harit Prayas – Enabling Small and Marginal Farmers to Access their Rights and Entitlements to Land, Food and Livelihood Security

Project ‘*Harit Prayas*’, funded by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative (APPI), aims to work

with village level people’s institutions on the issue of sustainable livelihood for the small & marginalized farmers in order to ensure their food security. While working with gram sabhas the efforts would be made to build the capacity of gram sabhas so that they can take up issues of collective concern in their village, identify possible solutions to these issues, undertake participatory planning, fix responsibilities, timelines and implement the solutions at their own level. Through integrated micro planning efforts would be made to reduce food insecurity among the most vulnerable in the community. Aspects of convergence and optimum resource utilization would be ensured through coordination with work done by government departments and other civil society organizations. The project would provide resource support in the form of training and capacity building of small and marginal farmers on improved crop Management & crop rotation for marginal farmers once in each crop season, methods, practices & provision of improved agricultural implements to adopt modern technology such as SRI, SWI, Mixed cropping, inter cropping, development of nutritional kitchen garden, establish of low cost Organic Manure (INM), vermi Compost, Azolla & vermi wash units, soil health test & its management, 5% model / field bunding, low cost drip irrigation system for vegetable cultivation and rearing of poultry, duck and pig.





During the reporting period orientation of gram sabha members, participatory rural appraisal activities and capacity building of the project staff was undertaken. The orientation programs were conducted at the panchayat level and the purpose of these orientation programs was to introduce them to the work being done and planned to be undertaken under the project and sensitize them to the need of greater participation in community processes through greater participation in Gram Sabhas.

Participatory Rural Appraisal exercises such as social mapping and resource mapping was undertaken by project staff for understanding the area, issues and building rapport with the people. Based upon the findings from social mapping households were stratified for the purpose of sampling for project baseline.

Staff Development program was undertaken in the month of March. In this program the project staff was run through the concepts of *gram swaraj*, *gram sabha*, institution building, group



work, working with rural communities and formation of *gram ekais*. The staff was also run through the baseline format and the operational modalities were developed to initiate baseline study from the month of May.

Project - Access to natural resources and energy for forest dependent communities funded by Oxfam

During the reporting period the applications for IFR and CFR prepared in the previous months were submitted at the SDLC level. No new applications were filled during the reporting period as many applications are pending with the welfare department and the organization received no communication on them. The data on pending applications is provided in Table 1 for reference. Further, in order to strengthen the community over the issue of forest rights, FRCs were reformed at the gram sabha, resource mapping was undertaken and Van Palan committees were formed.

Sl.	District	IFR	CFR	Status (Submitted to -)
1	Bokaro	255	10	SDLC
2	Hazaribagh	199	07	SDLC
3	Dhanbad	199	07	SDLC
4	Giridih	149	04	SDLC
5	Koderma	76	04	SDLC
	Total	887	32	



Birhor Tanda School for children of Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Group – Birhor



‘Birhor’ is one of the primitive tribes of Jharkhand. Birhor – ‘Bir’ means ‘Hero’ and ‘Hor’ means Group. The Birhor people are forest based and traditionally nomadic gathering and hunting tribe. The children stay away from formal education as they do not gel well with formal schooling. It is, therefore, important that they are prepared for schools that takes into account their traditions and way of living. Before NSVK opened a school at Buddachanch of Bagodar block of Giridih District, the Birhor families along with the children used to roam about in the forest. There are around 42 of these children (aged 5- 12 years) in the school. These children are being prepared for formal schooling in a unique way as per their tradition

Gumla Seed Bank

The community members are aware and know the importance of the traditional seeds. There is a visible change among the mindset of the people who understand the importance of protecting indigenous species through the medium of seed bank as compared to adopting various hybrid seeds, due to which the existing of traditional seeds are diminishing. The community members realize the value of traditional seed and thus, they are have set up seed banks at the village level to



to preserve these traditional seeds they have made seed banks. In these seed bank they collect and keep the traditional seed. The preserved seed are used at the time of need and unavailability of the seed. Seed bank is being promoted in new project villages in block Angara.

Kitchen Garden



In order to ensure nutritious food to the families the concept of kitchen garden is being promoted in all the project areas. Kitchen gardens ensure that the waste water of kitchen is utilized to grow vegetables in the backyard of one’s home and this garden can provide fresh vegetables which can provide nutritious food to the family members.

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