



Annual Interventions Report 2018-2019



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Capacity Building of marginalized families on watershed concept and ecological farming for their livelihood security

It is great pleasure that we are publishing Annual Intervention Report of the year 2018-2019 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 Integrated Natural Resource Management and ecological /organic practices for livelihoods of small and marginal farmers/ marginalized families and absorption ,adaptation and transformation of climate change effect, biodiversity conservation and its sustainable use, water conservation, health and hygiene and women empowerment and child right specially child in need care and protection. Organization is also mobilized local peoples organizations for entitlements of forest rights and food security



In 2018-2019 organization is also promoted the System of Crop 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 been implementing A High Impact Mega Watershed project with support of BRLF and MGNREGA Cell for the double the income of 15000 small and marginal households of Pratappur & Bhaiyathan Block of Surajpur district on a sustainable basis

With support of District Project Livelihood College, Surajpur, Chhattisgarh organization is trained youth farmer on ecological /organic farming for their income enhancement by selling of organic produce on premium price.

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

Organization has been working as Project implementing agency for Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) Mand river Mili Watershed Block Sitapur Disrtrict Surguja sponsored by Rural Development Ministry (Department of Land Resource) and CG Agriculture Department and Farmer's Welfare, Government of Chhattisgarh.

Organisation has received great support of Ministry women and Child Development Government of India and CHILDLINE Foundation of India, CGSACS Raipur, Global Greengrants Fund USA, BRLF 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

29th June 2019

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 likeminded 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 selected 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 of Surajpur District. Later SANGATA intervened in selected villages Jashpur district.

Details of operation area:

S.No.	No. of Villages	Block	District
1	15	Surajpur & Pratappur	Surajpur
2	20	Mainpat	Surguja
3	20	Sitapur	Surguja
4	10	Lundra	Surguja
5	4	Batauli	Surguja
6	15	Bagicha & Patthalgaon	Jashpur

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 organization,s staff in progress at Sattipara 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. This S.H.G.s are activated and trained for linkages with bank and Government schemes. Increasing the capacity of rural poor women is to fight for their fundamental entitlement. With the support of IWMP Project District Surguja and BRLF Project Surajpur 352 SHGs Member has trained on concept of SHG and livelihood options.



Above: Training of SHGs Members in progress.

Above: Mr. K.C. Devasenapathi Collector Surajppur addressing SHGs members

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 Sangata has mobilized people to realized importance of education for their working children and out of school children. So 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. Organization is also fighting for the cause of destitute, abandoned, beaten or abused children.

Ministry Woman and Child Development and Childline Foundation of India supported

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 as sub center at Sitapur Block of Surguja District. Vision and Mission of project are;

Vision

A child-friendly nation that guarantees the rights and protection of all children

Mission

CHILDLINE will reach out to every child in need and ensure their rights and protection through the four Cs

CONNECT through technology to reach the 'last mile'

CATALYSE system through active advocacy

COLLABORATE through integrated efforts between children, the state, civil society, corporate and community to build a child friendly social order

COMMUNICATE to make child protection everybody's priority

CHILDLINE 1098 service is a 24 hour free emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection. Child Protection issues of area is abuse & violence, trafficking ,Child labour, conflict with law, Child Marriage, Child Sexual Use, Without Parental Care, Street Children ,Disability , Girl Child and Missing child. 152 children are assisted in year 2018-2019



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 likeminded people's organization for struggle of their entitlement on forest, land, water and livelihood.

3. Farmer Skill Development Training under Mukhya Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

Organisation has been working as training partner for all courses of agriculture sector under MES and NSQF level by District Project Livelihood College Surajpur district- Surajpur. 502 Farmer has been trained in Basic Cultivation of Cereal crops in year 2018 -2019 by organization. Farmers are also trained for Ecological and Organic farming. Organization is promoting indigenous crop and conservation of indigenous seeds among the farmers with the help of district administration Surajpur District.





Above: Mr. K.C. Devasenapathi Collector Surajppur seeing the progress of SRI in Songara village in Surajpur District.



Above: Honorable Prem Sai Tekam Honorable Minister of Tribal, Education and Cooperative of Chhattisgarh Government Discussion with farmer Shri Dharam Singh about ecological farming



Above: Honorable T.S. Singhdev Minister Panchayat Raj and Health of Chhattisgarh Government seeing the stall of indigenous seeds at M.R.D. Agriculture College Ambikapur

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

Seed the basic input is lifeline of agriculture. Local farming community has 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, Organization has been conserving 51 indigenous variety of Paddy in Rice diversity block at Lalitpur Village in Surguja District and 20 indigenous variety of Paddy in village of Songara District- Surajpur .



Above: Mr. K.C. Devasenapathi Collector
Surajppur seeing the Rice Diversity block at
Songara Village in Surajpur 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;

Promotion of Food & Nutritional Security and reducing farmer vulnerability through promotion of indigenous seeds and organic practices

Project Objectives

- 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

The activities are-

- **System of Crop Intensification (SCI) in Millets-** In the last season- the potential of higher productivity in Finger Millet, Late varieties of Kodo & Little Millet, Proso Millet & Browntop Millet had been amply demonstrated. In the year 2018-2019 SCI in the Finger millets practiced by 130 farmers in Sarguja & Surajpur districts of Chhattisgarh. SCI would involve seed selection & treatment, early transplanting with adequate spacing and single plant per hill. Inter cultivation is carried out with Cycle Wheel Hoe and organic inputs like Jeevamrit & 5 leaf extract is used. The yield is monitored by standard crop cutting methods.
- **Promotion & Marketing of Folk Rice & Millets-** SCI in Paddy with Folk varieties have already increased yield and interest among the farmers. Processing equipment that can produce unpolished & polished grains are being operated by Women Self Help Groups (SHGs). Formation of Farmer Producer company name as Timor Pingala Farmer Producer Company Limited is in registration process in Surajpur district for the processing, value addition, packaging and marketing of Folk Rices, Millets, Pulses & Oilseeds in Sarguja & Surajpur districts of Chhattisgarh.
- **Characterization of Indigenous Crop Varieties-** Currently a number of Paddy, Maize, Cotton, Millets, Wheat, Barley, Oats, Mustard-Rapeseed & Flaxseed are being conserved in Bankura district of West Bengal. Characterization of the different varieties based on International Board of Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR) is carried out by an experienced resource person and documented for furthering varietal purity, rouging and identification.
- **Comparative Study of Change in Stature in relation to Diet Change-** Over the years, increasing preference for polished white rice as compared to millets and other foods have greatly changed tribal diets. The study is conducted to explore intergenerational stature difference for 2 communities- Saoria Paharia in Jharkhand and Bhils in Madhya Pradesh to record any change by comparing with historic averages.

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





Above: Crop of finger millets



Above: Mr. K.C. Devasenapati Collector
Surajppur seeing the millets crop .

6. BRLF and MGNREGA Cell Chhattisgarh Government assisted A High Impact Mega Watershed Project

Organization has signed MOU with Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation on dated 5th October 2018 for A high Impact Mega Watershed Project in Surajpur District of Chhattisgarh. Period of Project is from 5th October 2018 to 4th October 2022 covering 15000 vulnerable families of intensive block of Pratappur and Non intensive block of Surajpur District.

The overall goal of the project is to double the income of 15000 small and marginal households of Pratappur & Bhaiyathan Block of Surajpur district on a sustainable basis

Project Objective

- Undertake land and water treatment measures in targeted Panchayat of Pratappur and Bhaiyathan block of Surajpur District.
- Improve cropping intensity of land

- Build capacities of the front line functionaries, PRIs, community members and SHG/VOs on ridge to valley principle of watershed implementation

Main Achievement of the Year 2018-2019

Project Set Up: With Team leader 15 staff Deployed
 Expert Watershed -2
 Cluster Coordinator-2
 Part time (Account & admin)-1
 Community Mobilisers/CRP -9

Capacity Building:

- Orientation of key staff on project concept and objective by BRLF Team
- All Project staff trained by PRADAN on Livelihood & Watershed concept
- MIS Training by BRLF Team
- 2 day Training of GRS at Block level by Sangata team, on Watershed concept No. Participants- 17
- 1 day orientation programme for PRIs /SHG members on project and watershed concept organise at Panchayat level in 5 Panchayats No. of Participants PRIs- 47 & SHGs member-91
- Meeting and Focus Group Discussion with community members/SHGs
 DPR Preparation target 5 Completed

Processes:

- Discussion with Collector and Zila Panchayat C.E.O. about project.
- Consultation for selection of village panchayat with CEO Janpath Panchayat and PO MGNREGA Pratappur.
- Rapport building and household survey.
- Hamlet wise discussion with community members on problems and solutions.
- Focus group discussion with vulnerable family about their issue and solutions in context of mgnrega.
- Aware the people about watershed concept approach .
- Organized Video show on watershed and livelihoods theme.
- Training and orientation of PRIs and SGHs members on watershed concept.
- Training of Gram RojgarSahayak organized.
- With participation of PRIs, SHGs members and farmer s patch wise planning done.

- Identification of individual and community works with PRIs and beneficiary done by PRA exercise.
- Watershed concept ridge to valley follow in the planning.
- Approval done by Gram Sabha of selected works.





Above : Gram Rojgar Sahayak training on Watershed Concept in Progress



Above: Mr. Deepak Soni Collector Surajpur Reviewing the Progress of BRLF project

DPR Preparation target 10 completed 5 in progress 2

Structure Proposed and Sanctioned

S.No.	Village Panchayat	Structure no.	Total Budget in Lakhs	Sanctioned works	Progress works	Earlier sanctioned works Farm pond	Earlier sanctioned works Stop dam
1	Chandora	95	159.71	10	10	20	
2	Khunshi	158	267.49	20	6	17	1
3	Mayapur	111	149.08	0	0	21	
4	Mani	76	114.63	0	0	17	
5	Samai	115	53.075	0	0	28	1
	Total	555	743.99	30	16	103	2

Type of Structure:

Field bunding, Form Pond, well, 30x40 model, WAT, Gully plug, bolder check, contour trench, Plantation, Percolation tank, stop dam, Gabion structures, earthen dam, Check dam, Cowshed, Goatshed, Nadep, Biogas, Vermi compost

7. Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)

Organization has been working as Project implementing agency for Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) Mand River Mili Watershed Block Sitapur District Surguja sponsored by Rural Development Ministry (Department of Land Resource) and CG Agriculture Department and Farmers Welfare .

During the year 2018-2019 organisation constructed 5 Farm Pond for water harvesting . 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 Dharampur village in IWMP-12 Farmer,s Name Harivansh and Butan

8. 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.



Above: Mr. Ajay Tirkey Mayor Nagar Nigam Ambikapur addressing the Community Event in at Ambikapur

9. Important Workshops and Training Participated by SANGATA Staff

- Participation in Kisan Sawraj Sammelan on dated 2-4 November 2018 at Ahmadabad Gujarat by Gujarat Vidhyapeeth and Asa Kisan Swaraj Gathabandan
- Training on Watershed Concept attended by Staff organized by PRADAN & BRLF at Raipur

10. Current funding partners:

- * 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
- * District Project Livelihood College Surajpur Chhattisgarh
- * Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation New Delhi

Registration Details

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