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HIGHLIGHTS



A. PROGRAMMES

THEMATIC THRUST

- The programmatic thrust is covered under the following three overarching themes
 - ❑ **Human Dignity**
 - ❑ **Sustainable Livelihoods**
 - ❑ **People Centred Governance**
- The gamut of Human Dignity includes rights of women, dalits, adivasis and minorities.
- The sustainable livelihoods canvas addresses natural resource management, sustainable agriculture, community forest management, water governance and management. (**jal, jangle and jamin**)
- People centred governance highlights democratic processes and local governance institutions (PRIs)



1. HUMAN DIGNITY

Objectives

- Build partner capacities and perspectives for focused work
- Promote leadership, strengthen civil society from grassroots and provide key linkages to increase articulation and assertion of community rights
- Support victims of violation and discrimination and their families to seek justice
- Influence policies through advocacy and lobby to guarantee rights

Coverage

- Gender Rights: 20 districts in AP, 15 districts in Bihar, 26 districts in Odisha, 12 districts in Jharkhand and 4 districts in TN,
- Dalit Rights: 13 districts in AP, 7 districts in Bihar, 12 districts in Jharkhand, 26 districts in Odisha and 9 districts in TN
- Adivasi Rights: 8 districts in AP, 1 district in Jharkhand and 5 districts in Odisha,
- Minority Rights: One district in AP, one in Bihar and 7 districts in TN



DIGNITY

Activities

- Advocacy and lobby for effective implementation of Acts and Policies
- Counselling and need based legal aid
- Organising community on issues for assertion of livelihood and other rights
- Building community capacities through awareness, education, exposure and on job learning.
- Facilitating linkages to community with government on various schemes

Achievements

- Legal aid and counselling support to about 750 women in distress across five States.
- 20,000 Muslim women are organized and obtained awareness on women's rights in TN, Bihar and AP.
- 1500 child labourers sent back to schools, and about 300 women relieved from domestic violence across five states.



DIGNITY

Andhra Pradesh

- About 1500 single women attained awareness on women's rights.
- A Circular was issued for increasing the list of Service Providers on VAW in the State of AP.
- Economic support extended to 45 survivors of VAW to restart their life in AP.
- During the year, 1096 cases of domestic violence were registered throughout the State.
- Advocacy efforts were pursued at Police Department to arrest the culprits and not the victims under the ITPA, which is relief for most of the trafficked survivors.
- Got three Special GOs on implementation of NREGA in AP (GO MS No 80, GO No 245 and GO No 240 and Circular No 700/IGS/RM (SP) and Circular No 999PMSP 2011) with regard to formation and strengthening of Srama Shakthi Sanghas (Wage Seekers Associations). 500 Dalits formed into 80 SSSs and availed NREGA programme.



DIGNITY

- 152 Dalit, Adivasi and small organizations working in 20 districts are made part APNA and listed in the GO MS No 80 for monitoring NREGA. The Rural Development Department is conducting monthly review meetings with APNA members regularly in AP.
- A state level civil society platform created to interface with the Government for advocacy on displacement and resettlement and rehabilitation policy in AP.
- Formed 5 Mandal Minority Pragathi Samaikyas with active community youth and elders to solve the minority community issues and problems.
- Created awareness among the community on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene issues across 18 districts in AP
- 120 adolescent girls got trained under Menstrual Hygiene Management across 18 districts in AP
- Developing Village Water Security Plans in six Panchayats of six districts of AP as part of right to drinking water



DIGNITY

Bihar

- Survey and registration of VAW and Witch-hunting cases in 23 police stations and 46 panchayats have been done.
- Of the 177 cases documented, 50 cases are registered in police stations.
- 1029 acres of land has come under the possession of dalits with subsequent legal documents.
- 11500 affidavits have been submitted to the Block Development Officers seeking ownership documents.
- Struggle for land rights of dalits has received support from the government as it declared to give Rs 20000 /- for homestead land.
- 1510 families got homestead land title.



DIGNITY

Jharkhand

- Around 920 cases of marriages and 1449 cases of migration documented by ATWGs (Anti Trafficking Watch Groups) in 180 villages, from 9 trafficking prone districts of Jharkhand.
- PIL for 25 missing girls from the project area is filed in the Ranchi High Court, Jharkhand.
- Rehabilitated, mainstreamed and provided economic support to 37 of the 55 rescued victims of trafficking in Jharkhand.
- 350 Self Help Groups (SHGs) are contributing to improved economic and social status of dalit women. The SHGs are strengthened, and credit linkages with Banks are facilitated.
- Building women based institutions, especially the Self Help Groups and the federation of SHGs at cluster level named as "MAI SAMUH" has reflected in accessing most of the social security schemes at the village.



DIGNITY

Odisha

- 63 marriages at SHG level and 52 marriages at PRI level were registered in villages of 7 trafficking prone districts of Odisha.
- 20 Community Based Organisations like Watch Groups, Adolescent Groups, Self-Help Groups are playing an active role in 800 villages, especially advocating for registration of marriages to curb trafficking in the disguise of marriage, employment, etc.
- 7 trafficked returnees were extended economic rehabilitation support.
- 28 claims have been submitted to the Revenue Department for settlement of land in the name of trafficked returnees
- 14 atrocity cases referred for public hearing (Jan Adalat) .
- 2465 acres of land was distributed to 1003 landless families.
- Increased participation of Adivasi women in gram sabha meetings lead to demanding land entitlement rights under FRA and compensation in case of unemployment under NREGA.



DIGNITY

- 30 Adivasi women of 10 SHGs have prepared micro plans and further validated the plan at Gram Sabha.
- Forest Protection Committees submitted claims on 254 acres of land through 76 Adivasi groups and 4 non Adivasi groups to the district level committee.
- 1580 families from 28 villages filed applications for land patta under FRA out of which 473 families received title deeds.
- 53 Adivasis have used RTI to get information relating to their entitlements under different schemes.
- 18 villages placed the developed village livelihood plan before the local administration.
- 5386 families from 70 villages received job cards under NREGA. Database on entitlement schemes like NREGA, PDS and FRA developed for 70 villages.



DIGNITY

Tamil Nadu

- Collaborated with UNICEF, Every Child and Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation to address the issue of Sumangali Thittam and launch a campaign against it.
- 140 SHGs of Muslim women were strengthened and federated.
- Strengthened the functioning of District Level Muslim Women Aid Societies in the State and generated support to include Muslim community in the Tamil Nadu Marriages Registration Act.



2. SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Objectives

- Facilitate sustainable agriculture and off-farm livelihoods through protection, conservation, enhancement and sustainable management of natural resources
- Empower communities and community based organizations to assert rights over resources and livelihoods and build capacities to access and manage natural resources in a sustainable manner
- Ensure food security and livelihoods of agriculture and forest based communities through demonstrating alternative approaches and institutional mechanisms
- Facilitate for a favourable policy environment of agriculture and forest dependent poor families, particularly dalits, adivasis and women.



LIVELIHOODS

Coverage

State	Themes	Villages	Population
AP	Organic Farming, SRI, Marketing, FRA, Grain and Seed banks, Social Regulations, NAIP, NREGA, bamboo harvesting, traditional seed banks and embroidery	241	10742
Bihar	Flood and Water Logged Area Management, Organic Farming and SRI	49	8079
Jharkhand	Millennium Village Programme, Market Access, Vocational Education and Training, Community Forest Management	142	16550
Orissa	SRI, Organic Farming, CFM, FRA	1048	144955
TN	Millet Cultivation, Protection of Coastal Ecology, Empowerment of Forest Dependents	55	3974
	Total	1535	184300



LIVELIHOODS

Activities

- Protection and conservation of common lands and forests
- Strengthening grassroots institutions, federations.
- Capacity building of NTFP dependent, communities on collection, etc.
- Facilitation of claims under FRA and proper implementation of FRA, NREGA, etc.
- Access to government schemes for livelihood and social security.
- Communities interface with government departments and politicians for improved access to schemes
- Expansion of SRI and marketing of forest and organic agricultural produce.
- Cultivation practices and preparation of organic inputs for traditional food crops.
- Land development and conversion of wastelands to productive lands.
- Community management of seed and grain banks



LIVELIHOODS

Achievements

- CWS, with partners support, extended SRI to a wide area, and farmers have started to accept the techniques. Farmers are becoming enterprising and are now open to introduce and adapt this technique to sugarcane, wheat and ragi. Discussions on introducing this method to vegetable crops are also going on.
- 13892 persons consisting of Farmers, NTFP collectors, Forest Protection Groups, SHG Members, NGO representatives, Government Officials , etc. were trained on Water Management, Convergence of Govt. Programmes, pump set maintenance and energy (efficiency) management, SRI, organic farming, NPM, sustainable agricultural practices, traditional bio-pesticides, NREGA, forest rights, value addition, agri-business, marketing, NTFP, kitchen gardens, crop diversification, land management, cultivation practices, flood management, millet cultivation, etc.



LIVELIHOODS

- Forest protection is being taken up strongly by communities from 96 villages in 55,000 acres and an additional 900 acres have come under the safeguard of communities this year.
- Communities are being provided maximum support and facilitation to reclaim lands under the FRA in Odisha, Jharkhand and AP.

Andhra Pradesh

- Convergence and integration with government programmes like NREGA is increasing income levels, enhancing resources and thus influencing livelihoods in a positive way. Exclusive work on NREGA has resulted 30,000 households having work for 100 days and earning Rs 24 crores.
- As part of reviving traditional seeds, 78 seed banks are storing 63 traditional seed varieties of 23 crops. The work is going on in 5009 acres by 1641 farmers. Under strengthening of livelihoods, 58 villages are promoting organic farming, NPM, 5 grain and seed banks, coffee plantation (108 families), and conversion of degraded and wastelands in to agriculture.



LIVELIHOODS

- Bamboo harvesting on scientific lines and its marketing is going on in 100 villages. Embroidery work for tribal women has provided an additional income of Rs.306429/-
- Work under social regulations has reached out to eight villages. By the end of the reporting period a total of 194 capacitors were installed benefitting 400 open and bore wells that are under sharing and used by 953 farmers.

Bihar

- In Bihar, more than 450 farmers are benefitted through flood and water logged management activities.
- Around 200 acres directly and another 1000 acres through influence of CWS activities have become fertile.



LIVELIHOODS

Jharkhand

- More than 300 farmers are practising SRI. Successful installation of three lift irrigation structures prompted the Government to provide another six lift irrigation schemes.
- Around 90 villages in Jharkhand can now be termed as model CFM villages.
- 5 NTFP Banks have been established, and negotiations with traders and government have lead to increase in the prices of NTFP by 25%.
- Use of herbal medicine in the region has also gone up by 35%.
- Farmers adopting SRI has gone up by 2-3 times.
- In pulses and vegetables, the output has gone up by 1-2 times.
- 497 potential rural youth have been selected and trained on agro-related and NTFP vocational courses.
- 50,000 'fry fish' variety seedlings were distributed to 22 farmers taking up fish farming.



LIVELIHOODS

Odisha

- Through organic farming, 1312 small and marginal farmers from 16 villages are getting an additional income of Rs.4300, and some are getting even Rs.12000 per year.
- 400 farmers have also benefitted by trading organic manure and bio-fertilisers.
- SRI has spread to 943 villages of 58 blocks from 13 districts.
- 7815 acres of land is brought under SRI benefiting 16942 beneficiaries with an average increase in income by Rs 3220/-
- 101 siali leaf plate makers, 105 Agarbati makers and 2400 kendu leaf collectors are getting additional income ranging from Rs.4,500 to 13,000 per year.
- Community Conservation Initiatives – **Siali Utsav** celebrated by women to sow seeds of *Siali* plants in the forest during monsoon in order to increase the population of the plant.
- From 229 villages, 1676 claims have been submitted for land entitlements under FRA, of which 335 claims are settled.



LIVELIHOODS

Tamil Nadu

- 42 farmers have adopted millet production in 42 acres.
- Community Seed Banks function successfully in three villages.
- Millet food festival was organised to encourage millet crops.
- Awareness programme reached out to 155 people on millets.
- To protect the coastal ecology, strong protest is going on in 20 villages, and there is an attempt to convert shrimp farms to organic farming.
- To empower forest dependents, work is successfully going on in 30 villages by strengthening Village Forest Committees.



3. PEOPLE CENTRED GOVERNANCE

Objectives

- Empower the marginalised (women, dalits, adivasis and minorities) to participate in local governance and development processes
- Build and strengthen the capacities of the PRIs
- Ensure transparency and accountability in local governance
- Address the development issues of the communities towards achieving Sustainable development and Social Justice
- Develop plan at GP level and initiate interventions for integrating at Mandal and District levels
- Track the process of devolution of powers, funds and functionaries at District, Mandal and GP levels in selected districts, identify issues and lobby with the Government.
- Facilitate formation of Networks of elected representatives and build their capacities towards advocating for devolution of powers to institutions of local governance



GOVERNANCE

Coverage

- In Andhra Pradesh, 45 Gram Panchayats in 9 Mandals of 8 districts (Nalgonda, Warangal, Mahbubnagar, Adilabad, Chittoor, Anantapur, Vizianagaram, and West Godavari) and three scheduled area Panchayats in one Mandal of agency area of East Godavari district.
- In Odisha, 14 Gram Panchayats in 5 blocks of 2 districts (Keonjhar and Deogarh).
- In Jharkhand, about 1500 people covered through consultancy meetings, workshops and circulation of booklets on PRI.
- In Bihar, 6 panchayats in Siwan district, 7 panchayats in Manasi block and 4 panchayats of Makhdumpur block of Jehanabad district (Jagpura, Solhanda, Chariari, and Dharnai).
- Puducherry



GOVERNANCE

Activities

- Pre-election voter awareness campaign.
- Strengthening of PRIs, particularly Gram Panchayats through capacity building and awareness programmes and handholding to translate the learnings into practice.
- Networking of the Elected Representatives, Advocacy and Lobbying for the Devolution of Powers, Funds and Functionaries to the PRIs.
- Advocacy and Lobbying for implementation of Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas Act (PESA).
- Campaign for the conduct of Elections
- Empowerment of elected women representatives



GOVERNANCE

Achievements

Andhra Pradesh

- 45 Focused GPs were capacitated to develop participatory micro plans by forming Ward Support Groups (WSGs).
- The GPs with Functional Committees (FCs) succeeded to link the prioritised needs with various state and central Government schemes and programmes.
- GPs were linked to Mandal Parishad and Zilla Praishad to track and access funds and schemes from different line departments.
- The FCs took up issues of child labour and child marriages in 17 GPs and reduced dropout rate in 5 GPs.
- The Government has notified the Rules under PESA Act in March 2011. CWS was effectively involved in the process of framing rules.
- Adivasi PRERs were capacitated on good governance, forest rights, Government schemes, gender equality and implementation of PESA in three GPs.



GOVERNANCE

Bihar

- Vigilance committees of women have been formed in 6 GPs of Siwan district, and the members trained to monitor the activities of Gram Sabha, Ward Sabha and other stakeholders.
- 138 Functional Committee members got awareness about their roles and responsibility.
- 42 women got job cards, 13 persons got ration cards, 43 girls of eighteen year old enrolled as voters.
- Local Govt officers and members of Statutory Committees have been oriented about role and functions of Statutory Committee. Now they can do Social Audit of Panchayats.
- Social audit by the Social Audit Committee was conducted in 3 GPs on three different govt schemes.
- 84 ward level plans were prepared and merged with respective Panchayat plans.



GOVERNANCE

Jharkhand

- CWS collaborated with other likeminded organizations and networks, to demand political parties to include conducting elections under PESA in their respective manifestos.
- About 1500 adivasi people including MLAs, representatives of CSOs sensitised through meetings, consultations, workshops, etc. on PRI.
- Panchayat elections were held in December 2010.

Odisha

- Village development plans of 14 villages in two GPs of Keonjhar district and 21 villages in two GPs of Deogarh district were developed and endorsed at Panchayat level.
- Task Force were formed in the GPs to track Village and Panchayat Plans yielding significant impacts particularly enhancing participation of women, tribals and dalits at decision-making platforms like Palli Sabha and Gram Sabha
- 30% development activities proposed in village development plan have been implemented in the operational villages.



GOVERNANCE

- 314 BPL individuals linked with different social security schemes like old age pension, widow pension and antadoya anna yojana.
- 11 families availed benefit under National Family Benefit Scheme.
- 45 BPL families obtained PDS Card.
- 70 families got homestead land patta under Vasundhara land settlement scheme.
- 387 NREGA Job Cards recovered from village contractors.
- 65 farm ponds approved in two GPs of Deogarh district and 42 farm ponds constructed utilising Rs 8, 40,000 in two GPs of Keonjhar district.
- 74 Indira Awas Yojana (construction of house) got approved,
- 70 out of 172 applications filed for old age pension got approved
- Action plan prepared on NREGA for 21 villages.
- Rs 300,000 mobilised to undertake plantation on 20 hectares of forest area.



GOVERNANCE

- 1182 households obtained job card under NREGA, 903 number of Job card holders opened bank account, and 142 households demanded job and availed 36 days work.
- 3642 individual claims and 42 community claims submitted under FRA.
- GP, Block and District level Women Forums are taking up issues of domestic violence (8 cases), land entitlements of women (115 Joint Patta), etc.
- A process to form a State level Forum of Elected Women PR Representatives has started.
- CWS initiated dialogue with the civil society, govt officials and Adivasi leaders to prepare draft rules for effective enforcement of PESA
- CWS, its partners and PR representatives dialogued with the 3rd State Finance Commission in Odisha to empower Panchayats with property tax collection. As a result, decision has been taken by the Government to empower Panchayats.



GOVERNANCE

Puducherry

- The strength, visibility and bargaining power of elected panchayats federation formed by CWS is increasing.
- The Local Administration Minister announced that powers will be devolved to the panchayats. Devolution has been achieved up to 25% so far.
- Documentation on the status of panchayats in Puducherry has been completed.
- A video documentation on views of politicians and panchayat representatives was broadcasted in Thamizhan TV.
- Also, a book on panchayats was published emphasizing the need for devolution of powers.



B. PARTNERSHIP (2010-11)

No	States	Partners	Networks	Projects	Fellows
01	Andhra Pradesh	49	9	74	5
02	Bihar	27	2	33	3
03	Jharkhand	21	3	31	3
04	Orissa	40	5	49	5
05	Tamil Nadu	12	4	19	3
06	Others	03	-	03	-
	Total	152	23	209	19



C. ORGANISATIONAL

- Development of CWS Strategic Plan 2010-20
- CWS Conflict of Interest Policy
- Review of CWS Reorganisation
 - Revisiting Transition
 - Revisiting Boundary Management
 - Revisiting Governance Principles and Practices
 - Revisiting CWS Structure and Roles
 - Staff Performance Appraisal
- Implementation of new Salary Structure
- Review of Trust Deed (continuing)