

Progress Report
April 2016 to Sept. 2016
Project : “Promotion of Sustainable Livelihood around Protected Forest area”



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Second phase of the project Promotion of Sustainable Livelihood around Protected forest area of Kanha Tiger Reserve started by April 2016. The two years project period of first phase was very good learning for organization, team and the community. In this phase we expand our work and reach to more targeted household. During the project lots of learning gained by the project team, the project review / evaluation also conducted and the findings were shared with us to improve the project activities, fill the gap and work with more effectively with technical inputs by technical persons.

There was no major change in project objective and project activities, in this period we continue work with 300 households of 28 villages. As per suggestions of project selection committee of PHF and findings of evaluation, in this first 6 months we focused to work more closely with community, promotion of low cost techniques for composting, SRI on local seed, Strengthen Kisan Panchayat. More technical input from technical / agriculture experts for ginger and turmeric crops. At the start of the project we have listed technical/ agriculture-horticulture experts and invited them to interact with community and staffs during this cultivation period. One experienced agriculture expert has been assigned with project team to work in continues basis. The result of more technical inputs shows this year the ginger and turmeric crops are very good. We have observed the project beneficiaries now in learning the crop cultivation methods for ginger and turmeric. We hope, this year our beneficiary will be able to earn good income by these crops. Similarly, the selected farmers have been started preparation for potato crop. A different kind of satisfaction is there among farmers who have associated with the project before two years.

The team has worked nicely with Kisan Panchayat, The Kisan Panchayat is now taking some good shape, this organization is now in next stage where they are preparing bylaws, rules and regulation and most important taking advocacy steps for common and public issues, i.e. Road, Health and Education services, Payment of MNREGA, filing of petitions' to SDM, DM and forest departments. Working on FRA related issues. We are confident that the local leadership will be emerged soon through Kisan Panchayat, the members of Kisan Panchayat visited collector and SDM office five times during this six month period. Kisan Panchayat is now planning to organize Kisan Panchayat Adhiveshan in the month of Nov. They are contacting various local leaders and Govt. officials for this Adhiveshan.

We have worked seriously on monitoring and documentation of the project, Online and offline reporting system has been placed to collect data and reports. Training to staffs on communication organized to develop their skill for effective community at the field. Project staff is reporting now on tab through collect app. There is two questionnaire for daily reporting, one is beneficiary visit report and second is Daily program report. Both the report has been collected through tab and analyzed monthly and sharing with staff. Two days internal evaluation has been done in the month of July for with all project team at Balaghat. Through this evaluation we categories our beneficiaries and strategy has been finalized to improve our activities, training and technical support. Tab is becoming very useful to project team in terms of their work. We have collected various video of crop cultivation not only ginger and turmeric but other crop / vegetable cultivation. They are using this in their small group meeting and mobilizing community nicely.

1. SOW [Plan VS Achievements]

SN	ACTIVITIES	STATUS	REASON/ REMARKS
1	Micro Planning of 300 families per year [Documentation of SLF and file up-dation]	Ongoing	Through the Sustainable Livelihood Framework each family has been tracked
2	Development of seed bank	In Process	Process has been initiated, planning to visit CG to understand more
3	Nursery support for NTFP Species [Amla, Harra, Bahera, Mahua, Chironji plants] 10 plants each family	Ongoing	Discussion with community and started plantation of these species
4	Training on Vegetable cultivation (300 families each for 3 selected crops)	Completed	Training completed for Ginger and Turmeric cultivation
5	Training on SRI for local paddy seed with 50 farmers every year	Completed	
6	Training on Low Cost Composting, Management and Use (300 families for each crop group)	Ongoing	First round training completed by Nov more training is planned
7	Seed support (3 Crops)	Ongoing	Ginger and turmeric supports, potato seed support by Oct.
8	Additional Support to Baiga Families for Agriculture Equipments, Need based	Process	Process initiated to prepare collective plan
9	Follow up and Design Estimate for Compost Pit under MGNREGS	Ongoing	Regular Follow up by staffs
10	Follow up and Design Estimate for Water Structures under MGNREGS	Ongoing	Regular Follow up by staffs
11	Strengthening of Kisan Panchayat [Quarterly meeting advocacy on local issues]	Ongoing	Training/ meeting regularized
12	Community information Centre for Kisan Panchayat [Books, Magazine, Periodicals] Display and knowledge sharing, SMS messages, Printing etc	In Process	Two village and places has been identified by Oct. the centre will be inaugurated.
13	Meeting of Farmers for Collective procurement and selling (2 meetings per year in each of the 3 crop clusters)	Not started	Plan to start in next 6 months
14	Kisan Panchayat adhivesan once a year	In process	Planned for month of Nov.
15	Training on planning and follow up on FRA (CFR and IHR) with SRUTI Fellow	No	Finalize with PHF consultant
16	Follow up of cases, filling application [Individual and Community Rights] Interaction with government on FRA	Ongoing	Kisan Panchayat taking these issues with the support of team
17	Training of Village Health Committee	Ongoing	Few Meetings conducted
18	Development of village health plans and Review of these plans in the second and third year	No	Plan to converge with Block level health staffs
19	Engagement with NRHM at the block level	In Process	Discussion at the Block level started
20	Training on Communication, Mobilisation and Leadership	Completed	
21	Training on Institutional Development and Project Management (Institutional) for 2 persons per year	No	Finalize with PHF consultant
22	Monthly Review and Planning meeting	Yes	Regular process
23	Exposure visit	Partly	Plan for Next 6 months

2. Training on Vegetable Cultivation

Training on vegetable cultivation organized at the village level, the resource person was invited from horticulture and agriculture department, the whole training was facilitated by project team. The training was exclusively organized for women, last year we train the men members. This year we plan to ensure more involvement of women in ginger and turmeric cultivation. Proper training plan was prepared, used video clipping to ensure more involvement of participants.

Date	Place/ Village	No. of Participants
16.04.2016	Kadla	18
12.05.2016	KADLA	27
14.05.2016	SARAITOLA	34
22.05.2016	SIJORA	37
26.05.2016	ARANDI	45
27.05.2016	SAMARIYA	38
28.05.2016	KUGAON	24
30.05.2016	MOHARAI	43

3. Training on SRI

Project team discussed at the community, who is interested to do paddy cultivation through SRI methods. Than identified 50 farmers, we invited couple in this training, it was important to invite in couple because there is very important and effective role of women in agriculture. One day training plan and organized in two different batch. 25 households in first batch and 25 in second batch. Before the training paddy plots were identified with the support of family. ADEO of agriculture department was invited for this training. One senior staff of the organization was involved to facilitate the training of SRI. One small booklet was printed and distributed to all participants. Flex also prepared to explain with picture. All the steps were shared nicely with supporting video clips.

Date	Place/ Village	No. of Participants
05.06.2016	MOHARAI	63
02.06.2016	SIJORA	29
07.08.2016	GARHI	16
13.09.2016	GARHI	23
22.09.2016	GARHI	18

SN	Village	No. of Farmers	Local Seed in Kg	Area of SRI [sq. feet]
1	Mohrai	17	18	45123
2	Aarmi	17	18	45148
3	Dhiri	06	07	19591
4	Kotwartola	05	06	17946
5	Kadla	01	01	2146
Total		46	50	129954 [2.98acre]

* The local Paddy seed name is SAPRI, the seed was purchased from Bheekham Singh Dhurvey, the first farmer who did SRI on local seed last year.

4. Training on Low cost Composting

To promote organic farming among project beneficiary we are working seriously on this issue also. Past two years experiences of few farmers was very good. This need to bring in behavior of the community. We are taking this activity in continue process, community have all required material to prepare compost manure, but their long-long experience keeping them in relax. Rural tribal community also now being familiar with chemical fertilizers. Training sessions organizing in part and discussing a lot on all issues i.e. benefits, loss, use, soil fertility, moisture of soil, cost and long term impact. Common practice of the community, they keep cow dung in open and they use before paddy crop. But this kind of cow dung is not useful for crop. Need to promote more to keep cow dung very carefully and need to prepare manure. This is practice issue, which we are tackling. Each and every household should be monitor. During the training we collect action plan of the participant, which will help staff to monitor their progress to prepare pit.

Date	Place/ Village	No. of Participants
20.08.2016	Arandi	27
23.08.2016	Ratanpur	7
23.08.2016	Agantara	17
24.08.2016	Hirapur	22
24.08.2016	Armi	20
24.08.2016	Dhaniyajor	20
26.08.2016	Baheratola	11
26.08.2016	Dhiri	15
29.08.2016	Kadla	20
29.08.2016	Chhinditola	14
30.08.2016	Farmtola	13
03.09.2016	Komo	14
06.09.2016	Ratanpur	12
23.09.2016	Dhaniyajor	26
23.09.2016	Armi	35
29.09.2016	Chhinditola	14

5. Kisan Panchayat Strengthening

Kisan Panchayat in this region is growing people organization, in past 6 months we worked lot to organize, structure and strengthen the Kisan Panchayat. More than three meetings in a month organized in past 6 months. The process started from the village level, than cluster level meeting and than area level meetings at the Garhi. Preparing of Kisan Panchayat bylaws is in progress, they have prepared letter head and stamp to ensure their visibility while advocacy and raising issues. Kisan Panchayat has filled petition to SDM, DM and political leaders also. The details given in below

Meeting/ training details for last six months

Date	Place	No. of Participants
16/04/2016	Garhi	18
24.07.2016	ARANDI	11
25.07.2016	DONGARIYA	8
30.07.2016	SAMARIYA	22
09.08.2016	BALAGHAT	29
27.08.2016	Arandi	38
29.08.2016	Jaitpuri	23
16.09.2016	GARHI	28
19.9.2016	Balaghat	8

Date	Issues taken	Petition file to	Results
09.08.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Rights Road construction Baihar to Garhi Stop dam proposals Crop damage Primary Education Doctors appointment at Garhi 	Submitted to collector Balaghat during Jan Sunvai	Application filed and collector forwarded matter to SDM Baihar, Kisan Panchayat members doing follow up of all cases.
17.08.2016	Crop damage by Wild Animal	Submitted to Garhi range office	Application forwarded to DFO and advised to submit through Lok Seva
22.08.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrification AWC for Armi, Arandi and Dungariya village Teachers appointment in Primary school Community Rights Complaint of SBI Kiosk Road connectivity Poor service of local Bank 	Baihar SDM, Gyapan for CM	<p>All the issues discussed with SDM, Tahsildar, Kiosk owner stopped taking Illegal charges.</p> <p>Banking Staffs increased</p>

Date	Issues taken	Petition file to	Results
19.09.2016	Invitation for Kisan Sammelan	Visited collector, MP and Other local leader	MP and Collector was out of office. Congress leader confirmed for participation
20.09.2016	Payment of MNREGA	Jan Sunvai at DM office Balaghat	Half payment has been done, it was around 30 lakhs
28.09.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up of previous applications Change of primary teacher of Daniyajor village Crop damage by hale MNREGA payment of Pondi Panchayat 	SDM office Baihar BRC Baihar Tahsildar CEO Baihar	Report has been submitted to DM on previous application by SDM No action has been taken by BRC against school teacher Process initiated for compensation of Crop damage Half payment made for Pondi Panchayat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 278 members of Kisan Panchayat visited to different offices with all these complaints along with project coordinator, The expenses made by Kisan Panchayat with partly support of project. 			

6. Seed Support

Seed support is an important activity in project, this year we have distributed Turmeric and Ginger to ... beneficiaries. The seeds purchased from different places, Ginger was purchased from Seoni and Balaghat and some quantity purchased from our own project beneficiary of last years. Turmeric was purchased from Durg, Chhattisgarh with the technical support of CCD. This year we tried to purchase seed directly from producer without involving any middlemen.

- a. **Ginger** : as per our previous experience this year staffs discussed a lot and identified more progressive beneficiary who is dedicatedly involve on ginger cultivation. This year we tried to increase net shown area for ginger. We encouraged beneficiaries to increase cultivation area, than only income will increase, 51 famers came forward and show their interest to increase area of cultivation. This is year there was less number of 5 kg or less.

SN	Kilogram	No. of Farmers	Area of Cultivation
1	5 Kg.	12	Total area of cultivation for Ginger in 2016 is 6.97 acre. Total seed distributed
2	10 Kg.	16	
3	11-20 Kg.	5	
4	21-35 Kg.	6	
5	36-50 Kg.	7	
6	100 Kg and above	6	

- b. **Turmeric** : Similarly we encourage beneficiary to increase area of cultivation, this year we wish to show the benefit to increase production area, everyone interested for turmeric cultivation but they want only 2 to 4 kg. to increase family income it is required to increase area of cultivation. Before seed distribution we organized training for all women of the targeted household and try to involve them.

SN	Kilogram	No. of Farmers	Area of Cultivation
1	5 Kg.	27	Total area of cultivation for Ginger in 2016 is 2.87 acre. Total seed distributed 15 quintal.
2	10 Kg.	46	
3	11-20 Kg.	5	
4	21-30 Kg.	11	
5	36-50 Kg.	3	
6	100 Kg and above	2	

- c. **Potato** : There is huge demand of potato, because of this crop taking less time, the family can consume and easily they can market. But we have make strategy for potato seed support also. As per demand estimation for potato is around 50 quintal. We are again encouraging beneficiary to increase area, and promoting farmers to grow white potato also for market in hotel and resorts. The potato seed will be distributed in the month of Oct.
- d. **Vegetable**: There was demand of other vegetable seeds, organization mobilize vegetable seeds from Horticulture department, Seeds available at our field office, there are seeds of Green leaves(PALAK, BHINDI, KARELA, BEANS, CHILLY, TOMATO) etc. We will be able to support all of our project beneficiaries.

Service of Horticulture experts

As per suggestion of experts in last meeting at PHF New Delhi, this year we identified around 13 agriculture and horticulture experts, discussed individually with them about project and what is our expectations. Then we invited experts to the field, most of the experts directly worked and interact with project beneficiaries. Some have been invited for training and some has been invited for capacity building of project staffs.

The details of Subject experts and their visits

SN	Name of Expert	Designation/ Associated Govt./ Pvt.	No. of days	Worked with
1.	Ms. Pushpa Karmkar	Pvt. Worked with SOPAN	10	Women farmers
2.	Mr. M.L.Meshram	Govt. ADEO	2	Farmers
3.	Mr. Vikram Solanki	Pvt. Farmer	1	Farmers & Staff
4	Mr. Rajendra Nagpure	Govt. ADEO	7	Farmers & Staffs
5	Ms. Rekha Bhangre	Pvt. Experienced	5	Women farmers
6	Ms. Nazma Beghan	Govt. PFT Members	7	Farmers & Staff
7	Mr. Rohit Harilal	Pvt. College prof.	1	Staffs
8	Ms. Rashmi Lilhare	Pvt. Worked with Pradan	5	Farmers
9	Mr. Sudhir Parwar	Pvt. Freelance	5	Farmers & Staffs
10	Mr.Khushal Khajanchi	Pvt. Agri. Expt.	1	Staffs and Farmers

Experts spends 34 days with project staff and beneficiaries, they have suggested and discussed on various issues. The result is very good, its like a continue feedback and on site support to project beneficiaries. The ginger and turmeric crops looking good this year. We do hope at least 30 farmers will be able to earn around Rs. 50,000 each.

7. Health – Training /meetings

Health is really most important issue for this area, Only one PHC is situated in Garhi village, and there is no doctor available, this issue has been taken by Kisan Panchayat, Staff has been started attend sector level meeting with AWW and ANM. We have few trained staffs on women and child health and nutrition, so they are taking sessions on health and nutrition for Anganwadi workers, ANM and ASHA. In past 6 months five sector level meetings attended by staffs, With this we are trying to strengthen Health and Sanitation committee of Panchayat. Training for standing committee is planned in the month of Nov.

8. FRA

In past six months staffs worked with targeted villages and collected more information about cases of FRA, Only April to June there was some work and followup of cases with Govt. at Tahsil level. After June 15th there was no work done due to agriculture and rainy season, Only during the Kisan Panchayat meeting this issue has been discussed, Kisan Panchayat is now taking all FRA cases, the members of Kisan Panchayat visited Block and district level for pending application and two gram sabha is trying to prepare application for community rights. As per suggestions through project evaluation document, we have invited one resource person from Nari-Utthan to facilitate the process.

Meeting/ training details for last six months

Date	Place	No. of Participants
19.5.2016	MOHARAI	30
18.5.2016	SARAITOLA	33
04.06.2016	SARAITOLA	58

9. Project Team, Project Monitoring & Staff training

- a. **Project Team:** As per project need, organization has made few changes in project team, the project team is as follows

SN	Designation	Name	Date of Joining	Remark
1	Project Coordinator	Mahesh Chourasiya	01/04/2014	Promoted from CF
2	Community Facilitator	Praveen Shandilya	2014	Continue working
3	Community Facilitator	Pancham Singh Tekam	2015	Continue working
4	Community Facilitator	Chhavi Shandilya	01/04/2016	New Appointment
5	Community Facilitator	Meghna Parvar	15/06/2016	New Appointment
6	Account & Admin	Radeshya Dandre	01/04/2016	Rejoined organization
7	Project Head	Vandna Charles	01/04/2016	Worked as Account and Admin

- b. **Staff training on Communication:** Two days training for staffs organized at Balaghat, the training was facilitated by Mr. Ameen Charles and Mr. Wilson Lobo, Staff demands to organize more training in regular interval.
- c. **Internal Evaluation of the Project :** In the month of July, we have done internal evaluation process with staff at Balaghat, In this two days process we try to find gap on project and discussed on different strategies to ensure effective implementation of the project. Through an exercise all the families has been categories in A, B and C and collective develop strategy for each category. It is also decided to organize this type of exercise in every three to four months.
- d. **Monitoring, Reporting and Documentation:** This year we trying to collect more qualitative reports and effective monitoring and support to staffs, Collect app is now available to all field staffs, and there is two questionnaire for daily reporting. One is daily report form and second is beneficiary visit reports. Project head and Executive Director is making weekly analysis of these reports and regular feedback to staffs. Along with these there is two monthly reports from staff through google sheets. We are trying to collect most of reports online, during the monthly staff meeting we promote and skill our staff to use computer and other technology.

Screen shot of reports from collect app

The screenshot shows the SocialCops-Collect app interface. The sidebar on the left contains filters for 'BENEFICIARIES VISIT REPORT', a date range from 06/09/2016 to 12/09/2016, and a status filter set to 'Active'. The main area displays a table of reports with columns for 'LAST SYNCED DATE', 'AUDITOR', and report details. Each row includes a thumbnail image of the report content.

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10. Enclosure

- News coverage of Kisan Panchayat
- Kisan Panchayat applications/ petitions/ complaint
- Daily collect report by staffs

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