## **Project Update: May 2016**

The 2nd Quarterly Progress report for the period of February 2016 to April 2016.

### 1. Community Led Mangrove Plantation:

Mangrove plantation conducted in 5.2 ha of degraded land near Patsala River in Junusnagar village. The village mangrove Council members actively participated in that programme.

#### 2. Promotion of Alternative Livelihoods:

Four frontline farmers participated in SRI training. 368 community members were provided vegetable seeds kits for kitchen garden. We facilitated 1589 eligible families in Gupti panchayat to be involved in the food security scheme. 14 households in Junusnagar village and four households in Gupti village were provided with 180 coconut saplings with assistance from horticulture department.

# 3. Community Awareness on Mangroves:

The knowledge of mangrove ecosystem is introduced in two schools to i.e., Garataganda and Gupti upper primary schools. In total, 45 and 63 students respectively participated in the mangrove education programme. 75 students participated in World Wetland Day observation organised at Balipatana High school. 27 school students participated in a quiz competition on the occasion of World Forestry Day on 21st March 2016.

#### 4. Promotion of fuel efficient devices:

A total of 52 smokeless chullah (stove) were provided to mangrove forest dependent families in Junusnagar (21), Purusattampur (6), Matha (9) and Gartaganda (16) villages. The said fuel efficiency stove helps to reduce at least 40% less fuel consumption.



Left: Two mangrove dependant couple in their kitchen garden promoted by project. Right: Mangrove education programme in Gupti School.