

Annual Report 2019-2020

SRISHTI (Society for Rural Initiatives in Sustainable and Holistic Themes in India)

Dear Members,

Our organization, SRISHTI (Society for Rural Initiatives in Sustainable and Holistic Themes in India), is working for facilitating the process of recognition of rights of rural and tribal people on natural resources to strengthen livelihood and conservation of natural resources. We are working in the tribal areas of Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra and Rajnandgaon district of Chattisgarh. Capacity building of community institutions and to facilitate them to implement different acts and schemes for livelihood security are the key areas of the work of organization.

From this perspective, following programmes have been implemented in the year 2019-20

RNR Project:

After the baseline done and survey report presented by the consultant, we have developed project proposal with the help of Swiss Aid India Office and later it has been started from June 2019. 51 villages from Wadsa and Kurkheda block of Gadchiroli district, Arjuni Morgaon block of Gondia district and Bhadrawati, Rajura and Gondpipri block of Chandrapur.

Helping the local communities to establish rights over forest by using the provisions of Forest Right Act for livelihood enhancement is one of the focus area. In Gadchiroli where the rights have been already recognized, process of enterprise development, based on NTFP has been initiated.



Plantation in CFR area

Similarly, CFR claims process has been initiated in Gondia and Chandrapur districts. Implementation of MREGS Act and improving productivity of village tanks for fishery development were the important activities in this project.

Health and Nutrition Project:

This program has been implemented in Kurkheda block of Gadchiroli in this year. 36 villages under 2 PHCs, 11 HSCs are in the project area.

Vaccination, nutrition and sanitation:

Awareness of vaccination program for all 0 to 5 years children and pregnant and nutrition for lactating mothers has been done in all 36 villages. Importance of maintaining health card of pregnant women vaccination and nutrition for getting the benefits of the government schemes has also been provided to the women. 21 villages have water supply and sanitation committees. Out of these, 15 committees were activated and regular meetings were organized, through which basic amenities in Angawadi were ensured and supply of dresses and baskets to children was ensured. 3 health camps were organized with the active participation of Purada PHC for women. The issue of making first aid kit available at Anganwadi has also been discussed in the meetings of Manav Vikas Mission in Gadchiroli.



Facilitator giving information of vaccination and nutrition to women through flipchart.

Public Hearing:

Public hearing was organised on Kurkheda block level. Finding from the gap assessment study of Anganwadi of all the project villages has been put forward in this meeting. After that, 5 meetings have been organised for follow up with Malewada and Deulgaon PHC, Rural hospital of Kurkheda and District hospital at Gadchiroli.

Total 206 adolescent girls have participated in the programs organised for them through AWC Anganwadis in 36 villages. Most of these girls are studying in the Ashram schools, so health awareness, HB monitoring, information on IFA were the issues that were discussed through these meetings.

Health and nutrition of lactating mothers:

Regular meetings and home visits to the houses of lactating mothers has been done in all 36 villages. Through these, information about vaccination schedule, providing mother's milk to

child, supplementary nutrition after 6 months, need of delivery in hospitals, getting benefits of government schemes for them. Total 43 deliveries were recorded in the villages, out of them 40 were hospital deliveries. 11 women got the benefit of JSY scheme, efforts are being taken to provide the benefit to other women also.



Vaccination of children



Home visit of lactating mother



Health checkup of children at Anganwadi

Improved livelihoods of forest dependent communities by securing forest land rights and control over natural resources. Rajnandgaon district, Chattisgarh.

1) Community orientation

Village wise training programs were organized to make the tribal community aware of the products value and market scenarios and the benefits they can get by enterprise when they collectively start and run it. Community leaders, representing different villages have been taken on exposure tours to success stories in Gadchiroli.

2) Micro-planning

Village wise micro-plan preparation with maps- resource area, beneficiaries, community leaders, women self-help groups (WSHG), convergence status & future scope (Govt. Scheme help such as NRLM/ NABARD has been completed.

3) FPO registration, training, capacity building

A farmer producer organization with 50% or more women representation has been promoted here after explaining its purpose, functioning, success stories elsewhere and exposure visit to 2 places.

4) Skilling (GAP, GCP & PHM training)

Experts from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, University/ NGOs were invited for skill training to the tribal community here in good agriculture practices (GAP), good collection practices (GCP) and post-harvest management (PHM) i.e. micro-processing. These include, for instance- SRI/ DSR- system of rice intensification/ direct seeding of rice Powdering- using pulveriser- Jamun seeds, Ambadi flowers, Filtering- honey processing, storage. Packing, labeling, marketing, accounting.

5) CFC – Community facility centre

A workshop was constructed on community donated land and a small building of 200 sq. ft. with tin shed at low cost has been built to house the equipments below. About 10 workers can sit and work here simultaneously. Pulverizer, Filter, Sieve, Vessels, Tins (to store), Weighscale, Gunny bags are provided here.

6) Stakeholder linkage

Srishti brought the following stakeholder to the community in this project to strengthen it.

a) KVK- Krishi Vigyan Kendra

b) NRLM- National Rural Livelihood Mission that supports women self help groups (WSHG)

c) Trifed- Tribal federation esp. in honey tapping scheme

d) CSV- Centre for Science for Villages, Wardha- for apiary (honey bee boxes)

e) NABARD- for FPO promotion- POPI scheme (producer organization promoting institution)

f) CSR- Corporate social responsibility

g) NGOs such as CCD.

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