



Annual Interventions Report 2016-2017



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Promoting Agro-ecological farming and organic practices for livelihood security of people and sustainable environment

It is great pleasure that we are publishing Annual Intervention Report of the year 2016-2017 of the organization. Sangata's aim is to ensuring community participation in development and governance by enhancing leadership capacity of tribal and deprived people special focus on woman for their livelihood security and empowerment. Presently activities of organization are focused over promotion of agro-ecological farming and organic practices for livelihood security of people, sustainable environment and combating climate change, biodiversity conservation and its sustainable use, water conservation, health and hygiene and women empowerment and child right specially child in need care and protection. Organisation is mobilised local peoples organizations for entitlements of forest rights and food security



Promotion of the System of Rice Intensification among small and marginal farmers is to enhance their food security, is a great achievement. Method of SRI is increased productivity of paddy 2 to 3 times as compare to traditional method of cropping pattern. Conserving and promoting traditional seeds varieties. Organization has organized capacity building training of community on important government scheme such as MGNREGS, government development and social security schemes.

With support of Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society organization has running successfully target intervention project for Female Sex Worker in Surguja district and Destination Migrant in Korba district successfully in this year.

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Organisation has received great support of Sir JJ Trust Mumbai, Ministry women and Child Development Government of India and CHILDLINE Foundation of India, CGSACS Raipur, Global Greengrants Fund USA and various department of CG Government and side by side a number of philanthropists and local administration in successful execution of its plan & projects.

We like to express our humble gratitude to all our sympathizers, donors and Govt. agencies for providing continuous support and cooperation for successful implementation our project in the target area.

Ambikapur

25th July 2017

Bhoopendra B. Singh

Secretary

1. About Organization

1.1 Genesis and Status

The Pioneers of SANGATA are three social activists of local tribal youth who started their social career at early Age. They associated with various grassroots local N.G.O. and Action groups for critically understanding the real social-economic condition of the people in six blocks of Surguja district i.e. Mainpat, Batauli, Sitapur, Udaypur, Surajpur and Lakhanpur. They realized that major issue affecting tribal's food and livelihood security are mainly related to land, water and forest. They struggled for tribal right over land, water and forest under the banner of various informal local action groups. In 1996 Mr. Bhoopendra Bahadur Singh an active Social Activist with a post Graduate Degree from University of Allahabad joined with them. All in their struggle for basic right of tribal and backward community realized that innovative and sustainable development initiatives are needs of area and people's empowerment. Therefore they established informally an organization named SANGATA SAHABHAGI GRAMIN VIKAS SANATHAN (Institute for participatory Rural Development) with support of reputed social workers and like minded friends on 25th April, 1997. SANGATA words in Chhattisgarhi regional dialect means Friend. The dreams of the SANGATA are to establish human value based self reliant and exploitation free peaceful society. Informally organization has been working in few villages of Surguja. Realizing requirement of the area, people's participation and cooperation SANGATA got registered under Madhya Pradesh Society Registration Act. 1973 on 15th March, 1999.

1.2 Philosophy

Respecting and recognizing indigenous wisdom of local communities as also supporting local efforts of poor rural communities especially tribal and women who are trying to escape poverty and drudgery.

1.3 Approach

SANGATA encourages community participation for enhancement and upgradation of people's skills and knowledge through institutionalization processes while incorporating their issues and points of views.

1.4 Operational area

The operational area of the organization is whole Chhatisgarh. Since the inception SANGATA has operationalising its all development efforts by community participation in few villages of Surajpur, Sitapur, Mainpat, Lundra and Batauli blocks of Surguja district. But initial experiment was confined to two villages, Karaundamura and Maheshpur, of Surajpur block. Later SANGATA intervened in few villages of Korba, Korea and Jashpur district.

Details of operation area:

S.No.	No. of Villages	Block	District
1	5	Surajpur	Surajpur
2	20	Mainpat	Surguja
3	20	Sitapur	Surguja
4	10	Lundra	Surguja
5	4	Batuali	Surguja
6	15	Baikunthpur & Kharagavan	Korea

7	8	Sankargarh	Balrampur- Ramanujganj
8	15	Bagicha & Patthalgaon	Jashpur
9	10	Podiupraura	Korba

1.5 Target population

SANGATA from the beginning is working between the tribal community and poor people who mostly depend on the natural resources for their survival.

2. Activity

2.1 Village level meeting

SANGATA has been organized village level meeting in the operational villages and discuss the following issues: -

- * Enrollment of children in to Govt. Primary School Special focus on girls education.
- * Exploitation of the woman in the wage payments.
- * Role and responsibility of village panchayat especially Gram Sabha.
- * Management and use of existing Natural resources.
- * Fundamental rights of Citizen.
- * Role of Money lenders.
- * Environment and biodiversity protection and conservation.
- * Tree plantation.
- * Safe drinking water, sanitation & personal Hygiene specially Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan
- * Discuss about Govt. Sponsored Poverty alleviation programme.
- * Issue of rural Sanitation and maintenance of community wells and hand pumps.
- * Health and Hygiene of Children.
- * Population control.
- * Importance of Grain Banks, Formation of self help group and joint effort to strengthen the community.
- * Importance of voluntary labour in village development.
- * Social evils and alcoholism.



Above: Village Meeting with Mr. Bhoopedra Singh Secretary of organization in progress at Bhatako village.

2.2 Empowering women through Formation, Nurturing and Bank's Linkages of Self Help Group:

The Organization strategy is to be mobilized for the unused inherent capacity of rural women for development of their family and community. SANGATA believes that S.H.G.'s model of development is an educational process for creating a sense of awareness, a sense of involvement, a sense of belongingness and a sense of possession or ownership which ultimately lead to development of self reliance, self confidence, Competence and managerial capacity among women. .S.H.G.'s also enables the women to discover their overall potential increase their aspiration level and mobilized their resources for productive purposes. Therefore SANGATA has been forming self help group as per the guidelines of NABARD and National Rural Livelihood Mission of Government. These S.H.G.s are activated and trained for linkages with bank and Government schemes. Increasing the capacity of rural poor women to fight for their fundamental entitlement.

Details of SHGs :

No. of SHGs	No. of coverage village	Total savings in Rs.
196	45	1183750.00

2.3 Protection of fundamental entitlement of Children

SANGATA believes that poverty is not major cause of child labour and out of school children if proper opportunities provided the parents will certainly make adjustment within the family and will give high priority for education of their children. Therefore Go to School Campaign organized Ukiya, Dekhidoli, Lalitpur, Bharatpur, Erand, Bagdoli and Benai villages with active participation S.H.G.'s members in the July month of 2016. During School Chalo Abhiyan People realized importance of education for their working children and out of school children. People agreed to send their children to school. It is also realized that even the parents of poorest of poor families are seeking the opportunity to educate their children in suitable school. Organisation is also fighting for the cause of destitute, abandoned beaten or abused children.

Childline Project 1098

Organisation has been running project CHILDLINE 1098 for protection of child rights with support Ministry Woman and Child Development and Childline Foundation of India.



Above: CHILDLINE activities in progress.

2.4 Community organization and Capacity Building:

Capacity building of the people is considered crucial for the success and sustainability of the development process. Apart from the technical, financial and managerial assistance provided to the formed grassroots institutions e.i. Village development committees, a strong emphasis laid on empowerment of the village level peoples' organization. The formed people's organization named Chhattisgarh Dharati Bachao Andolan(Chhattisgarh Save Earth Movement)have been linked to like minded people's organization for struggle of their entitlement on forest, land, water and livelihood.

3. Promotion of System of Rice Intensification & Organic Farming- Jamsedji Tata Trust, Mumbai

Promotion of SRI in kharif Crop to enhance food security of 2048 small and marginal farmers of villages of Sitapur Batauli and Mainpat block of Surguja District and Bagicha and Pathalgaon block of District in Chhattisgarh is completed. Per acre average production is 20 quintals against traditional method production is 8 quintals. SCI of other crop is also done on by 1245 in other crops. Total area covered is 1751.33 acre.

3.1 Awareness generation:

21 awareness generation events are organized in which participant participated.

3.2 Exposure visit:

6 Exposure visits organized in which 540 participants attended.

3.3 Kisan Mela:

6 Kisan Mela organized in Which 434 farmers participated.



Above: : Cultivation of Paddy in progress through SRI Method by Farmers of Sitapur block of Surguja.

4. Conservation of indigenous variety of paddy and vegetable seeds: Save Rice Campaign

Seed the basic input is lifeline of agriculture. Local farming community have preserve and reused their diverse indigenous seeds varieties. It is with this art of preserving and reusing that all the agricultural biodiversity, that is our heritage has been maintained and developed. The situation started changing with the introduction of green revolution that usher in modern crop varieties that would increase yield has not only caused damage of our environment but also eroded most of our heritage. Corporate grip over all inputs especially seeds is most alarming because it threaten to hold farming and food security to big business interests. Losing our traditional variety will make over farmers depend on seeds companies and end of traditional agriculture. Organization has been promoting 150 variety of tradition seeds conserved by community. With Support of Save Our Rice Campaign, Thanal Thiruvananthapuram Kerala Organisation conserving 48 indigenous variety of Paddy. A Desi Seed &Field festival organized with support of Save Our Rice Campaign, Thanal Kerala



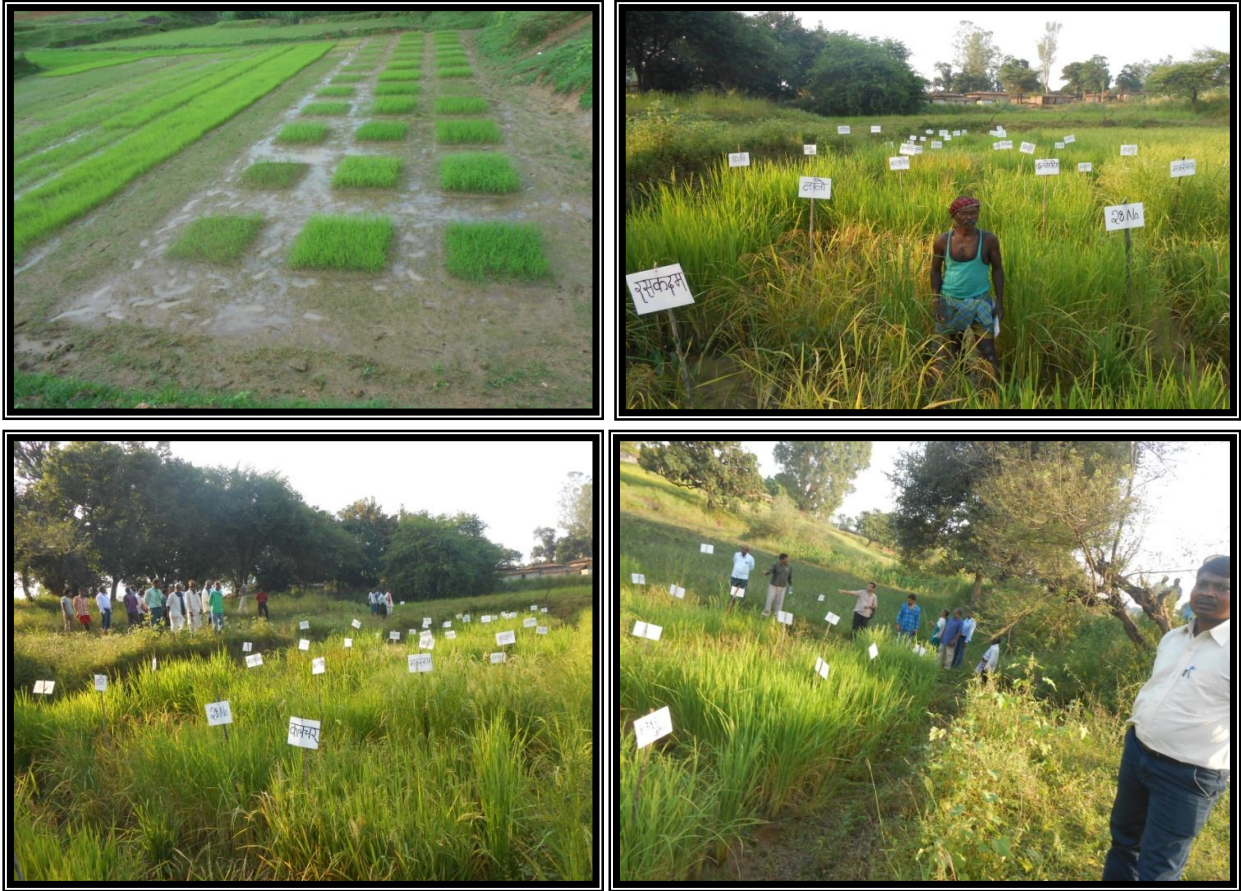
Above: Training on Agro-ecological farming & System of Crop Intensification in progress at village Lalitpur .



Above: Desi Seed & Field Festival in progress at Lalitpur village Sitapur Block of Surguja District.

4.1 Rice diversity Block & Seed Bank:

Conservation of indigenous variety of rice organization is developed rice diversity block at Lalitpur block in which 50 varieties of rice cultivated. Community Seed Bank established at Lalitpur village.



Above: Ms. Usha S. National Coordinator of Save Our Rice Campaign with her team visited the Rice Diversity Block Lalitpur in Surguja District.



5. Promotion of indigenous seeds and organic practices: GGF USA

Promotion of Food & Nutritional Security and reducing farmer vulnerability through promotion of indigenous seeds and organic practices with Support of Global Greengrants Fund USA . The Main objectives of Project are;

- To ensure food & nutritional security through conservation & promotion of indigenous seeds diversity
- To demonstrate organic practices and System of Crop Intensification (SCI) and other agronomic practices with millets towards improved yields
- Promotion of nutritionally rich and medicinal rice
- To promote farmer's seed sovereignty and integration of on-farm seed conservation
- To document characteristics and stress tolerance of indigenous varieties in view of climate change

Farmers trained for SCI practices and they are cultivated finger millet, blackgram, horsegram, niger, groundnut and red rice. SCI practices is also applied in maize, mix cropping and millets crops for combating climate Change and food security of community





Above: Crop of Horsegram, Black gram, pigeon pea, ground nut and finger millets

6. Linkages with MGNREGA and Suposit Shikshit and Samridhdh Surguja Abhiyan:

Organisation is motivating villagers in active participation in MGNREG. This year organization focus on construction of traditional harvesting system of water 4 well constructed in Rajauti village in Sitapur block of Surguja district. Organisation is also involved in Suposit Shikshit and Samridhdha abhiyan for formation and nurturing SHGs in Sitapur block of Surguja district.

7. Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)

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During the year 2016-2017 organisation constructed 6 Farm Pond for water harvesting and field bunding for moisture and soil conservation. Watershed committees and Self Help group Members trained for objective of watershed and its impact on livelihoods of community and ecology.



Above: Farm Pond constructed at Rajauti village village in IWMP-12

8. Formation of Biodiversity Management Committee- Surguja Forest Division

Under the Biological Diversity Act 2002, Organisation formed 16 BMCs at village Panchayat level with support of Surguja Forest Division for the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity including preservation of habitats, conservation of land races, folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals and microorganisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity.



Above : Formation of BMCs in Progress

9. FSW Target Intervention Project- Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society, Raipur

SANGATA has been implementing the Target Intervention project with the support of Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society in Surguja District of Chhattisgarh from August 2010. Sangata Sansthan has been implementing a comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention programme through targeted interventions Project with the Target population of FSWs &MSMs. The goal is to halt and reverse HIV infection among 800 Female Sex Workers (FSWs) 25 TGs and 75 MSMs of Surguja district in next 2 years. Organization will deliver the programme and services components wise. The main components of project are to provide Behavior Change Communication (BCC) Services for safer sex practices, through One to One and One to Group, Audio visual shows, Street Plays, prevent and treat STIs among targeted population, Condom promote for safer sex practices among the FSW Population, create enabling environment among all stake Holders at project area of TI project, establish linkages with Govt and private for care and support services to PLHA among target population and mobilize HRG Community for developing ownership. In that programme we have achieved in ICTC Testing, One to One, Started STI treatment, Distributions condom against Condom demand, Established condom outlet, conducted different Committee. Conducted Health Camp and community Event, Established DIC and DIC meeting and hot spot meeting also.

10. Destination Migrant Target Intervention Project- Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society, Raipur

SANGATA has been implementing the Target Intervention project with the support of Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society in Korba District of Chhattisgarh from August 2010. Sangata Sansthan has been implementing a comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention programme through targeted interventions Project with the Target population of Destination Migrant. The goal of project is to halt and reverse HIV infection among 10000 Destination migrants of Korba district in next 2 years and the main components of the project are to provide BCC Services for safer sex practices, prevent and treat STIs among targeted population, promote safer sex practices among Migrants Population, create enabling environment among all stake Holders at project area of TI project, establish linkages with care and support services for PLHA among target population and mobilize HRG Community for developing ownership. Activities are

under Registration of population, group discussion, identification of Hotspot and Street Plays health camp, Nukad Natak and group event etc.



Above: Activities of Health camp in progress in TI project Korba.

11. Important Workshops and Training Participated by SANGATA Staff

- Training on System of Crop Intensification organized Save our Rice Campaign at Sundarpahari Godda Jharakhan 1-2 Octo. 2016
- Gulli Ragi Workshop organized by Sahaja Samudra at KVK Hanumanmath Haveri, Karnataka 6-7 Octo. 2016
- Seed Production Workshop Organised by Sambhav Orissa on 5-7 Nov. 2016

12. Current funding partners:

- * Sir JJT Trust, Mumbai
- * Ministry of women and Child Development Government of India and CHILDLINE Foundation India
- * Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society, Raipur
- * Department of agriculture and Farmer' welfare, Government of Chhattisgarh
- * Global Greengrants Fund USA

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