

Progress Report

Project

Establish Centre for Rural Community of Buffer Zone area;
Integrating Conservation and Livelihood around KANHA
TIGER RESERVE, Madhya Pradesh, India



NTPP : Primary Processing

SUPPORTED BY : RSGF

Project Name : Establish Centre for Rural Community of Buffer Zone area; Integrating Conservation and Livelihood around KANHA TIGER RESERVE, Madhya Pradesh, India

Duration : 12 Months

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Project Location

Country	: India
State	: Madhya Pradesh
District	: Balaghat
Block	: Baihar
Villages	: Ramhepur Kugaon Balgaon Khajra Khajri Niwas Mana Lapti Hirapur Bhalapuri

Project Implementing Team

- Project Implementer : Mr. Ameen Charles
- Project Coordinator : Mrs. Vandna
- Community Organizer : Mr. Arjun Kawre

Work Plan

SN	Activity	Responsible person	Time [Quarter wise]			
			I	II	III	IV
1	Project orientation for project staffs [Three days]	Director	✓			
2	Project orientation for community [Village wise, one day]	Director, PC, CO	✓			
3	Pre data collection, household survey	PC, CO	✓			
4	Networking with Forest Department, Local Authority,	PC, CO	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Feasibility study on NTFP, vegetable cultivation	Director, PC, CO	✓	✓		
6	Distribution of vegetable seeds	PC, CO		✓		✓
7	NTFP harvesting, processing training	PC,CO		✓	✓	
8	Training to volunteer on forest and wildlife conservation	Director, PC,CO		✓	✓	✓
9	Smokeless CHULHA Demo and availability	PC, CO		✓	✓	
10	Construction of compost pit	PC,CO			✓	✓
11	Community Nursery, plantation	Director, PC, CO			✓	✓
12	Community Level Meeting [Monthly at village level]	PC,PO		✓	✓	✓
13	Monitoring visits	Director	✓	✓	✓	✓

- As per work plan the project implementation started in the month of Oct. 2010 with three days orientation of the project staffs. During the staff orientation the detail implementation plan has been developed by the team. Monthly reporting formats, monitoring formats has been developed collectively.
- Training plan for community has also developed, detailed curricula for each training has been planned, resources persons also mapped.
- We worked on implementation strategy, documentation and regular follow up activities at the community level.

The project implementation starts at the community level with identifying volunteers. More than 200 volunteers identified and interviewed than conducted community meetings. The villages volunteers played most important role to organize community meeting in all selected project villages.

Feasibility study on NTFP and Vegetable Cultivation: Staffs has been done feasibility study with the guidance of subject experts Mr. Utkarsh Ghate, Director of an NGO, Mr. Tekam, Horticulture Department. One interview format has been developed and detail interview conducted by project staffs, as decided 20 person from each target village has been interviewed, total 200 interview conducted. Than 2 Focus Group Discussion conducted in each village on pre defined subject. Total 20 FGD conducted by the staffs. After this the analysis and reports has been prepared by the subject experts. some findings are as follows

- 90% family involved in vegetable cultivation but only 2% doing this activity as income generation or commercially.
- 100% families have not proper knowledge and skill on vegetable cultivation.
- There is huge gap between demand and supply of vegetable in the area, 90% vegetables comes from outside of the villages.
- The climate is suitable for green vegetables, onion, turmeric, garlic, ginger, potato etc.
- Only 5% families involved on collection of NTFP [Non Timber Forest Product], there is fear of forest department among village community.
- 50-60% families interested to learn scientific harvesting of NTFP and needs skill on primary processing.
- 100% families collecting fire wood from the forest illegally, there is no mechanism for harvesting of firewood, each family needs more than 50-60 kg. firewood daily.
- EDC's [Eco Development Committee] are defunct in all villages due to lack of knowledge, trainings and promotional atmosphere.
- 100% families interested to develop some mechanism for harvesting of natural resources from the forest, all are agree to protect forest and wildlife and share benefits.
- Sustainable harvesting practices are lacking among community.

Problems shared by the community

- Lack of irrigation, which affect on livelihood of the people, because they depends on rain.
- Ground water level is good but needs of irrigation equipments like water pumps or alternate source of irrigation.

- Marketing linkages required for NTFP, local traders and money lenders making them fool and exploiting poor peoples.

Recommendations /Suggestions

- Vegetable cultivation with income generation mindsets.
- Area of vegetable cultivation need to increase by each family, initially seed support, skills required to the peoples.
- Marketing process, mechanism should be develop for long term benefits, literacy is less, there is need to train people.
- Capacity building required on Leadership, Community Conservation, Self Help Group Management, Marketing management etc.
- Horticulture activity need to promote in each family for sustainable livelihood and meet out the basic needs of firewood and fodder.
- Fodder species should be planted in the farmland of each farmers.
- Good scope of organic farming, because farmers taking interests on organic farming, wormi composting could be a good source of organic manure.
- EDC could be functionalized with regular meeting, trainings and exposure.
- Tourism could be a part of livelihood.

This study gives an idea to plan project activities; project staff making their plan as per these recommendations. Project staffs doing continue meeting with community and giving information and knowledge.

Seed Distribution

- As per survey, study and community meetings, we identify the needs of peoples and promoted vegetable cultivation in winter season. Through the project different variety of seeds provided to the farmers. We have distributed seeds of vegetables as follows;

- Ladyfinger
- Chilly
- Tomato
- Green Leaves
- Beans

- Each family learnt the process of vegetable cultivation and with a limited period they able to earn income by vegetable cultivation.



Capacity Building



Project staffs conducted training for volunteers on Forest and wildlife conservation, three round trainings conducted by the staff at the village level.



NTFP: Practical training on scientific honey harvesting conducted for the traditional honey hunters, training on primary processing conducted for the women's.

SEED DISTRIBUTION AND COMMUNITY NURSERY : Project has planned to give vegetable seeds in second round in the month of July and plantation will be completed during July to Sept. a small nursery has been developed by the community there are around 1000 plants available of different varieties. i.e. Drumsticks, Guava, Custard Apple, Neem etc.