



Quarterly Narrative Report

Women Empowerment Program

January 2017 to March 2017



Project title:	Women Empowerment Program
Project funding agency:	Bajaj Auto- Limited
Implementing organization:	CORD (Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development) At/Po- Deuladiha, PS-Telkoi, Dist-Kendujhar (ODISHA)
Operational areas:	Two most backward Panchayat in Odisha i.e Deuladiha & S.NPur Goda panchayat under Telkoi development block at district Kendujhar

➤ **Project background:**

Women are the backbone of the rural economy in developing countries. They are normally used to bear the primary responsibility for all the agricultural operations except ploughing. But less than 10% of women farmers in India have their own land. This is due to the fact that agricultural research, technical training and extension program have been primarily targeted at men. Which has created disparity in social status of men and women. The technological empowerment of women may help to reduce such a gap of social-economic status.

CORD's Women empowerment program focuses on using CORD's Community Base Organization (CBOs) of women groups called Mahila Mandals (MMs) to harness the strength of these women with a focus on marginalized populations. This program increases women knowledge, skills, mobility and organizational capacity etc.

Feminization in agriculture has kept pace with men movement in urban area in search of employment. Through Bajaj Auto Limited project, in two most backward panchayat of Odisha, CORD is empowering women in rural community since last nine months by practical training and demonstration of various activities, making them expert and self sufficient.

Project operational area, development block and panchayat under the project intervention

Two most backward Panchayat in Odisha I;e Deuladiha & S.NPur Goda panchayat under Telkoi development block at district Kendujhar

➤ **Identification of Women for special intervention under the program:**

From the month of July 2016 we had started this program at our two operational GPs i;e Deuladiha and S.NPur Goda. Selected 250 beneficiaries (partner) from our Mahila Mandals with an emphasis to poorest of the poor women on the most marginalized population and land holding who suffer from low socioeconomic status and lack of visible recognition by the society.

➤ **Panchayat wise list of women selected under the Program**

Panchayats	Total Women identified for special intervention	SC	ST	OBC	Gen	OC	MBC	BC
Deuladiha	145	41	37	67	0	0	0	0
S.NPur.Goda	105	03	48	54	0	0	0	0
2	250	44	85	121	0	0	0	0

➤ **Coverage of ward for special intervention**

Panchayats	Total No. of Ward	Total no. of ward covered during last reporting period	Total no. of new ward covered during current reporting period	Total ward covered till date
Deuladiha	13	7	0	7
S.N Purgoda	11	5	0	5
Total till date	24	12	0	12

➤ **Formation of Mahila Mandal (Women Groups)**

Panchayats	Total no. of Mahila Mandal (MMs) formed till last reporting period (Oct-Dec,2016)		Total no. of Mahila Mandal formed during this reporting period (Jan-Mar,2017)		Total no. of MMs & members covered till date		Grade			
	No. of MMs	No. of Members	No. of MMs	No. of Members	No. of MMs	No. of Members	No. of MMs in A grade	No. of MMs in B grade	No. of MMs in C grade	No. of MMs in D grade
Deuladiha	8	361	0	7	8	368	5	2	1	0
S.N Purgoda	6	175	0	6	6	181	2	4	0	0
Total till date	14	536	0	13	14	549	7	6	1	0

We have 14 Mahila Mandals in our Bajaj Auto Limited program operational area in 1st quarter. In the 2nd quarter we have not increased the number but 25 new members joined in Mahila Mandal. In the current quarter more 13 members joined in the group. More and more new members are interest to join in Mahila Mandal. They are actively participating in different social activities.



➤ **Formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs)**

Panchayats	Total no. SHG formed	Total number of women members	Grade			
			No. of SHG in A grade	No. of SHG in B grade	No. of SHG in C grade	No. of SHG in D grade
Deuladiha	39	427	15	16	5	3
S.N Purgoda	15	167	6	6	3	0
Total	54	594	21	22	8	3

In our program area these are 52 SHGs before. In this quarter 2 news SHGs was formed. We have giving importance to enrich the quality and gradation of SHGs. More and more training are giving on their capacity building for their income generation activities.

➤ **Formation of Adolescent groups (AGs)**

Panchayats	Total no. of Adolescent groups formed	Total number of Adolescent members	Grade			
			No. of AG in A grade	No. of AG in B grade	No. of AG in C grade	No. of AG in D grade
Deuladiha	8	77	4	2	2	0
S.N Purgoda	1	8	1	0	0	0
Total	9	85	5	2	2	0

We have started a new batch of cutting, stitching and tailoring program including 30 girls. Frequently awareness program on health, menstrual hygiene, sanitation and nutrition are taught to them.

➤ **Formation of Balbihars**

Panchayats	Total no. of Balvihar groups formed	Total number of Children members
Deuladiha	5	63
S.N Purgoda	3	28
Total	8	91

Every Sunday Balvihar classes are conducted by our CORD team members. The students are trained with Geeta and Mantras chanting, painting competition, Music and dancing. Now parents are more interested to enroll their child in Balvihar class.

➤ **Status of poorest of the poor and vulnerable household covered under women institution under the program**

Panchayat	Poorest of the poor		Disable women	No. of HHs having disability	Single women	Divorcee women	Women headed HHs
	BPL	Those family who are not in BPL list but actually poorest of the poor					
Deuladiha	90	111	0	4	9	0	2
S.N Purgoda	67	101	0	2	2	0	2
No. of new HHs enrolled during the current reporting quarter (Jan-Mar,2017)							
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total till date	157	212	0	6	11	0	4

➤ **Understanding of socio-economic status of operational area under the project (Participatory Rapid Rural Appraisal baseline survey):**

➤ **Concept building trainings to leaders of Mahila Mandal:**

Panchayat	No. of training conducted	No. Mahila Mandal's leaders trained
Deuladiha	42	585
S.N Purgoda	36	475

The Mahila Mandal leaders are trained twice on concept building on Bajaj Auto Limited program in our centre. In the field level we have arranged demonstration cum practical training on organic manure, pesticides and azolla



cultivation. Again and again they are motivated to adopt this technique for their benefit. In this quarter CORD provide practical training cum demonstration on basic health care and sanitation.

➤ **Promotion of Kitchen Gardening**

Panchayat	No. of HHs started Kitchen Gardening (Oct-Dec,2016)	No. of new HHs started Kitchen gardening (Jan- Mar,2017)	No. of HHs started till date	No. of HHs producing sufficient vegetable	No. of HHs producing surplus
Deuladiha	145	145	145	73	31
S.N Purgoda	105	105	105	50	34

Each women farmer encouraged to develop their kitchen garden. In the 2nd quarter we have supplied them 6 types of vegetable seeds with 15 kgs of potato and 400gms of mustard seeds to each farmers. From this they maintain their daily requirement and sold the surplus. This time they are much more interested and cultivating in more lands. In this quarter also provide them 5 types of vegetable seeds.



➤ **Promotion of System of Rice Intensification (SRI):**

Panchayat	No. of HHs adopted SRI (Oct-Dec,2016)	No. of new HHs started SRI (Jan-Mar,2017)	Total Farmer (till date)	Total land covered
Deuladiha	26	0	26	7.5 acres
S.NPurgoda	58	0	58	22.4 acres

We have trained on new technique of paddy cultivation from very beginning of monsoon. In this period 84 farmers adopted the technique in near about 30 acres of land. So lead farmers also used azolla as organic manure in the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) field. Recently we made a comparison between tradition method and SRI through crop cutting. Maximum farmers harvested twice and more than that production than the previous year. So they are highly interested to adopt this method in more and more lands in coming year.

➤ **Pulses cultivation under crop diversification:**

Panchayat	No. of HHs started Pulses cultivation (Oct-Dec,2016)	No. of new HHs started Pulses cultivation (Jan-Mar,2017)	Total HHs (till date)	land covered
Deuladiha	0	102	102	6.0 acres
S.NPurgoda	0	98	98	7.5 acres

➤ **Promotion of Cash crops/vegetables as a commercial level**

Panchayat	No. of HHs started cash crops/ vegetables cultivation (Oct-Dec,2016)	No. of new HHs started cash crops/ vegetables cultivation (Jan-Mar,2017)	Total HHs (till date)	Total area covered under the cultivation
Deuladiha	145	30	175	16.5 acres
S.NPurgoda	105	65	170	18.0 acres

In this quarter each members are supplied with 400 gms of mustard seeds and 25 lead farmers are supplied with vegetable



seeds for commercial purpose. Especially in S.NPurgoda G.P due to availability of water 65 farmers are supplied 40 kgs sunflower seeds. In Deuladiha GP 18 farmers are doing watermelon cultivation in 12.5 acres of land. Total 22.5 acres of land are cultivated for cash crop.

➤ **Promotion of Backyard Poultry :**

Panchayat	No. of HHs started Backyard poultry (Oct-Dec,2016)	No. of new HHs started Backyard poultry (Jan-Mar,2017)	Total HHs (till date)
Deuladiha	0	40	40
S.NPurgoda	0	50	50

In this period, we have completed 90 units of poultry cages but due to spread of Ranikhet disease we shifted supply of chicks to month of June



➤ **Promotion of Azolla cultivation**

Panchayat	No. of HHs started Azolla cultivation (Oct-Dec,2016)	No. of new HHs started Azolla cultivation (Jan-Mar,2017)	Total HHs covered (till date)
Deuladiha	21	2	23
S.NPurgoda	19	2	21

Previously we had constructed 40 units of azolla pond. In this quarter 4 new azolla units are prepared . They are using it as cattle feed, goat and poultry. Some farmers are using it in paddy field. Azolla showed marvelous antiaging character among cattle's. Now it becomes popular among farmers.



➤ **Up Gram Sabha and Gram Sabha facilitated:**

Panchayat	No. of Up gram Sabha facilitated (Oct-Dec,2016)		No. of Up gram Sabha facilitated (Jan-Mar,2017)	
	No of Up Gram Sabha	Total nob of members participated	No of Up Gram Sabha	Total nob of members participated
Deuladiha	14	738	07	485
S.NPurgoda	10	556	05	411

Previously no women attended the Gram Sabha and Up Gram Sabha. Again and again due to awareness program by CORD staffs, more and more female members are attending the Gram Sabha and UP Gram Sabha. They are demanding their rights and asking about different schemes to government officers. Recently they demanded to stop alcohol and organized a rally from Gram Panchayat to Block office. In the month of February, 2017 three tier Panchayat Raj election was held in Odisha. In which 9 women members are elected as Gram Panchayat and Panchayat Samitee member from our program operational area.

➤ **Promotion of Bio formulation**

Panchayat	No. of HHs adopted during the last reporting quarter (Oct-Dec),2016)					
	Panchgavya	Ghana jibaamruit	Vermi wash	Matka Khad	Dashparni	IPM practices
Deuladiha	103	6	0	100	95	10

S.NPurgoda	83	6	0	85	117	16
	No. of new HHs adopted during current reporting quarter (Jan-Mar,2017)					
	72	18	0	37	92	13
Total till date	258	30	0	222	304	39

In the previous quarter we have demonstrated to make Panchagavya, Matka khad and Dasparni. They applied in their vegetable field and got very good result. Recently more and more women farmers are applying this in their field.

➤ **Capacity Building training conducted**

Subject of training	No. of Participant trained	No of participants adopted learning's of trainings
Training on Azolla cultivation.	186	44
Training on Basic health care & sanitation	195	85
Training on organic farming (Panchagavya, Matka khad & Dasparni)	352	307



Minor Irrigation Pump:

As per sustainable agriculture practices, CORD supplied 4 nos minor irrigation pump set of 3.1 HP and 1.5 HP to 4 groups of Deuladiha and S.NPurgoda GPs. These groups were contributed 30% of the total cost. For proper management of these pump sets selected one person from each group as caretaker / person in-charge. In group level decided to collect Rs.30/- per hour from group members and Rs.60/- from outsiders including fuel.



Action Plan for next Quarter (April -June, 2017)

Year -2017

Sr.No	Planed Activities	April	May	June
1	Input of seed material for Kharif/Rabi vegetables	0	10000	0
2	Training on green gram cultivation for crop diversification	20000	0	0
3	Training on seed input on SRI	0	18800	0

4	Training on nursery raising in low poly tunnel	21000	0	0
5	Training on basic health care and sanitation	800	800	800
6	Demonstration on back yard poultry units	15506	15506	0
7	Seed money to Mahila Mandal on performance bases	0	18000	0
8	Demonstration of maize	0	0	1880
9	Women farmer experience sharing program	6000	0	0
	Travelling of Resource and monitoring team from CORD Sidhbari	6000	0	0
	Salary of staff for institutional capacity building of CBOs & activities	45405	45405	45405
	Travelling, PoL, rep and maintenance of vehicle	9431	9431	9431
	Communication/telephone/utility/contingency, electricity etc.	3500	3500	3500
	Auditor fee/ ME	800	800	800
	Total	128442	122242	61816

Conclusion:

CORD at Deuladiha is working since 12 years with CBOs like Mahila Mandals, Self Help Groups, and Farmer Club etc. Bajaj Auto Limited program has started from July 2016 with marginalized women farmers, which is inspiring the ladies for working actively and sincerely. Because they are getting Income Generation Activities with advance scientific technique and knowledge. Then more and more villagers are interested for working under this program.

Approved by Project Director



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