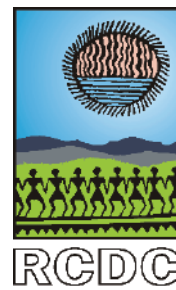




# Annual Report

2022-23



**Regional Centre for Development Cooperation**

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## Message from our Executive Director

The year 2022-23 has been a successful year for RCDC. In the forestry sector we have been able to facilitate conversion of 4 forest villages within the Tiger Sanctuary of Simlipal Biosphere into revenue villages. This was a long-standing demand and has enabled the secluded villagers to avail the fruits of development that they were denied in the Sanctuary area. We are working towards ensuring habitat rights for the particularly vulnerable tribal groups; Juanga, Kutiya Kandha, Paudi Bhuyan and the Dongria Kondh. This is a challenging task but thanks to the cooperation of the local administration we have been able to facilitate the claim process. We continue to work towards CFR, IFR, and CR entitlements and have devised CFR management plans for the community to effectively manage the resources.



We are working with farmers and encouraging them to diversify their crops, adopt integrated farming systems, and practice organic farming. This has been a huge success. We have set up farmer field schools where resource farmers demonstrate various models of farming that are then taken up by other farmers of the region. Farmers are shifting from commercial crops to food crops; vegetables, pulses, oilseeds and millets. Farmer Producer Organizations are being supported to rally the farmers and enable them to market the produce. Thus the entire chain of land preparation, choosing the crop cycle, harvesting, processing and marketing is in the hands of farmers.

RCDC is working in climate change sensitive coastal regions of Kendrapara and Puri. For the first time in Odisha, we are looking after the infrastructure, resilience, and livelihood needs of naturally displaced communities who have been relocated from coastal Satabhaya to the Bagapatia resettlement colony. We are being provided supervisory support by the OSDMA. Working with SHGs have been rewarding and various income generation measures are helping the residents and also enabling the migrants to take up viable livelihood options in their locality. At Puri our efforts to provide alternative livelihoods to the beleaguered fishermen families is also bearing fruit. An innovative concept of Labour Bank is enabling poor households' access to emergency funds to stay afloat in times of crisis

After a hiatus RCDC is again working with children and youth in the districts of Kalahandi and Nuapada. While child protection, education, and skill building remains the focus, the emphasis is on providing farm based livelihood support to vulnerable households to check migration that takes a heavy toll on children.

RCDC has always laid great stress on innovation and set up pilot options for communities and other stakeholders to emulate. This year too our work on the ground is providing direction to communities that are fighting the menace of poverty and climate change.

We look forward to challenges as that provides the impetus for us to grow and provide innovative solutions.

Kailash Chandra Dash  
**Executive Director**

## About RCDC

The Regional Centre of Development Cooperation (RCDC) is recognized for its work on community forest management, drought proofing, land and water management, sustainable agriculture, food & livelihood security, building climate resilient communities, and strengthening local self-governance through development & implementation of people's plans and capacity building of PRIs. To ensure the future proofing of its work with rural communities RCDC is actively engaged with children and youth; ensuring transfer of knowledge, education, and employment. The development strategy focuses on and is aided by studies & research on sustainable natural resource management; developing best practices and demonstrative models; promoting collective action through education, and networking and collaboration for appropriate policy and practice changes.

## Vision

Vulnerable and marginalized children, youth, women and men are empowered to secure their rights over planetary resources in sustaining their lives, livelihoods and overall prosperity for generations to come

## Mission

Achieving lasting improvements in the quality of life of children, youth, women and men, and their agencies through sustainable natural resources management

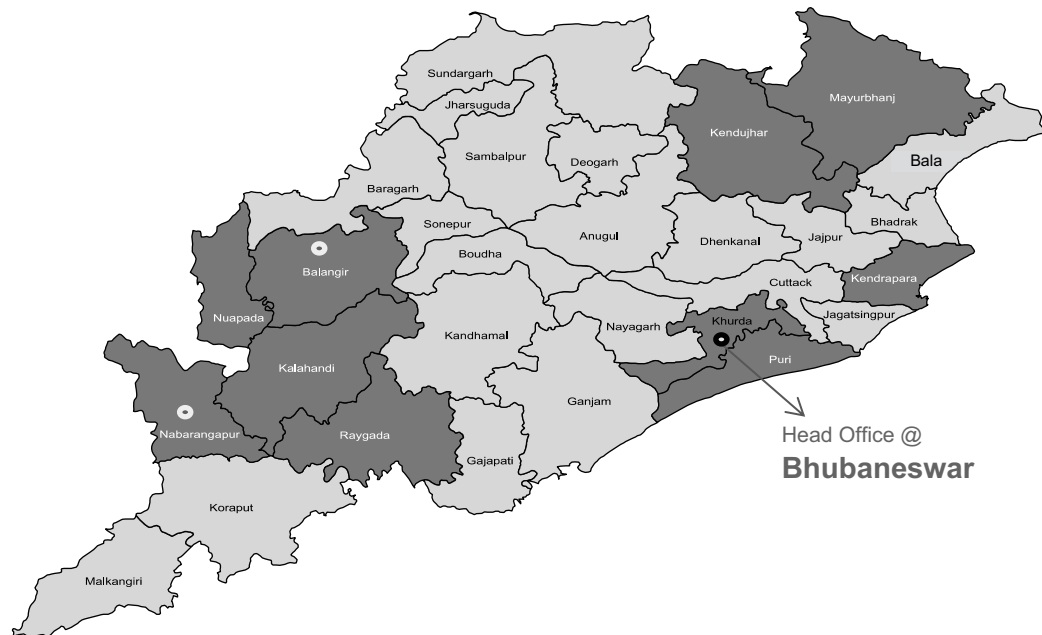
## Thematic Areas

- ⌘ Community based natural resource management for sustainable livelihoods
- ⌘ WASH & nutrition
- ⌘ Climate resilient development and disaster risk reduction
- ⌘ Investing in future for sustainability



## Geographical coverage

Currently RCDC operates in 1004 villages covering 280348 population in 56068 households in 29 blocks of 10 districts in Odisha. In recent past, RCDC had footprints in almost all districts in Odisha excluding Cuttack, Bhadrak and Jajpur districts. It had also a presence in Central Indian States for research activities.



## Membership, networks & linkages;

RCDC has established network with a range of institutions in the government and private sector like VANI, IUCN, IUFRO, NTFP-EP, Odisha Environment Congress, OFDC, National Fluoride Network, South Odisha Initiative, Credibility Alliance, Fluoride Knowledge and Action Network, Odisha Water Forum, Mahanadi Initiative etc.

## We are supported by

- ⌘ BftW, Germany
- ⌘ Misereor, Germany
- ⌘ Action Village India, UK
- ⌘ ChildFund, Germany
- ⌘ Both Ends, Ireland
- ⌘ Caritas, France
- ⌘ Government of Odisha

## Our key staff

The faces behind our work on the ground as follows:



**Kailash Chandra Dash,**  
*Executive Director*



**Umakant Mohanty**  
*Programme Officer*



**Suresh Chandra Bisoyi**  
*Director-Field Operations*



**Rabi Narayan Tripathy**  
*Sr. Programme Manager*



**Ramakrishna Maharana,**  
*Sr. Manager (IT & IS)*



**Pradeep Kumar Patra**  
*Sr. Programme Manager*



**Keshab Chandra Dash,**  
*Regional Manager, RCDC-  
Nabarangpur*



**Bijan Kumar Dalai**  
*Finance Manager*



**Dushmanta Kumar Ojha**  
*Programme Manager*



**Jagannath Chatterjee**  
*Documentation Manager*



**Sambhu Sahu,**  
*Regional Manager, RCDC-Balangir*



**Gayatribala Harichandan**  
*MIS Officer*



**Bishnupriya Mohanty**  
*Programme Officer*



**Anand Charan Sethy**  
*Programme Officer*

## Our work on the ground

### Community based natural resource management & sustainable livelihoods

<b>Name of the program :</b>	Enhanced livelihoods of indigenous communities
<b>Supported by</b>	Both Ends
<b>Target area</b>	20 villages in 4 Gram Panchayats of 2 blocks of Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts

#### Background

The project involves working with Schedule Tribe communities Saunthi, Bathudi, Kolha living within the Hadagarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Keonjhar district and the Tiger Sanctuary of Simlipal Biosphere Reserve in the Mayurbhanj district. These communities living within Sanctuaries are deprived of development activities.

#### Objective

Enhanced livelihoods of indigenous communities

#### Achievements

- ⌘ Four forest villages have been converted to revenue villages
- ⌘ The process is on for converting 7 other forest villages, of which 4 are in final decision stage
- ⌘ Five old habitations are being pursued for declaration as revenue villages
- ⌘ Sustainable harvesting protocols are now being followed
- ⌘ Forest fires are under control
- ⌘ Herbal and medicinal plant garden for rare endangered threatened species is established with 15 medicinal plant varieties
- ⌘ Plantation involving fruit bearing trees have been undertaken (Mango, Lemon, Coconut)

<b>Name of the program :</b>	Habitat Rights for PVTG's
<b>Supported by</b>	: Caritas, France
<b>Target area</b>	: 93 villages in 3 blocks of Keonjhar, Kalahandi, and Rayagada districts

#### Background

The program deals with 4 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (Juanga, Paudi Bhuyan, Kutia Kandha, and Dangaria Kandha) and pursues their habitat rights in the districts of Keonjhar, Kalahandi, and Rayagada.

## Objective

Establishing habitat rights for PVTG's

## Achievements

- ⌘ Claim submitted by Kutia Kandha at Lanjigarh Block Office of Kalahandi
- ⌘ Juanga, Paudi Bhuyan, and Kutia Kandha community claim submitted at SDLC, Keonjhar and Lanjigarh

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Sustainable Livelihoods and Empowerment of Indigenous Communities in Odisha in Nabarangpur District (Phase-2)
<b>Supported by</b>	: Bread for the World (Bftw), Germany
<b>Target area</b>	: 20 villages in 2 Gram Panchayats of Jharigaon block of Nabarangpur district

## Background

Jharigaon, the program area, is one of the most backward blocks of the Nabarangpur district of Odisha. Tribal communities like Bhatra, Majhi and Gond are dwelling along with Schedule Caste and Other Backward Communities. Dry land farming is the major livelihood activity as the area has no irrigation facilities. The program area is characterized by low socio-economic status, poor presence of development agencies, excessive dependence on rain-fed agriculture and dependence on forest. People rear goats, pigs and poultry to supplement their income. Most of are small and marginal landholders. Share croppers and landless households engage themselves in agriculture and other allied activities and prefer daily labour in non-agricultural season.

## Objectives

- ⌘ To strengthen the community governance of the local natural resources for environmental services as well as for livelihood enhancement
- ⌘ To enhance livelihoods opportunities of the tribal communities of targeted villages



## Achievements

**Irrigation:** 6 numbers of water management training covered 314 farmers from 20 villages and educated on different modules of water management in agriculture. The project provided 6 numbers of bore wells and facilitated 30 acres of land of 28 progressive farmers under irrigation. In the year 196 farm ponds were constructed through convergence with the government.

## Forest

In this reporting period 139 IFR and 4 CFR entailment were received by the 139 HH and 4 Villages (Purniguda, Nangaguda, Boraguda and Pallasagaon) respectively. 57 CFR claims were submitted by the team at Tehsil from the periphery villages adjacent to the operational area. 83 Community Forest Management Committees of 108 villages were reconstituted in Jharigaon block. The Revenue and Forest department of Jharigaon are accepting claims through RCDC. Subsequently, the district administration has recommended RCDC to work in all 10 blocks in Nabarangpur district under MJJY ( Mukhyamantri Jangal jami Yojana).

## Land

Training and exposures have been organized on plantation, land treatment, soil test and soil fertility. 560 farmers are practicing organic farming and 40% land of 20 villages has been replaced with Ragi in place of maize. The villagers have acquired knowledge on land and water management.

## Farm based livelihoods

1278 HH of 2818 HH are practicing organic farming. In this period 244 vermi tanks were constructed and 150 farmers were supported with containers for preparation of organic inputs. The program has given emphasis on winter cultivation because by default almost all farmers engaged in rainy cultivation. Currently 457 HH are involved in agriculture in winter and cultivated oil & pulses variety and vegetables in the last winter. The income level of the families has increased in between Rs 2000 to 5000.

## Non-Farm based

41 landless and poorest families were supported by the BftW project in the year 2022-23. The families were selected by the village committee and supported for sheep rearing, vegetable vending, small grocery shop, and stationary shop.

## Forest based

In the target area people have developed keen interested in protecting forests and have their own management system. A herbal garden has been established at Kuhurakkore village and a traditional treatment centre.

## Agriculture

After intervention of RCDC and OMM 40 % of maize land is converted into Ragi using organic practices. 1278 HH are practicing organic farming. The program has introduced mixed cropping, eco farming, and 72 families are practicing SRI. RCDC has promoted family orchards, community orchards and individual homestead land plantations. The organization has organized exposures & training on sustainable agriculture, demonstration fields for learning and replication. The farmer community has enhanced production by 15% compared to 2021-22.

## Climate Change

4 training sessions were organized on climate change and its impact on agriculture. The people were educated on climate change, especially on mitigation and adoption. RCDC Nabarangpur is preparing a biodiversity register and how to mitigate the effects of climate change.

## Exposure Visits

A 40-member farmer team visited Sambhav, Nayagarh and learned about organic farming techniques, water management and animal husbandry. Ekta team visited twice to our operation area for learning on forest management system and herbal garden. A 20 member team from Nirman organization visited our operation area on forest management & organic farming. Both the teams appreciated the process and villagers for their selfless involvement.

## Integration

- ⌘ 196 numbers farm ponds covered 196 families
- ⌘ Vegetable cultivation covered 60acres of 45 families
- ⌘ 16 water pump sets for 16 farmers
- ⌘ Goat shed - 8 numbers
- ⌘ Poultry farm-SHG -3, Individual-50 HH

The government service providers were present during joint verification of forest and extended their cooperation, facilitated training, visited FFS, etc. The block administration organized 2 orientations cum meetings on FRA, which was facilitated by RCDC staff.

## Research & Studies

The program has developed 3 short films on the themes;

- ⌘ Adivasi and Forest
- ⌘ Sustainable Agriculture and diversification
- ⌘ SHG Activities and convergences Program

## Feedback



**Bharati Mahapatra**  
Program Officer, RCDC

The project has been designed rationally with an integrated approach. Ensuring the participation of people in institution building, capacity building and implementation of agro-ecology activities. The project also gives due importance to the voice of women.



**Ramdhar Bhatra**  
Progressive farmer,  
Boraguda, Nabarangpur

RCDC provides ideas on organic farming, crop diversifications and proper use of land. In Boraguda village 45 farmers have vermi tanks and use the manure on land. On the other side the women are accessing different offices and engaged in economic activities due to intervention of RCDC. Exposure and different trainings enhance the knowledge and create a platform of development.



**B. Siva Shankar Dora**  
Program Officer, RCDC

In the last 4.5 years the OIO process enhanced our knowledge & skill in terms of documentation, and interaction with the community. It fine-tuned our work and clarified the objectives & indicators. The project provided an opportunity to address decentralized forest governance, better management and its resources. This will contribute largely to combating climate change and sustainable livelihood. The linkage with government service providers has been developed due to this project. The integrated development is on the track and will achieve the project objective & indicators.



**Kusuma Bhatra**  
FPO member,  
Dengaguda, Nabarangpur

RCDC has created many options that's why women are participating in different events and able to express their problems, and views. Exposure and training increased our understanding of SHG, FPO and federation and its benefits.

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Ensuring Sustainable Food and Livelihood Security of Tribal and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers through Customary and Ancestral Practices and rights in the Districts of Balangir and Rayagada, Odisha.
<b>Supported by</b>	: Misereor, Germany
<b>Target area</b>	: 40 villages in 2 blocks (Khaprakhol & Chandrapur) of Balangir and Rayagada districts

## Background

The goal of this project is to ensure sustainable food and livelihood security of tribal and other traditional forest dwellers through customary and ancestral practices and rights in two districts; 28 villages in Bolangir and 12 villages in Rayagada district.

## Objectives

- ⌘ To enhance the access of local communities, their federations and other stakeholders to information and implementation of different aspects of decentralized resource governance.
- ⌘ To promote livelihoods through sustainable agriculture development, Minor Forest produce and non-farm options for target communities.
- ⌘ To facilitate increased dialogue among various stakeholders for appropriate policies and practices for resource management.

## Achievements

### Natural Resource Management

- ⌘ CFR Management Plan in 40 villages
- ⌘ One forest food fair was organised at Sapamunda village of Khaprakhol Block
- ⌘ 2 Millets food fairs were organised.
- ⌘ 2 seed, food and culture-based knowledge exchange programmes were organised

### Agriculture

#### Demonstration of agro-ecological practices

- ⌘ 11 nos of demonstration plots for agro-ecological practices were undertaken the following objectives:-
  - Making agriculture sustainable
  - Rebuild soil health and fertility
  - Reducing the input cost
  - Preservation of crop biodiversity
  - Recycling of crop waste
  - No dependency on market for input

## Promotion of bio-pesticides at community level

135 households were given support for promotion of bio-pesticides in the form of training and financial support for pest management in vegetable and other crops for organic farming.

## Promotion of vermi-compost pits at community level

250 vermi-compost tanks were constructed to adopt organic farming intensively. They were also being given training about the procedure and use of vermi compost.

## Herbal garden

An herbal garden with an area of one acre fenced land, solar pump watering facility, green house has been prepared in Putkelchuan village of Khaprakhol Block in Balangir district. The traditional healers of the area have been taking care of the herbal garden. The purpose of the demonstration plot is to conserve rare medicinal species, to provide free treatment by the traditional healers and to turn it as a learning centre for students, youth, women and the community. More than 100 rare species of plants are available in the herbal garden.

## Kitchen garden

140 households were given vegetable seeds for kitchen garden to ensure regular and adequate variety of fresh vegetables for supplementary food production in an organic way.

Identification of nutrition deficiency families through mapping exercise was undertaken in 40 operation villages. In this process 186 families have been identified and work is in progress to link them with different food, nutrition, welfare and livelihood programs.

## Community monitoring

For monitoring of "Implementation of Food Security Act" a gap analysis was undertaken in 14 operational villages through village meeting as well as visits to homes. Similarly the other entitlements under ICDS, Mamata and Mid-Day Meal Schemes were also covered.

Community monitoring of Govt. flagship programs: The Central as well as State Governments have been implementing many flagship programs on housing, employment, livelihood, welfare and financial inclusion. On this occasion community monitoring meeting on Govt. Flagship Programs were organised in all 40 operational villages where 224 male and 255 female community members participated. Some awareness as well as follow up plans was discussed in these meetings to cover maximum people under different schemes.

## Convergence

- ⌘ 12 GP level and 8 block level quarterly sharing meeting organised at Khaprakhol and Chandrapur blocks
- ⌘ 4 block level convergence sharing meetings were organised
- ⌘ One state level interface meeting with Govt Officials was organized
- ⌘ 4 SDLC meeting with Govt officials were organised for CFR claim progress

## Research & Studies

- ⌘ Documentation of Organic Farmer's and models created by them
- ⌘ Documentation of traditional land and water-use techniques
- ⌘ Process documentation of forest village conversion to revenue village
- ⌘ Kendu Leaf Deregulation under FRA regime and livelihoods enhancement
- ⌘ GPS Map of 40 villages in Balangir and Rayagada districts of Odisha

### FRA status:

Claims Made	Upto 2021	2022-23	Total
IFR	732	44	776
CFR	94	30	124
CRR	68	30	96

Claims Received	Upto 2021	2022-23	Total
IFR	242	00	242
CFR	12	00	12
CRR	00	00	00

Claims Pending	Upto 2021	2022-23	Total
IFR	490	44	534
CFR	82	30	112
CRR	68	30	98



## Feedback



### **Mahadei Punji**

Village: Rengali, Rengali GP,  
Khaprakhhol, Balangir

I am a farmer. I have been depending on farming for last 25 years. After interactions with RCDC, I came to know about organic farming and its procedures. After that my family has been involved in this process. Making bio-fertilisers, vermi compost and adopting agrological practices have made our life different. Getting healthy vegetables and food is a contribution of RCDC.



### **Narendra Bag**

Village: Kulihamunda, Rengali GP  
Khaprakhhol, Balangir

I have been associated with many NGOs. But RCDC is a different one. They have changed my agricultural practices in the form of mixed cropping, organic farming and natural farming. My villagers along with me are very much aware about different government schemes and now we are in a position to link with it. Thanks RCDC for their initiatives and contribution to our areas.



### **Baikuntha Bag**

Thematic Leader, Ghunsar GP,  
Khaprakhhol, Balangir

During my childhood, I heard about RCDC and its work on forest in Balangir district. When I knew that RCDC is going to work in our area, then I tried to meet the programme staffs to involve with them. Fortunately, I got a chance to work with RCDC. I have also been associated with social works in my area, so RCDC has been giving many opportunities to raise issues of common people. Khaprakhhol is a migration prone area and if RCDC give focus to migration, I will be happier.



### **Kartika Kutruka**

Thematic Leader, Hanumantpur GP,  
Chandrapur, Rayagada

I have been associated with RCDC for many years. I am a well-known representative of RCDC in Chandrapur block. We have initiated people led development approach for different issues like forest, livelihood and agriculture.

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Capacity Building Programme of the Elected PRIs Representatives
<b>Supported by</b>	: SIRD, Govt of Odisha
<b>Target area</b>	: Belpada, Patnagarh, Gudvela and Saintala Blocks of Balangir District covering 87 Panchayats and 1069 Wards

### Background:

Presently SIRD is a nodal institute for training, research, evaluation and consultancy in the field of Rural Development under the aegis of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of Orissa. It is not possible for the SIRD to conduct training of all PRI representatives in its limited training centers in a deadline. SIRD has made an agreement with other institutions/ organisations as Collaborative Partner Organisation (CPO) to take overall responsibilities to organize trainings with the help of Empaneled Resource Persons by SIRD.

### Achievements

RCDC has trained 1008 Ward Members in 25 trainings conducted in 2022-23. Apart from the ERPs, many Government Officials have attended as resource persons and guests to make the trainings more vibrant.

Name of the Block	No of Wards in the GP	No of WMs elected	No of WM vacant	No of WM completed Induction Training	No of WM left out	% of Attendance	Remarks
Belpada	296	281	15	277	4	98.6	Out of 12, death-3, Jail-1, Absent-8
Gudvela	151	144	7	144	0	100.0	
Patnagarh	350	329	21	324	5	98.5	
Saintala	272	266	6	263	3	98.9	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>98.8</b>	

## FEEDBACK



**Victor Soren**  
BDO, Belpada, Balangir

It is a very good initiative. I will ensure cent percent attendance of our PRI members so that they will be able to reach to the distressed and vulnerable for connecting with different Govt. schemes. I have also informed my colleagues to take sessions for their departments. On behalf of Block administration, I am thankful to RCDC and team for their good management and making a friendly atmosphere in the training. Thanks also the ERPs for their efforts and time for this training.



**Nilkantha Kalsai**  
GPEO, Patnagarh, Balangir

The Government has taken good steps to make PRI members aware about their role and responsibilities. I have followed up for their participation. The module is very good. The RCDC team has been in regular touch with me and other line department to make the training in a better way. They have a good arrangement for field visit. I wish best of luck for their future endeavor.



**Prangya Paramita Singhdeo**  
Empanelled Resource Person

I have worked with the PRI members for long time. But imparting training to them under Govt banner is different. I am enjoying it very much. The main credit goes to RCDC for organising the trainings smoothly. The overall arrangement is outstanding. I know they have been organising this training for long time. We the ERPs have RCDC as the first choice among other CPOs.

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Crop Diversification Program - MLIP
<b>Supported by</b>	: Department of Agriculture & Farm Empowerment, Govt of Odisha
<b>Target area</b>	: 21 villages in 6 GP's of Deogaon Block in Balangir District

## Background

Crop Diversification Programme in Mega Lift Irrigation Project (CDP-MLIP) has been implemented by Department of agriculture & Farmers Empowerment, Govt. of Odisha in 4 districts on pilot basis during Kharif 2021-22 with an objective to diversify upland and medium land paddy areas to non-paddy crops under the ayacut of mega lift irrigation projects. Now the programme has been extended to 22 districts of the State. In Balangir district RCDC is implementing the program in Deogaon.

## Achievements

In the FY 2022-23 Deogaon cluster achieved 844 Ha out of 1450 Ha (Agri 578 Ha and Horti 266 Ha.) The farmers received as incentive an amount 11648500.00 as per the cost norm.

Sl No	Block Name	Achievement (Agriculture) in Ha.				Achievement (Horticulture) in Ha.	Total Achievement (Agril + Horti) in Ha.
		Pulses	Oilseed	Cotton	Total	Vegetable/Spices	
1	Deogaon	512	45	21	578	266	844

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Mission Jeebika
<b>Supported by</b>	: SC & ST Development Department, Government of Odisha
<b>Target area</b>	: 213 villages in 56 Gram Panchayats of 10 blocks of Nabarangpur district

## Introduction

The SC & ST Development Department, through Odisha Tribal Development Society (ODTS), aims to ensure access to improved and sustainable livelihoods for tribal people in the tribal sub-plan blocks through convergence of national/state flagship schemes. Based on local conditions, available resources and capacities of the tribal communities, livelihood interventions were taken up in clusters. Mission Jeevika program, a livelihood cluster model, was conceptualized during 2019-20 to support individual tribal beneficiaries/SHG members for creation of community level assets incidental to livelihood promotion. The program is being implemented in 22 Integrated Tribal Development Agencies.

## Objectives

- ⌘ Locally suitable sectoral interventions that would use available resources and capacities of local tribal communities
- ⌘ Create scalable & replicable models
- ⌘ Promote usage of alternative technologies to make sustainable socio-economic impact in the lives of tribal population

## Achievements

### Agriculture

Sl. No.	Intervention# covered	Name of Block covered	No. of GPs covered	No. of villages covered	No. of HHs* covered	Physical Progress (Unit in Acre/ No. etc.)
01	WADI (cashew plantation) and lemon grass cultivation	Dabugaon Jhorigaon Papadahandi Tentulikhunti Kosagumuda Nandahandi Umerkote	40	80	650	925
02	Groundnut cultivation	Chandahandi	3	5	227	200
03	Scented rice cultivation	Dabugaon Papdahandi Nabarangpur Tentulikhunti Kosagumuda Umerkote	8	16	319	300
04	Maize cultivation	Dabugaon Jharigaon Tentulikhunti Kosagumuda Nandahandi Umerkote Nabarangpur Raighar Papdahandi	9	25	650	650
05	Onion cultivation	Tentulikhunti Papadahandi Dabugam Nabarangpur Jharigan	5	10	610	300

06	Tomato cultivation	Papdahandi Tentulikhunti	3	6	220	100
07	Okra cultivation	Tentulikhunti Nabarangpur	2	4	220	100
08	Sunflower cultivation	Tentulikhunti Kosagumuda Jharigaon	3	6	230	200
09	Chilly cultivation	Tentulikhunti Jharigaon	2	2	110	50
10	Pointed gourd cultivation	Umerkote	1	1	85	50
11	Green pea cultivation	Nandahandi Umerkote	3	6	200	100
12	Pumpkin cultivation	Kosagumuda	2	3	92	50
13	Farmers contact no collection for Mo Sarkar	Dabugaon Jharigaon Tentulikhunti Kosagumuda Nandahandi Umerkote Nabarangpur Raighar Papdahandi chandahandi	45	150	3923	3923

## Horticulture

WADI Plantation. Cashew and lemongrass cultivation: About 925 acre of horticulture activities undertaken by ITDA has been facilitated by RCDC covering 437 tribal farmers of 81 Villages in 6 blocks. Facilitated 2,56,000 man days under Mission Jeevika program.

## Convergence

Name of Scheme/ Programme	Theme	District/ Block/ GP	No of Villages	Population Benefitted			
				HH	Male	Female	Total
MGNREGS	Sustainable Livelihood	Papadahandi	35	500	750	720	1470
		Kosagumuda	36	500	350	230	570
		Dabugaon	48	500	1200	920	2120
		Nabarangapur	18	250	370	240	620
		Nandahandi	12	125	230	170	400
		Tentulikhunti	54	775	1500	420	1920
		Jharigaon	10	330	630	170	960
		Umerkote	6	140	220	60	280
		Chandahandi	8	100	130	70	200
Raighara	4	120	120	40	160		

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Promotion of Millets in Tribal Districts of Odisha
<b>Supported by</b>	: Govt of Odisha, ATMA Rayagada
<b>Target area</b>	: 144 villages in 13 GP's of Muniguda block in Rayagada district

## Introduction

Odisha Millets Mission is a flagship programme of Department of Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment, Government of Odisha. Special Programme for Promotion of Millets in Tribal Areas of Odisha (Odisha Millets Mission) was launched by Govt of Odisha in 2017 to revive millets in farms and on plates. It emerged from a consultation between Government, Academia (NCDS) and Civil Society Organisations (RRA Network, ASHA Network and local NGOs). It is first of its kind of agriculture programme with priority on increasing consumptions in Odisha.

## Objectives

- ⌘ Promoting household level Consumption
- ⌘ Conservation and promotion of millet landraces
- ⌘ Setting up decentralized Processing unit
- ⌘ Improving Productivity of Millet Crops
- ⌘ Promotion of Millet Value addition enterprises
- ⌘ Promoting FPOs and market facilitation
- ⌘ Inclusion of Millets in ICDS, MDM and PDS

## Achievements

### Agriculture

- ⌘ 4 nos of Community Managed Seed Centres are formed and functional
- ⌘ One no. of Custom Hiring Centre is formed and functional
- ⌘ Trainings & exposure visits conducted
- ⌘ Farmer's Incentive of Rs. 3803000/- provided to 1367 farmers during Kharif
- ⌘ 8193 quintals of Ragi Seeds collected through Ragi Mandi initiative (97% Achievement) during Kharif
- ⌘ Share capital generation initiated during 20223-2023 by FPO and 262 farmers purchased 330 shares. Total share capital generated is Rs. 33,000
- ⌘ Off Farm Livelihoods
- ⌘ 14 nos. of Ragi Pulverisers are functional
- ⌘ 10 nos. of Ragi Thresher and Pearler are operational
- ⌘ 2 nos. of Millet Shakti Tiffin Centres have been set up
- 2 nos. of Two Deck Grader and Destoner are functional

## Convergence

### ICDS centres have adopted millet-based food items in nutrition program

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Promotion of Millets in Tribal Districts of Odisha
<b>Supported by</b>	: Govt of Odisha, ATMA Nabarangpur
<b>Target area</b>	: 67 villages in 21 GP's of Kosagumuda block in Nabarangpur district

## Achievements

- ⌘ Millet's cultivation: Ragi cultivated in 541 ha of land cultivated in 21 of 26 GP and 67 villages. 1068 farmers covered
- ⌘ One millets tiffin centre opened
- ⌘ 4 food festivals conducted
- ⌘ One Custom Hiring Centre opened
- ⌘ 11 Thresher, Pulveriser units through SHG
- ⌘ One Community Seeds Centre opened
- ⌘ 5 quintals seed multiplication through seed farmers
- ⌘ One Bio Unit established
- ⌘ FPCL established on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- ⌘ Participatory vertical trial/crop diversification started from July 2023
- ⌘ Procurement of Millets - 2726.72 quintals



## Feedback;



We got opportunity through RCDC in the scheme Odisha Millets Mission for preserving seeds. Participatory verital trial was organised in my field, two varieties selected for further cultivation. Variety purification is ongoing. We are happy with the scheme.

**Sankar Prasad Patnaik**

*Progressive Farmer and local seed conserver & Board of Director, Kosagumuda FPCL*



We are happy with RCDC and Govt. department for providing funds for establishment of millets tiffin centre.

**Daimati Harijan ,**

*Secreaty of Kasturaba SHG Kodinga*



I am happy with RCDC and OMM Team. I am happy that I have got the opportunity to spread awareness of millets to 4 Panchayats and also for millets cultivation and consumption of foods. This food is also preventing disease

**Bhagaban Bhatra**

*Community Resource Person*



We are increasing the field area for cultivation of Ragi and other millets.

**Debendra Gouda**

*Community Resource Person*

## Climate resilient development & disaster risk reduction

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Ensuring rehabilitation, skill building, livelihoods and resilience of climate displaced people of Bagapatia in Kendrapara district of Odisha
<b>Supported by</b>	: Misereor, Germany
<b>Target area</b>	: 719 HH of 4 villages in the Satabhaya GP of Rajnagar block in Kendrapara district

### Background

The program titled “Ensuring rehabilitation, skill building, livelihoods and resilience of climate displaced people of Bagapatia in Kendrapara district of Odisha” is a 3-year initiative being implemented since December 2021 by Regional Centre for Development Cooperation (RCDC). It seeks to benefit 571 relocated families and 148 others who have accepted relocation and have been provided land in the Bagapatia Resettlement Colony in Rajnagar block of Kendrapara district in Odisha, India. This project is funded by Misereor and supported by OSDMA.

### Objectives

- ⌘ Improving the living conditions of 719 displaced families of Satabhaya to Bagapatia Resettlement Colony;
- ⌘ Facilitating skill building and providing material support for promoting alternative livelihoods for the communities;
- ⌘ Empowering the community to withstand and manage shocks and respond to and recover from the impact of climate hazards & displacement.

## Achievements

### Baseline Survey

- ⌘ The survey covered demography, livelihoods, migration, infrastructure, and other project indicators.
- ⌘ A focus group discussion was also conducted.
- ⌘ The extracted data and the results of the discussion were analyzed and the survey report was prepared.
- ⌘ This has been submitted to the OSDMA, Collector, BDO, and other Govt Officials.

### Capacity Building of Staff

- ⌘ A series of capacity building exercises were held on the following themes;
- ⌘ Implementation strategy
- ⌘ Case study writing and photography

- ⌘ Field based training on FGD and PRI tools
- ⌘ Program and finance reporting
- ⌘ Baseline survey format and online tool
- ⌘ SHG formation and strengthening
- ⌘ Program monitoring, evaluation and learning
- ⌘ Climate change, impacts, and data generation
- ⌘ Preparation of Community Contingency Plans (CCPs); Task Force formation & training needs

## **Collaborating & Engaging Stakeholders**

RCDC is implementing the program in close coordination with OSDMA, block and district level officials, government departments, PRI members, and community leaders and their institutions. Major activities undertaken towards it are as follows:

- ⌘ State Level Inception Workshop
- ⌘ District Level Inception Workshop
- ⌘ Block Level Inception Workshop
- ⌘ Block Level Planning Meeting

## **Strengthening of Community-Based Organisations (CBOs)**

Various CBO like Self Help Groups, SHG Federation (Women Mahasangha), Village Development Committee (VDC), Panchayat Development Committee (PDC) and Rehabilitation Committee (RC) are being strengthened by the project team.

### **Promotion of Village Development Committee (VDC)**

- ⌘ 4 VDCs named Grama Pragati Committees formed and oriented on the aims and objectives of VDC and their role and responsibilities.
- ⌘ Each VDC has a President & Secretary and they are elected democratically to coordinate the various activities of the concerned CBO.
- ⌘ One Panchayat Development Committee (PDC) for Satabhaya Gram Panchayat with the elected members from VDCs, PRI, and functionaries of education and health field and volunteers.

### **Promotion of Rehabilitation Committees (RC)**

- ⌘ One Rehabilitation Committee formed by the Gram Panchayat selecting members from the local community.
- ⌘ The capacity building of the members was conducted on 5th August 2022.
- ⌘ SHG identification, formation/reconstitution, orientation of members:
- ⌘ A total of 31 SHGs were strengthened in the operational area.

- ⌘ 20 SHGs developed their Micro-Income-Planning (MIP) for income generation activities.
- ⌘ 09 SHGs prepared in the cluster level meetings with the support of BPC and BPM of Rajnagar Block.
- ⌘ Discussions initiated for livelihood options like goatery, backyard poultry, tailoring and kitchen garden.

### Support for Livelihood Programs;

- ⌘ Trainings for animal husbandry, poultry, organic farming & nutrition/ herbal garden
- ⌘ Support provided for goatery, poultry & nutrition/ herbal garden

### Initiatives for Checking Migration

- ⌘ 24 youth migrants (both male & female) were counseled in 02 different sessions where they were also motivated to go for alternative livelihood opportunity at their own locality and attend relevant skill building programs.
- ⌘ The project team has initiated the registration of migrants under the Directorate of Labour, Govt. of Odisha.
- ⌘ It is also planned to create local employment opportunities for the migrants by linking with government schemes.
- ⌘ Six girls were facilitated to avail specialized 24 days training on tailoring from Mission Shakti.



<b>Name of the program</b>	: From Vulnerability to Stability: Empowerment of Chilika Fisher Folk and Landless communities in Odisha through environmental protection, access & control over local resources to establish fishing and land rights.
<b>Supported by</b>	: Action Village India, UK
<b>Target area</b>	: 6043 vulnerable families (about 5000 BPL households) having 22,949 populations in 32 villages of 9 GPs belonging to Brahmagiri and Krushnaprasad Blocks situated in and around Chilika lake.

## Back ground:

Due to degradation of coastal eco-system and high siltation, the area of Chilika Lake is decreasing and opening of new mouths of Chilika has ruined the estuarine character of the Lake. Protected Areas like the bird sanctuary, dolphin sanctuary followed by frequent movement of motor boats have created adverse impact on fishing activities and the outcome is low income. Many earning members of the families migrated to urban areas and other states in search of job. Now the women are bearing the brunt of household management along with day-to-day activities.

Shrinking space for commons and encroachments by the politically powerful people in and around Chilika Lake has manifested in the form of conflicts, displacement, deprivation, alienation and infringement of rights. Poor fisher-folks gradually became poorer and more vulnerable whereas the non-fisher-folks became more powerful.

Aiming at addressing the above issues RCDC has come forward and Action Village India has been extending its humanitarian support to get access to homestead land patta of the hundreds of landless poor families, helping in reviving the lost greenery on the Chilika and Sea Coast along with restoration of the livelihood activities to bring succor to the poorer households and end the vulnerability that has been witnessed since decades.

## Objectives

- ⌘ Strengthening livelihoods through accessing rights over Chilika, land rights and alternative livelihood options focusing on production, procurement, value addition, branding and marketing through institutions formed for the purpose.
- ⌘ Conservation of coastal ecology by preserving the local natural resources through awareness and minimizing the environmental degradation through plantation.
- ⌘ Minimizing the rate of migration in Chilika area by creating local livelihood opportunities and establishment of Shrama Bank( Labour Bank)

## Achievements

- ⌘ A total of 60 numbers of village level meetings were conducted in 31 numbers of villages on various dates. This resulted in better awareness about the land rights, availing the benefits of different government schemes and adopting alternate livelihood option for better living of the local people.

- ⌘ 2 numbers of Fishermen forum Meeting-Regional and 4 numbers of Fishermen forum Meeting-Local were conducted. The outcomes are;
- ⌘ Better understanding of the rights of the people.
- ⌘ Adopting alternative livelihood option with government financial support.
- ⌘ Better financial upliftment by adopting different schemes like nutritional garden, poultry, duckery, dry fish unit etc.
- ⌘ Obtaining confidence in meeting with government officials for addressing their issues.
- ⌘ Good governance meetings are being organized at Panchayat level where the representatives of Panchayat raj, village group leaders and villagers are participating. There is a positive shift in the mindset of the people after the meetings. Peoples are more responsive towards village development and more confident in meeting with different line department of government. They are in continuous touch with our project staff and officials of government line department in obtaining the benefits of different government schemes.
- ⌘ Quarterly meetings with bureaucrat on land right issues on Chilika are enhancing the social justice and empowerment of the local communities and ensuring the sustainable management of the lake ecosystem. They help the bureaucrat to understand and appreciate the land right issues of the local communities, to support and facilitate their legal recognition and entitlements, to prevent and resolve conflicts among different stakeholders, and to protect their livelihoods and resources. These programs were conducted to facilitate the interaction of the local people and local revenue inspector and other officers
- ⌘ A total of 5 numbers of Convergence of Govt. Schemes & Programmes program were conducted. These meetings and programs were conducted with the representatives of Odisha livelihood mission, horticulture department, forest department for the welfare of the village peoples. This has resulted in obtaining the convergence support of different government schemes to the local people
- ⌘ The district-level meetings with local officers and fisherman folk Chilika are an important step towards enhancing the social justice and empowerment of the fishing communities and ensuring the sustainable management of the lake ecosystem. They help the fisherman folk to voice their concerns and aspirations, to improve their knowledge and skills, to strengthen their solidarity and unity, and to protect their fishing rights and resources
- ⌘ Livelihood support: a total of 31 SHGs were supported within the reporting period with a financial support of Rs 41,250 per SHG making a total of Rs 1,278,750/-. These financial supports have been provided under 3 different themes i.e Dry Fish unit, Poultry and Duckery unit and Shrama Bank
- ⌘ In Chilika fringe villages a total of 500 households belonging to 19 different villages were supported with nutritional garden. Each family was supported with 25 numbers of chilly plants, 25 numbers of Brinjal Plants and 25 numbers of Tomato Plants. In addition, 1 packet each of pumpkin, cucumber, ridge gourd, bitter gourd and spinach seeds were provided
- ⌘ Plantation activities in coastal villages: The details of the plantations are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the village	Casurina	Cashew	Mangrove
1	MOTTO	17500	3000	7000
2	PADANPUIR	1200	300	
3	DHABASAH	1400	700	
4	BANDHAMUNDA BHOISAH	1800	800	
5	HARACHANDISAH	900	200	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22800</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>7000</b>

- ⌘ The organization has facilitated to apply 571 numbers of landless villagers to obtain the land right. As of now the revenue inspector has prepared the maps for 17 villages 200 peoples are eligible to obtain the land officially.



## Investing in future for sustainability

<b>Name of the program</b>	: Protecting the rights of children by building resilience of 2000 vulnerable Households in Odisha, India
<b>Supported by</b>	: ChildFund, Germany
<b>Target area</b>	: 1000 HH in 44 villages of 3 blocks in Kalahandi & Nuapada districts of Odisha

### Background:

The targeted population of Kalahandi and Nuapada districts of Odisha State is small and marginal farmers with a landholding of less than 5 acres. The climate of the area is challenging the farmers with repeated drought and crop failure during a normal year which forces the farmers to migrate (with or without their families) every year to cities in search of employment opportunities and work as daily wage laborers to survive from food insecurity. Money lenders and middle men take advantage of the situation and put this population into huge debt. These families move to city destinations and engage in seasonal work, construction activities, bricks making and live without adequate food, nutrition, less wage payments. Accompanied children engage themselves in low paid unskilled work and become vulnerable to different forms of exploitation including physical and sexual abuse, working in hazardous conditions as child laborers and trafficking. Attending school in the places of work is not possible because the children do not speak or understand the language.

### Objective

The resilience of 2000 vulnerable households in 88 villages in Odisha is strengthened and the rights of children are protected from the dangers of emergency migration.



## Achievements

As the program has just been launched the preparatory activities are in progress. Recruitment has been conducted, staff oriented, and preparations are on to set up community institutions and conduct the inception workshops at Block and District levels.





## Financial Health

**REGIONAL CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (RCDC)**

At-HIG-26, K-6, HOUSING SCHEME, PHASE-II, KALINGA VIHAR  
BHUBANESWAR, Dist-KHORDA  
ODISHA-751019

BALANCE SHEET AS ON  
31st March, 2023

PARTICULARS	SCH.	2022-23 (₹)	2021-22 (₹)
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS :</b>			
Capital Fund	1	10,851,351	2,096,756
Restricted Fund (Un-Spend Grant)	2	4,376,686	1,386,012
Staff Welfare Fund	4	1,514,080	1,597,757
Corpus Fund	5	7,055	5,945
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,749,172</b>	<b>5,086,470</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS :</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	3		
Gross Block		3,156,231	2,903,163
Less: Depreciation		573,241	483,684
Net Block		2,582,990	2,419,479
Gratuity Fund	6	972,490	1,164,741
<b>Current Assets, Loans and Advances:</b>			
Cash & Bank Balances	7	10,304,801	3,783,166
Loans & Advances	8	5,905,645	1,353,162
	(A)	16,210,446	5,136,328
<b>Less: Current Liabilities and Provisions</b>			
Current Liabilities	9	3,016,754	3,634,078
	(B)	3,016,754	3,634,078
Net Current Assets	(A-B)	13,193,692	1,502,250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,749,172</b>	<b>5,086,470</b>
Notes to Accounts	16		

The schedules referred to above form an integral part  
of the Balance Sheet  
As per our Separate Report of even Date

For A.K LENKA & CO.  
Chartered Accountants  
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st March, 2023

PARTICULARS	SCH.	2022-23 (₹)	2021-22 (₹)
<b>INCOME :</b>			
Grant-in-Aid			
Restricted Grants	10	48,638,323	21,340,845
<b>BANK INTEREST</b>			
On Saving Bank		265,138	133,347
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>			
Donations		742,625	1,115,158
Other Revenue	11 (A)	2,664,278	2,673,546
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>52,310,364</b>	<b>25,262,896</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE :</b>			
Utilisation of Restricted Grants	12	40,132,200	21,004,265
Administrative and other input costs	13 (A)	2,850,328	2,453,132
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42,982,528</b>	<b>23,457,397</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>		<b>9,327,836</b>	<b>1,805,499</b>
Less: Depreciation		573,241	483,683
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>8,754,595</b>	<b>1,321,816</b>
Notes to Accounts	16		

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of the Income & Expenditure Account.  
As per our Separate Report of even Date

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