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## Message From The Founder & Secretary

Dear Friends,

**I**t gives me immense pleasure to present the 22nd annual report of AJSA for the year 2011-12. AJSA, in its existence of more than two decades has strived for creating an effective pool for national and global advocacy from root level to global platforms, on behalf the poorest poor. In the following pages you will see an overview of the activities. And you will see, How AJSA undertook various development initiatives including Agriculture, livelihood promotion and Natural resource management, Disaster risk response activities in last year's. And we believe for a proper development process, a strong, self-reliant community needs to be built up, in root level. That's why, AJSA has always given priority for strengthening the communities that are involved and committed to a better tomorrow while they strive to become self-reliant.

Despite of Many Hurdles, limitations and barriers of socio-political structures, we persistently continued our work, organized the vulnerable sections, people and society, fought along with them against land lords, liquor merchants, Local mafia's, money-lenders, and land grabbers. We began our mission from one village to another village and we grew over thousands of people number of villages in different locality and areas. In many extent we are able to address the problems of starvation death, high indebtedness, scanty and unequal land distribution, tribal land alienation, food scarcity high rates of illiteracy, the regular occurrence of drought, issues related to migration, lack of essential health services and minimum education facilities. Through these changes one thing is remaining same – the poor people's Hope, faith and confidence in us.. Always provide us the courage and the audacity to go forward.

AJSA has always given priority and launched itself taken up with convection of doing the best in the existing situation in its Operational area's with its limited resources and capability with an energetic and humble motive to help the tribal and down trodden, who are being exploited and being struggle off.

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**AJSA , Bolangir (Odisha)**

This year we have been particularly proud of our programme S.L.M.G.N.R.E.G.A to create awareness on MGNREGA in root level and to make more effective in every village of our operational area. And as a result we are able to forward much to our original goal by



our activities. And we have treated MGNREGA as a demand driven programme, We have continued our work to create a pool resource persons from District to state level, For proper implementation of NREGA work, as well as to make the act more effective in our operational areas.

On behalf of AJSA Family I am thankful Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT), Ford Foundation, Chetna Organic, Action aid, India for providing programmatic and financial support to AJSA . And I am also grateful to the supportive government officials, research organizations, Network partners and several individuals and our advisors for their significant contribution, guidance and cooperation, have made our team work enjoyable and effective.

I extend my gratitude to all the families, community members, women leaders and villagers of our operational areas for providing us support in our every step and help us to create new milestone's through our interventions, i think, all our efforts would have remained incomplete without their active participation in our programs and activities.

**Banshidhar Behera**  
**Founder & Secretary**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Banshidhar Behera', written over a horizontal line.

# Acronyms



- AJSA-Anchalika Jana Seva Anusthan
- AZM-Azad Shramik Mahasangh
- CACL-Campaign against Child Labour
- CBO Community Based Organisation
- CFM -Community Forest Management
- CRIN-Child Rights Information Information Network
- CSO -Civil Society Organisation
- CDKN-Climate and Development Knowledge Network
- CDRN-Corporate Disaster Resource Network
- DFDN-Development From Disaster Network
- DRR-Disaster Risk Reduction
- EC-Executive Committee
- EWP-End Water Poverty
- FES-Foundation For Ecological Security
- FPC-Forest Protection Committee
- FSC-Food Security Committee
- GDN-Global Development Network
- GNDR-Global Network For Disaster Reduction
- GP-Gram Panchayat
- GWP-Global Water Partnership
- JFM Joint Forest Management
- JSC-Job Seeker Committee
- IAG-Inter Agency Group
- IAY-Indira Awaas Yojana
- ICC-Indian Chamber Of Commerce
- ICDS-Integrated Child Development Schemes
- MDM-Mid-Day Meal
- SLMGNREGA-Sustainable livelihood and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- NGO Non-Governmental Organisation
- NRHM-National Rural Health Mission
- NRM-Natural Resource Management
- NTFP Non-Timber Forest Produce
- NADRR-National Alliance For Disaster Risk Reduction
- OSDMA-Odisha State Disaster Management Authority
- OTELP-Orissa Tribal Empowerment & Livelihood Programme
- PDS-Public Distribution System
- PCI-Project Concern International
- PRI-Panchayati Raj Institution
- RTI -Right to Information
- SC- Scheduled Caste
- ST- Scheduled Tribe
- SHG -Self Help Group
- SMPU-Samuhik Marudi Pratikar Udayam
- SPS-Samaj Pragati Sahayog
- SRI-Systems of Rice Intensification
- ST -Scheduled Tribe
- SUSANA- Sustainable Sanitation Alliance
- VDC-Village Development Committee
- WHS-Water Harvesting Structure
- WONC-Western Odisha NREGA Consortium
- WOVA-Western Odisha Voluntary Association
- WSSCC-Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
  
- WUA-Water Users Association

# 1-Who We Are

## i- About AJSA

**AJSA** is a grass root level Community Based organization (**CBO**) based in bolangir district of odisha in india, Facilitating community development initiatives since 1989,working towards the root cause of **Poverty and social injustice** and for the down trodden and under privileged section of the Society. It is a nonpolitical, non-profit motive social development organization involved in sustainable development initiatives since inception.

AJSA was formed by local poor people of bongomnuda block in the bolangir district,to work for the socio-economic development of small and marginal farmers, landless labour,agricultural labour,bonded labour as well as women, children and other weaker deprived sections of the society. The vision of the organization is to draw upon grass root level workers, volunteers, and suppressed people of the society and work with them to create awareness for **sustainable development** through constructive work and struggles. Its strategy is to empower the vulnerable sections of the society by building their capacities, for the cause of overall development of the communities in backward regions, by focusing on under privileged sections of the society in ground level from the beginning. The spheres of its work are governed by issues related to agriculture, livelihood, health, education, environment and Disaster Risk Reduction etc.

## ii- Vision & Mission Statement

Our vision is to bring about a revolutionary socio-economic development, To penetrate the technology and infrastructure to the very grass root of rural civilization. And to draw the grass root level,Worker,volunteers and suppressed people of the society,Worker to create awareness among them for constructive work and movementry work as well.

Our **mission** is to utilize the natural resources, Human resources and physical resources most judiciously for the Sustainable **Socio-economic development** of the society and empower the unprivileged sections,SCs, STs, Women, Disabled persons,Small and marginal farmers. Such that they too can become the part mainstream development activity.

Over all, To establish a society where there will be no poverty and injustice and where the people play the role as subject in the **economic social,cultural** and political process that affects their life. And to build a society where people have constant access to decision making process and the Power that affects their life.



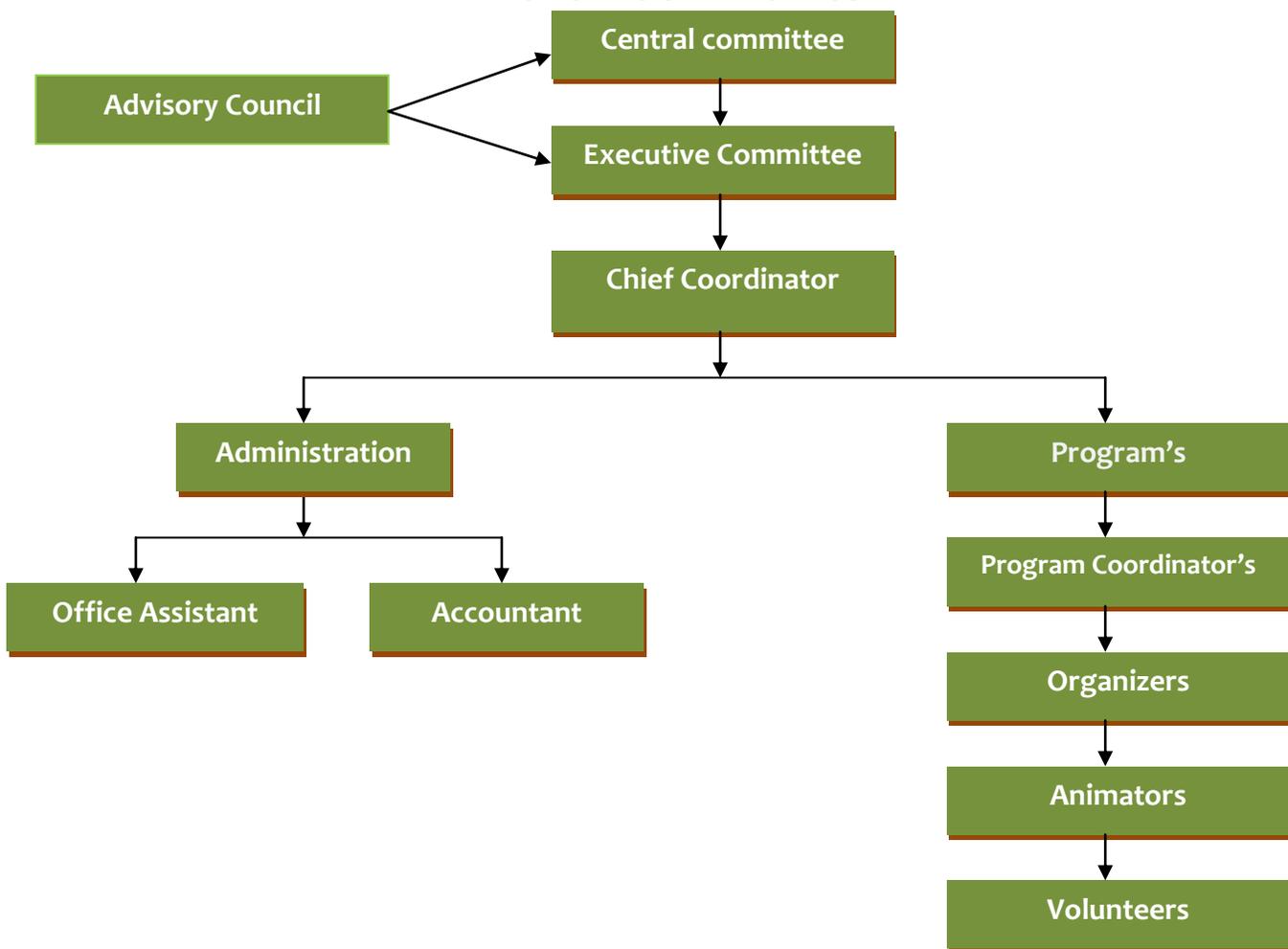
# 2-How We Work

## i-Our Management system

There is a central committee consisting of 70 nos. of members as an apex body being responsible for overall management and policy decision of the organization. For day to day functioning and conception and implementation of programs and policies. Central committee has authorized an executive committee. The executive committee delegates its power to the secretary as the chief functionary to liaison on behalf the society reporting to funding partners, co-coordinating implementation of its program activities, mobilization of resources and Acts as the spokesperson of the organization. The present Executive Committee consists of 7 members including 3 women. It normally sits 12times in a year with executive committee to have an overview of project activities and review performance of the organization based on the vision and mission of the organisation.

There is a program management team headed by the secretary, Each Programme is headed by respective Programme coordinators. Who also looks after accounts, administration, for their respective programs, who also reports the executive committee in every month. The team sits in each month to review the program and to take corrective measures and plan for the next Stage.

### ORGANOGRAM OF AJSA



## ii- Target Population

- Schedule Caste and Tribes
- Poor tribal communities
- Small and Marginal farmers,
- Physically Challenged, Disabled Persons
- Landless farmers
- Migrant families,
- Women and children belonging to poor Families
- Old age Persons
- PRI Functionaries

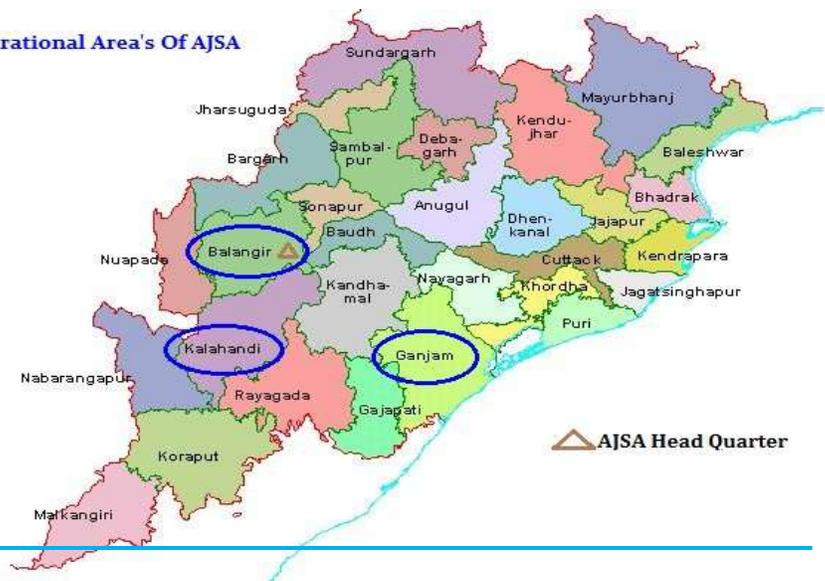


## 3-Where We Work-

### i- Introduction to our operational areas

The area of operation of AJSA is throughout the Orissa rendering the service for the betterment of Tribal, socio-economically backward community, Disabled persons, small farmers, landless & women community. Presently AJSA working on 3 district of Orissa (Balangir, Kalahandi, Ganjam). AJSA selected its area of operations initially in bongomunda block of bolangir district and later expand to other districts of Orissa. This geographical coverage area is complex, diverse and risk prone and considered among the most backward regions of the country. Currently AJSA is working directly in 15 locations spread across 03 backward districts in Orissa. Through its programs of Agriculture, self-help group development, Food security, women's empowerment, Capacity Building, vocational skill building and youth development, disaster management, primary health, primary education and locally essential infrastructure development. Through its Intervention's AJSA is directly touching the lives of over 83000 people by covering 3 Districts, 4 Blocks and 33 villages in Orissa.

Operational Area's Of AJSA



## ii- Geographical area of operations for field projects

Districts	Blocks	No. of G.P covered	No. of villages covered	Total Population-District	Total no. Of SC'S-District	Total No. Of St's-District	Total Population Covered
Bolangir	Bongomunda	22	126	1,648,574	2,05,302	2,09,182	72,556
	Titlagarh	05	25				4,052
Kalahandi	M.Rampur	02	10	1,65,4589	2,18,255	3,02,073	2,546
Ganjam	Beguniapada	04	22	3,42,5478	3,52,456	86,068	3,877

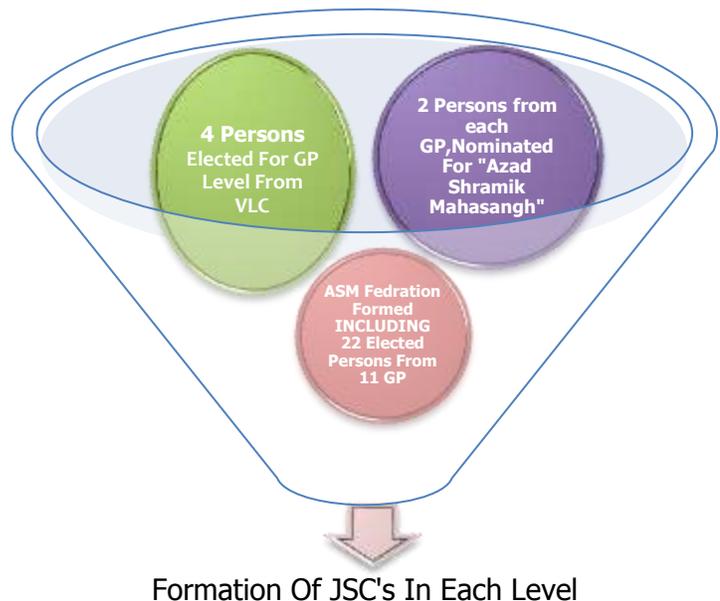
## 4-Major Intervention's Of The Year

### i-Sustainable Livelihood and MGNREGA-

This initiative, supported by Ford Foundation since 2007, with a working domain comprised of **11** GP's including **57** Villages. Ensuring the entitlements, building participatory and transparent planning process and implementation systems at village, Panchayat and block level and taking up pilots and innovations are key activities carried out in this project.

The key strategy adopted by AJSA is to ensure mass participation in MGNREGA in different level's. The Job seeker's committee (JSC) at village level and job seeker federation's in panchayat and block level are organised in order to speed up the MGNREGA implementation and also to address issues related to implementation of work as demanded by the job seekers timely measurement and payment, ensuring quality of work and social audit processes at panchayat level. The JSC's and panchayat and block federation's are actively involved in awareness and campaigning programme organised in village, panchayat and block level's.

After the involvement of AJSA in its operational panchayat's since 2007-08, the process and procedures have got streamlined, the campaign mode has been chosen ensure that MGNREGA is implemented as a demand driven programme. Now AJSA playing a vital role in mobilising household's for registration getting job cards, providing motivation to submit work demand application



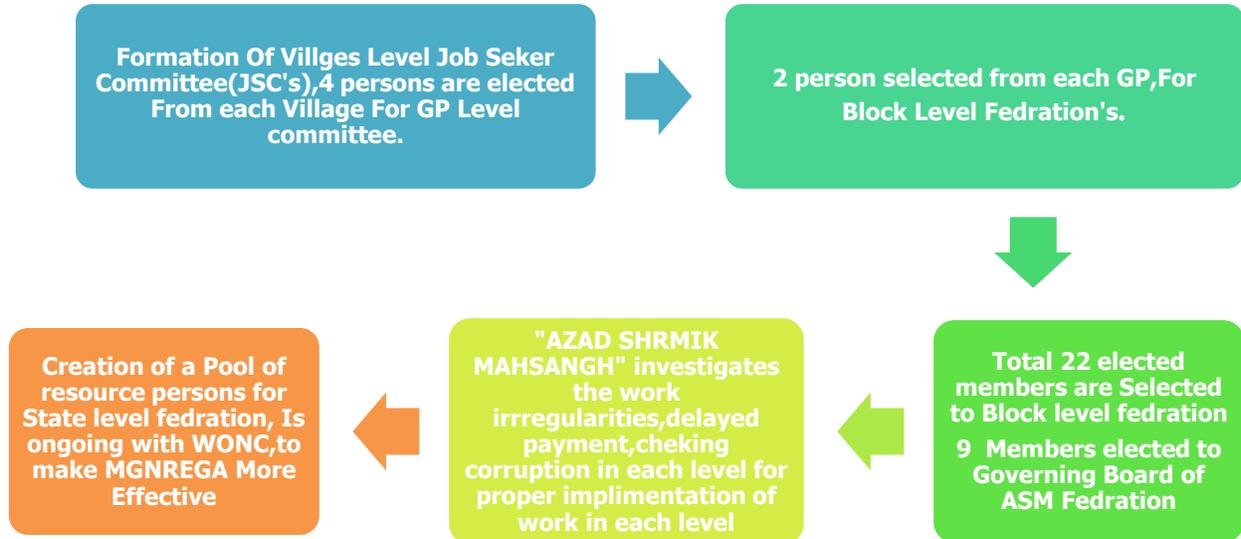
in groups providing assistance in getting receipts for work application, and ensuring minimum wages to all.

The effort now is to strengthen the institution framework at the habitation level so as to fortify the panchayat ensuring effective governance at panchayat and village level for effective and efficient implementation of MGNREGA work. Around **14,000** registered NREGS workers were organized into around **57** groups at village level, 11 group's at GP level, 1 Block level federation's in operational area's respectively which acted as platforms for collective action. To Cater to the need of the job seekers, "Azad Shramik Mahasangh(AZM)" a Block level Federation further integrated with the 11 Groups of GP Level. and they developed their strategy according to the Guidelines of MGNREGA, For proper implementation for proper advocacy and Lobby in every level. At the block level, members of JSC's organised a rally to demand work, and proper payment of wages, in Bongomunda Block. The leadership was provided by the federation 'Azad Shramik Mahasangh'. Subsequently, the access to basic entitlements of NREGA has improved a lot, in comparison to other villages due to proper advocacy and Lobby by the JSC's in all levels. The Organisation also has plans to develop a pool of resource persons(Federation) in District and state level for effective implimentaion Of MGNREGA.



The better access to NREGS entitlements has resulted into better livelihood options with increased cash income, increased investments in lands and decrease in distress migration in the project villages. In the non-project villages, this percentage of application based provision of work is negligible. The improvement is also visible with regard to the work site facilities and the relevant awareness levels among the workers.

From the very beginning, the JSC' have taken up some pilot initiatives under the guidance of AJSA to move beyond wage income and build on the gains secured by NREGS entitlements. The interventions include initiating discussions among the wage labor groups for adapting sustainable agriculture practices, non-pesticide management, mixed cropping, composting, kitchen gardens, vegetable cultivation etc. Such interventions are towards securing maximum wages and investments for development of land and water resources from NREGS and supporting the job card holding families to capitalize on those benefits. At the village level, effort has led to increasing people's confidence in checking cheating and misappropriation in the NREGA, Corruption ratio and payment disturbance is minimised. In every operational village, people were able to demand for payment jobs as well as for their rights.



Through giving constant effort in work and by persistant follow-up's with PRI's ,Government official's,job seeker committee and Fedration's.we are abe to make MGNREGA more effective by assuring that the implimentation will be true to the spirit and will be done as per the objectives of the action in our operational area's. As well as, As a facilitator- AJSA empowered the community leaders, PRI members and other stakeholders so that they could stand for their rights and entitlements enshrined in the Act.



SL NO	Works covred Through JSC'S	Before Intervention	After Intervention	Total No. of Male Job Card Holders'	Total No Of Female Job Card Holders	BUDGET (INR)
1	MGNREGA Check Dam	0	04	82	115	41,000,00
2	Road Work	08	10	150	220	30,00,000
3	Tank Renovation	05	15	285	416	75,00,000
4	New WHS's(Water Harvesting Structures)	0	05	210	275	50,00,000
5	Farm Pond	12	22	86	124	11,00,000

SL. No	Achievement's(Till March 2012)	Before Initiation Of Project	After Initiation Of the Project
1	Total no. Of Job card holders	4554	6642
2	Total No. Of Job Card Issued	6354	6642
3	Total A/C opened For Job card holders in bank	2169	4491
4	Total A/C opened for Job card holders in post office	0	959
5	Total Migration Household Covered	1367	2054
6	Total Migration Population Covered	2776	3075
7	Total job demanded through JSC's	800	1980

### Programme Highlight's And Key Achievement's

- Baseline survey and MLP's were conducted in **33** operational villages.
- Total Household Covered-**6469**
- Total population was covered under project-**27103**
- Across 41 villages in Bolangir, MGNREGA laborers demanded jobs, and received job demand slips with the advocacy of AJSA
- **33** Village Level, **18** GP Level, 07 Block level meetings were organized. Where **1854** participants have participated.
- A JOB SEEKER Federation (**Azad Shramik Mahasangh(ASM)** ) has been formed For the job seekers, for proper lobby and advocacy for GP, Block and District Level.
- During the year, **60** capacity-building training programs were arranged for village communities, run either by project staff or by external resource specialists. These covered topics such as leadership, NREGS, Micro level planning, Panchayati Raj and gender issues.
- In our operational area's, every villager is now having their own job card and **100** Days work, Migration ratio has minimized to **30%** ,because job opportunities are created at village level.
- **6** GP Level Awareness camps were organized In Dengaon, Gandhrla, Chandotara GP, where 208 persons participated including 150 Male and 58 Female Participants.
- Field bundling and plantations and compost pits are done 12 villages through the contineous efforts of Azad Shramik Mahasangh (ASM).
- For proper awareness and for Program visibility Wall writing, Street plays, leaflet distribution and rallies were organized in **33** Villages.
- **07** Block level interface meeting and **05** Trainings were arranged.

"Samaj Pragati Sahayog(SPS) and WONC both are very pleased to be working with AJSA on the Sustainable Livelihood and MGNRGEA project with Jobseekers and other stakeholders in Bolangir district. Despite of many hurdles and challenges they persisted with their work to Make NREGA more effective, in their operational areas. "

Through this project, AJSA has successfully implemented by Ensuring the entitlements, building participatory and transparent planning process and implementation systems at village, Panchayat and block level.

**Sarat Ku. Rath**  
Senior Programme Officer (SPS),  
Senir Netwok Coordinator(WONC).



**WONC**



## The Case Of Rathi Bhoi

The village Batharla is situated in 20 kilometers away from Bongomunda block of Bolangir district. Most of the people are basically farmer. With the Scarcity Of Potable water as well as water for agriculture is the major issue of this area. The people of Batharla Were facing many hurdles in their day to day life. Rathi Bhoi is an marginal farmer in Batharla. Whose land was barren and served for no purpose and considered as waste lands. He has 4 children's who are studying. As he was the sole breadwinner in his family it was with great difficulty that he was able to sustain his family.



He works as a daily wage laborer on other peoples land and elsewhere in his village. Rathi bhoi did not mind the kind of work that he was doing as that point of time it was important for his to earn enough so that he could feed his family members on same occasion his wife also accompany him for in order to enough for the family. Thus life was a desperate struggle for Rathi. He has regularly attended grama sabha meeting, and through such meeting he got himself and his wife enrolled in the scheme, and after two years a farm pond was constructed on his own land. And he along with his wife and 15 other worked on that. The equal and sufficient waged have brought a ray of hope in his live. Their homestead land was lying fallow when the project team motivated him to undertake homestead farming. After he prepared the land and fenced the area, he planted papaya and ground peanut with support and guidance from the project. He was supplied with adequate fertilizers and pesticides. The papaya plants started fruiting and he was able to supplement her household food basket as well as have marketable surplus to add to the household income. This year he has earned 45000 Rupees as profit. Now he started growing vegetables like tomato, onion, lady finger, culliflower in his own land, to increase financial capacity and to full fill the basic needs of the family.

## ii- Organic Farming-

Now a day's, pesticide and fertilizers agriculture prevails almost everywhere. At the root level, organic farmers and small nonchemical farmers face many challenges like challenge of diminishing yields, the challenge of falling markets and rising wage rates etc. in the present day, and there are many issues that need to be addressed. Seeking to address many of these challenges, and AJSA took up a project of organic Farming in the remotest, and most underdeveloped Panchayats in Bolangir this year. With a support from chetna Organic, this organic farming project was facilitated in five villages of each Gram Panchayats

The key motive of this intervention is to create awareness on environmental friendly techniques & practices of cultivation, By primarily aiming to Help the farmers for improve cultivation practices and introduce processes of low external inputs to strengthen their agricultural economy & livelihood.

In this context 28 village level training programs for farmer's on organic farming, bio-pesticides and composting have been organized. Specific efforts have been made to ensure women participation in all these training programs. The topics related to promotion of Farmers Organization and development of their leadership quality are covered along with organic farming training programs. Monthly meetings and savings are regular activities of farmer's groups in the operational area's. In the meeting the members discuss organic farming practices and different developmental activities.



A total 3 krushak mela's have been organized at panchayat level where 121 farmers have participated. The farmers shared their experience and learnt from each other on cultivation of different crops in organic method. 7 village level training programs were conducted for farmers' on following topic's.

1. Organic Agriculture
2. Vegetable cultivation and kitchen gardening
3. Onion Cultivation and Preservation
4. Sri Paddy Cultivation

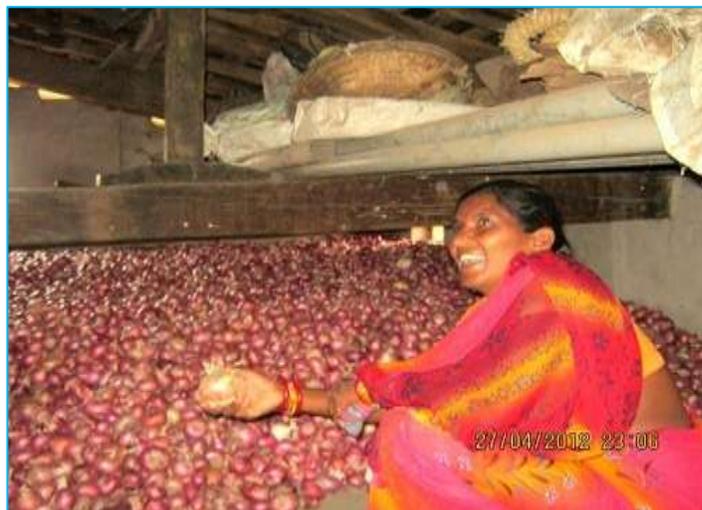
Back up support was provided through training and capacity building programmes which has helped the farmers internalise organic farming concepts, and take up non-chemical techniques of cultivation using mulches, green manure, and crop rotation in addition to the vermin compost and digesters to have better yields. Efforts for helping farmers improve soil fertility, through crop

diversification, re-cycling waste through composting, and other organic manures, pest reduction through organic means has been introduced in the irrigated areas, so that farmers can have a better crop, and cut down on the extensive shifting cultivation practices.

2 Farmers were selected from each village to implement all standards of organic agriculture with an intention that other farmers will be learning from the model farmers will be learning from the model. Farmers on different organic cropping practices.7 farmers constructed the onion storage unit from NHM Scheme,Vegetable&onion Seed's,pumpset's and agricultural equipment's were distributed to the farmers in collaboration with agriculture department under atma project.

Now AJSA is planning to link up with institutions like APEDA, for the certification of organic onion and SRI Paddy Cultivation for the farmers of this area. By which farmers can get a better price while exporting to the market. for which all farmers of operational areas have been encouraged to take up a organic cultivation in a collective manner.

Especially we were pleased this year to be recognised by the India International Organic forum conference Bhubaneswar, for our valuable contribution towards Farmers in the field of Organic Farming.



### **iii- Empowering Women, Building their capacities**

Basically in rural Odisha, women are not involved in the village decision making process, their roles are very minimal in the public affairs of every village .A key to the capacity building of women is to ensure that "they have a voice and are involved in taking decisions that will impact the people in a village. To address these kinds of issues SHG (Self Help Group's) have been formed at village level. Which help women in a village come together to collectively address their problems.

The objective behind these groups is to help women increase their savings and access small credits, but gradually this turns into a platform enhance the capacities, where women speak out and gain confidence, which enabling them to voice their opinions in village meetings (Gram Sabha's)and become active participants in the village development process. This year AJSA Has further worked in joint collaboration with Adhar Bolangir and Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, on certain issues

with women group's, and now the leadership for grassroots advocacy on issues such as the Forest Rights Act, Right to Information, Anti-liquor Struggle, and NREGS, in which there is rampant corruption rests with the women.

Generally in rural areas, women bear the major economic burden of poverty, as they are earning members, even as the care of the family falls on their frail shoulders. Thus organisation building was a tough challenge, as there was little time for village women to even look up from their family work, and other works. Yet, we found surprising strength and resilience in every way. Now women are coming to



the fore front, not only in addressing gender issues and participating in village development processes, But also they now able to issue their own job card's, they demand their jobs in panchayat offices and now they are taking active participation NREGA and different schemes .They are able to free their villages from Local Mahajan's (Money lender's) and by providing loan with small interest rate to needy families in emergency times. In some villages women are playing a very strong role for banishing liquors.

From the very beginning, AJSA has persistently worked with women's groups and committee's at the village, Panchayat and block level's to help them address issues of denial of rights, and privileges. This space enables women to develop the confidence that they need to be able to speak out even when men are present. In a village council meeting, this allows women to play a greater role in the decision making process.AJSA sought to address these problems through a multi-pronged process of organisation building, training and skill development, and livelihood supports that focused on rural and dalit women, sought to help them have a measure of empowerment, and build up sustainable livelihoods option's.



**“AJSA has given me the confidence to speak out at village Meetings and Panchayat Sabhas”**

(Purnami Mahanand a 43 Year's old Woman Leader from Banjupadar Village of Bolangir District.)



### Major Achievements

- 22 capacity building training sessions were delivered reaching more than 200 participants from 2 GP's. And 2 GP level Public hearing sessions were organized to provide more informations, leveraging information on PDS, ICDS schemes, where 104 female participants and 74 male participants were participated including Sarpanch and Govt. Officials.
- Around 40 Village Executive Committees (VEC) formed where members of women's are much more than gent's.
- An increased women's role in community development initiatives, now they are taking equal participation in village decision making process.
- 543 Job card were issued through women leader's, they demanded job Panchayat offices for their respective villages.
- A rally was also conducted by these women leader's in bongomunda to ensure 100 day's work for women where they demanded equal wage payment, worksite facilities these kind of issues, where 112 leaders were participated.

### iv-Migration

Seasonal migration is common in Bolangir, where large numbers of unskilled and semi-skilled laborers from the drought-prone areas migrate with their families to work in other states. Because they are economically unimproved, they also belong to the lowest strata of the social pyramid. The majority of the seasonal migrant community is either illiterate or they are first-generation learners. The condition of migrants to south India is not much better. People from western Orissa, particularly Bolangir, travel to Hyderabad, Chennai and Bangalore in early summer to work



in brick kilns where they are subjected to serious exploitation by the owners and contractors. Even women are not spared. Almost every day reports are coming in about exploitation and torture of migrants from Orissa's KBK (Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi) region.



In a recent statement, State Labour Commissioner Alekh Chandra Padhiary admitted that around 1.8 million people migrate from Orissa every year. Of these, only 50,000 are registered. As a result, it is virtually impossible to ensure that migrants receive a minimum wage, enjoy full labour rights, and receive compensation in the event of sickness or death.

By looking forward these kinds of issues, AJSA has taken up certain kind interventions in joint collaboration with Bolangir Gramodyog Samiti (BJS), And PRAYAS, Udaipur for registering the migrating families and certain initiatives

were taken up for creation of livelihood at the village level, Through this Registrations are done of all outbound labourers at their own place of origin, and identity cards are provided to them. Registrations are taken place at gram panchayat offices through the help of word members. To check out migration ratio and certain livelihood opportunities has also created through the joint collaboration with local panchyat and block offices, through NREGA, NHM and few agricultural schemes.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 102 Families are registered and got their registration cards.
2. Migration ratio is minimised at the operational villages,
3. 23 families and their children's are rescued from Titlagarh and Kantabanji rail way station who are being exploited by the Contractor's and builders's in Andhrapradesh and delhi.
4. Awareness level increased in village level, people are started demanding for job and also for their right's
5. A community Mobilisation drive is established.
6. New innovative low-cost, no-cost training resource materials are developed.
7. 1 Block awareness camp, 1 legal aid training, 9 GP Level awareness camp, 60 Village level meetings were organised, where 5650 participants were participated.

## V-Enhancing Livelihood Through Diversion Based Irrigation (DBI) In Kalhandi-

Odisha is one of the Poorest states in India, And in Odisha KBK(Kalahandi,Bolangir,Koraput)Regions are famous for massive poverty and hunger For last many Years. Specially Kalahandi has been brought to the center of discourse on hunger and poverty by media reports in last few Years. . Kalahandi, which was popularly known as rice bowl of Odisha, now has become history. Today it conspicuously figures on the map of poverty and hunger and is synonymously used for terminologies like starvation and starvation deaths. The high magnitude of poverty and hunger in Kalahandi is now become a cumulative result of underdevelopment.

Till now Many of the villages in kalahandi are non-electrified, people live in un employment,povertry,Water scarcity and communication problems, And these problems are the main obstacles in the development scenario of kalahandi and their location suggests that in the next 20 years they will remain so. Basically Farmers are dependent on traditional way of agriculture“6 Months Agriculture and 6 months Rest” because of unavailability of water resources and rain,after harvesting their crops in 6 months, basically they are jobless for another 6 Months. That's why hundreds of peoples are migrating every year for to full-fill the needs of their family and Hunger. There is no alternate, either they have choose to migration to metro's with their family and children or they have to face poverty and hunger for the next year. And the incomes generated from NTFP product marketing are just and hand to mouth for few families. Many examples exist. Basically people are dependable on Agriculture; “this is the need and way” from which they can able to full fill basic needs of their families. But without proper irrigation it has not been possible. Even if certain facilities provided by Government, they are beyond tribal reach.

Despite of rich natural resources, people live in dire poverty. Lack of communication, education & livelihoods worsens the situation. And water scarcity is the biggest problem of this area,whether it is in the form of drinking water or in the form of agricultural water supply, Tribal's have no access to better irrigation and other modes of water supply to their lands . It is in this context that AJSA came forward with Sir Dorabji Tata Trust(SDTT),Mumbai to set up Diversion based irrigation, to bring sustainable livelihood of most vulnerable families by implementing diversion based irrigation initiative to ensure food security and climate justice,as well as to enhance living standards and provide sustainable Irrigation. in M.Rampur block of Kalahandi .The villages selected were Barbandh and Dudkarenja located in Kalahandi District,all tribal dominated villages facing acute livelihood insecurities, poor health and sanitation, low incomes and water scarcity.





AJSA has done a Excellent job in Kalhandi ,and has shown consistence efforts in our innovative project Diversion ased Irrigation, by Enhancing Livelihood addressing food security and climate justice. The strong and dedicated team of AJSA has a very good understanding on local issues. And their hard work and sincere efforts, community mobilization and capacity building has made possible in bringing visible changes among community members.”

**-Kamakshi Prasad Padhi**

Senior Programme Officer,(DBI)SDTT

**SIR DORABJI TATA TRUST AND THE ALLIED TRUSTS**

Now there is a new perspective into livelihoods, the tribal's here take pride in getting recognized as farmers. Although they still haven't given up shifting cultivation but the incidence has reduced. It's from here that they primarily get their cash crops. A lot of efforts need to be given to get them into settled cultivation, once they see a positive cycle of surplus crops from this, will they desist from shifting cultivation. The Diversion Based Irrigation System that has been developed on the gravity flow concept in the village has improved the crop production potential considerably. Now all farmers have assured irrigation for their fields year round. This has led to 2 crop cycles,i.e. **Kharif and Rabi** in a given year.While food security has been addressed by in large context.

Now the diversion based irrigation systems are providing irrigation to the un-irrigated areas. And now it has become the main source of **livelihood generation** for the people having land as well as it's providing wage employment to the landless also. It is expected that each of the farmers taking irrigated agriculture would have at least an additional annual income of **Rs7000** from the scheme in the up-coming year. Now villagers are able to develop kitchen gardens, through the help water provided to them, near their homestead land's and it also helping women's to use water for their daily household works. The scheme is now becomes inclusive by providing benefit to all families in some other way and builds the stake of the community for its operation and maintenance. After adoption of irrigation the tribal's have been able to address their other needs of health and clothing to a large extent & their total perspective has changed.



## Beneficiary Details Of Madanpur.Rampur Block Kalahandi

VILLAGE	BLOCK	POPULATION COVERED	TOTAL LAND (In Acres.)	LAND COVERED BY DBI	No. Of Beneficia (Farmer's)	NAME OF THE WUA
BARBANDHA	M.RAMPUR	602	358	132	42	Baba Rameswar WUA
DUDKARENJA	M.RAMPUR	329	314	204	39	Singhabahini WUA

## 5-Non Funding Activities

In order to reduce the vulnerability of rural downtrodden communities, it is vital that people are capable of taking up occupations that provide sufficient income, by creating proper resources at village level, for bringing sustainable livelihood opportunities, Few initiatives and interventions are taken by AJSA for improving the quality of life's, by enhancing livelihood opportunities and by addressing food security and social injustice as well as building capacities at the village level ,through "**ADARSH GRAMA'S**" by 3 Core Principals, "MADA MUKTI,THANA MUKTI,MAHAJAN MUKTI VILLAGES(Liquor Free ,Police Station Free and Money Lander's Exploitation Free Villages)"through this concept and with Gandhian ideology we continued our work from one village to another village.By our relent less efforts,and through 3 core Founding principals,Now many villages are liquor free,Police station free and Money lender free and now problems are solving in peoples own villages, no need to go to police station, for solving their problem, By the help of grain bank's and Gram panthis,the villages are now-Money lender(Local Mahajan) free and their exploitation is minimized.The misson was begun in 1989,and continuing. Every year we are able to create new milestones through our interventions.

Through our constant efforts, we have addressed the problems of high indebtedness, scanty and unequal land distribution, tribal land alienation, high rates of illiteracy, starvation death's, the regular occurrence of drought, issues related to migration, food scarcity, lack of essential health services and minimum education facilities in our operational areas.



## i-Self Help Groups and their savings

Formation and strengthening of SHG's has been one of the focused programs of AJSA since its inception. These self – groups are making use of their saving for starting income generating activities such as agriculture, livestock rearing, horticulture, Raising nurseries, pisciculture, vegetable cultivation, collective marketing, managing of public distribution system,, goat rearing and leaf-plate making form some of the enterprises taken up by members of SHGs. etc. Generally self-help group



unites 10 to 15 members of the community, who commit to jointly make savings every month. As the fund grows, the members may borrow money from the fund. To support these self-help groups AJSA provides support and capacity building, including basic record keeping and financial training and supports groups to undertake income-generating activities. These small informal women's groups provide working capital loans to their members and encourage improved savings habits. They also address the issue of , women's marginalization; being disproportionately under privileged in income generation and other economic activities, such as money management, SHG's offer a unique opportunity to empower women within the household and the community. They encourage the creation of linkages, solidarity and joint responsibility within the group and between groups and enable women to approach formal financial institutions to open savings accounts, which provides to acquire credit, which can then be reinvested into the community. The initiative undertaken by the SHGs has enabled the women and their families to reduce their dependence on money-lenders and has given them a greater financial security.



## Linkages for livelihood enterprises for entrepreneurship building

A women co-operative society has been formed by the members of SHG groups in bongomunda block, in bolangir. Members are drawn from SHG groups promoted by AJSA. The society named "Bharat Janani Swayam Shrayak Limited". The members of the cooperatives are being trained by AJSA, as a result of which they are able to run fair price shops, collecting and marketing NTFPs, linking with banks, developing micro-enterprises and also undertaking internal lending. All cooperative society members also meet regularly to discuss on bank linkages, fair price distribution system, PDS issue, kerosene oil issue, migration issue etc. Mobilising women members to form self-help groups has been a strategy to engage with women and work on economic and social empowerment of women in the village's. Periodic training sessions on the roles and responsibilities of members, book keeping and record maintenance are arranged. Linkage with banks and support for livelihood generating enterprise form the regular work with SHG members

Participation in social activities, Anganwadi Centre monitoring, etc. In few villages Forest protection is now become the demand driven programme for SHG Group's in every villages. They are taking active part in forest protection in similar ratio along with men. 2543 Hectre's of forest are now protected by their constant effort from 1990. This has now become the role model for everyone, Their efforts are also reported by the media several times.

During the last few years, the SHGs and the cooperative society have successfully raised their own funds, without any outside funding support other than bank. Linkage s with banks has gained momentum. In collaboration with the banks in our operational area, we have developed a strategy to provided credit to the most needy and vulnerable people. To check duplicacy of credit, the information regarding the credit provided to the SHGs have regularly been shared by the banks and AJSA . Apart from their own saving of Rs 12,0565 lakhs, the SHGs have availed of credit amounting to Rs.28,50,000 from bank and other institutions, for different enterprise activities. AJSA has facilitated bank linkages from many SHG's. Few SHGs are in the process of bank linkage. Almost every SHG's are operating internal lending satisfactorily.

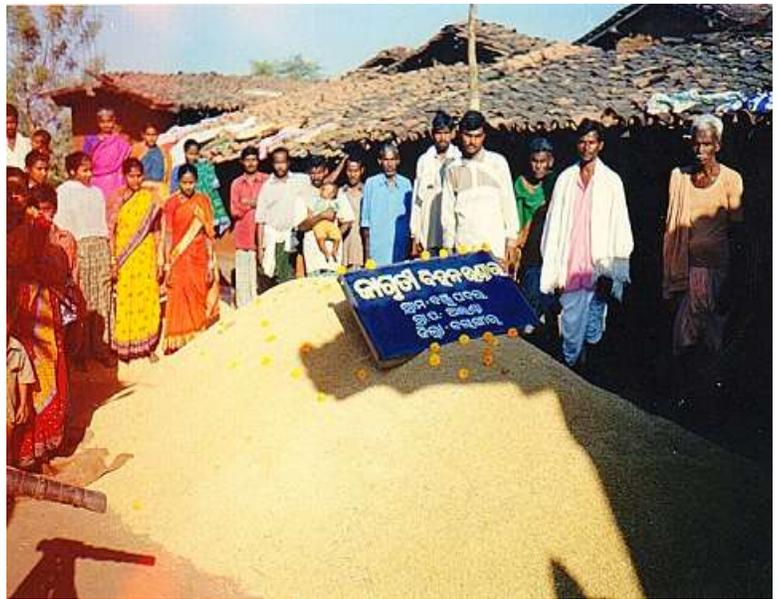


### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Appreciatively **735 women from 52 Self-Help Groups have raised 12,00,565 Rupees as savings; and over 28,50,000 Rupees were accessed through bank loans.**
- **We helped over 300 people from very poor settings to gain skills in agriculture, livestock rearing, horticulture, Raising nurseries, vegetable cultivation, collective marketing, managing of public distribution system, goat rearing and leaf-plate making.**
- **Over 11,800 cattle, goats, sheep and poultry were immunized with appropriate.**

## ii- Addressing Drought and Food security for the poor in Bolangir-

Since independence many food security schemes were announced and lunched along with increase in Agriculture and water resource development budgets, but they are too far beyond poor people rich. The purposes of these schemes were to provide livelihood security to all the citizens of the country. But the ill attitude of the implementation of the schemes made the whole system totally a defunct one. By looking forward these kind of issues, AJSA has taken a step towards, to create money lender free villages. And after that, a revolution started in the year 1990 by villagers by getting support from AJSA.



### Objectives Behind this intervention -

- To set up mechanism for availability of food to poorest families in distress in each village.
- To facilitate public action to influence district administration in favour of poor and marginalized families
- To collect, preserve and distribute traditional grain and seeds in the villages
- To help the poor and marginal farmers to develop their land and water system
- To facilitate community action for compost and bio fertilizer
- To help poor villagers in the mean times, now the grain and seed banks are playing a role of Draught proofing fund, and marginal farmers get support for cultivation



Before Creation of Sashya panthi's (Grain and seed banks), people living with dire poverty and semi starvation. And they were being pauperized by money lenders. They took loan in the form of paddy or money from money lenders (Mahajan's) by mortgaging land patta's, ornaments and other assets in 100% interest rate .After taking loan they need to return with double amount of money or paddy, due to high interest rate, many times peoples were usually lost their security (what they have given to the money lenders). Due to lack of livelihood opportunity and other problems, thousands of people are migrating to metro city to find work, and to full fill the need of their family. By looking

forward these kind of issues,AJSA started formation of seed and grain bank,to address these problems.In every village farmers had deposited 3 mann's(15 kg's) of grain and seed after harvesting. And gradually the amount of seed and grain started increasing day by day. During the mean times,and in urgent times,Villagers take loan from their own bank in 25% interest rate and return back after harvesting.The VLC(Village level committee) records the details.Now the scenario has changed,there is no need to take loan from outside. Villagers take loan from their own bank in lean periods and in the time of draught. Sometimes they sell the extra amount of grain to create assets for their own village. Lack of storage facility is still an issue for every village, that's why villagers are bound to sell the grain every year.



#### Achievement's-

i-**22** Villagers are now money lender free through the help of grain banks, Money lender's exploitation is minimized. Total **646 quintal's of Grain** are now stored in **22** villages.

ii-Seed were stored by using traditional methodology's in seed banks in **16** villages. Where traditional variety of seeds (MUG, KOLATHA,JHUNGA, BIRI,KUMDA) were stored ,to help farmers lower growing costs - total of **298** farmers were supported from the seed banks

iii-SRI cultivation demonstrated and adpted in **6** Villges,**105** acres of land is now cultivated by 65 Farmers thus saving cost and decreasing harvesting time.

#### iii-Community forestry in 14 villages-

AJSA has a firm belief that conserving forests are absolutely necessary for the long-term survival; livelihood option for the rural communities Forestry is an environmentally friendly method of forest management that involves the local community as part of the management process. Social forestry recognizes the rights of individuals to forest resources. From the beginning AJSA promotes Social Forestry because it supports sustainable livelihoods. AJSA motivates communities to collectively manage their social forestry plantations: These activities raise the income of the community and the community-management and sharing of the benefits develop community unity. Today there are about 14 village level FPCs covering and protecting around 5020 hectares of forests in Bongomunda block of Bolangir District in Odisha, Now these forests are now totally in community control. Each family used to contribute some amount of food grain every month to meet the expenses of the protection work.

These strategies not only raise community income, but also increase the sense of community ownership of resources through the cooperative management of land. This is now become the one of the best success stories regarding safeguarding a forest through community participation. Villagers guard the nearby patches with 'lathis' to ensure that the ecosystem is protected. As a result of the vigil, tigers, which had once disappeared from the area, have reappeared in the Barkani village as reported this year by some of the villagers. Now women's are taking active part in forest protection, by making groups in villages like Batharla, Barkani, Kurlubhata.



In the beginning, The FPC issued a notice, For everyone, after that entry to the forest was banned for everyone, no one can cut tree's, and enter into forest, without prior permission of the FPC. And, that trick worked wonderfully! Now, they guard and protect their own forest."

1. **5020** Hectre's of Forest land are now protected by the **FPC in 14 Village's**.,through the help of Villgers,and SHG Groups.
2. **105** Tribals got their land patta's,this year through the help of FRA Act.
3. Villagers are able to earn some money by selling NTFP Products from their Own Forest.



## iv-Advocacy and Networking –

AJSA aims to complement its grassroots interventions with integrated policy, advocacy and networking activities. The organization has laid emphasis on policy and grassroots level advocacy. In the process, the organization has created awareness on various existing issues with the involvement of media and the general public who play a major role in promoting justice, equality and fundamental rights. Collaborating with various people development networks, institutions, agencies is very essential for every organisation, in order to spread awareness, gather knowledge and exchange information has been very crucial for every organisation. AJSA has established good rapport with Networks, institutions and individuals, government within and outside the state to make a proper resource pool. AJSA has allied itself with various People Development oriented Networks, Forums, Agencies and Institutions in order to engage local stakeholders in the development process and guarantee sustainability for our programs. AJSA has built coalitions with the government and with like-minded organisations. Fruitful affiliations with national and international Various Networks, Organisation's and funding agencies have been made. In the recent years, this year we particularly proud to become a participatory Member Organisation of UNECOSOC (United Nations Economic And Collaborative Council) and UN Global Compact.



By sharing and connecting with civil society organizations Networks that AJSA is a part of: GNDR-Global Network for Disaster Reduction, GDN-Global Development Network, Sierra Club USA, Gender Disaster Network (GDN), WSSCC, WOVA, FOCUS ODISHA, End water Poverty, CACL, CRIN, SUSANA, TAKING IT GLOBAL, DFDN, CDRN, CDKN, SPHERE INDIA, NADRR India, RTI Forum Odisha.

## V-Effective Implementation of Social Security Schemes-

It has been observed that policies instituted for the betterment of the rural common man are usually far beyond the reach of a common villager, who most need them. And the reason is communication problem and Lack of Information. Basically a common people are d'nt able to know their rights and facility provided to them. Therefore, as a facilitator, AJSA invests time to build awareness within the local community with regards to the people's rights and entitlements, as well as empowering the community leaders, PRI members and other stakeholders so that they could stand for their rights and entitlements enshrined in the Act. It also facilitates access to those rights and helps submit grievances when the entitlements are not met. In the last year, we have facilitated awareness-building efforts on the following topics:

### Vi-Sensitising the community

The people were informed and oriented on the various social security schemes of the government through VDC. In our project area the community organizations chalked out strategy to ensure access of the vulnerable people to the food entitlements provided by the government under Antyoday Anna Yojana, Annapurna Yojana, Mid-Day Meal, ICDS, PDS, BPL rice and the support by

the Anganwadis on a regular basis. The functioning of schools and Anganwadis were also regularly monitored, through the help of women leaders of SHG Groups.

### Achievements

- PDS Distribution is regularizing in **18** villages through the collective effort of the VDC members and Community leaders
- This year **10** Village Development Committees in 2 GP (Gandharla and Dengaon) to raise awareness on government schemes, entitlements, and to advocate active community organizing amongst villagers
- Strengthening the SHG and working with the VDC to support and coordinate Forest protection, Gaon Panthi and to support the stakeholders for successful implementation of Govt. Schemes and to find solutions collaboratively for ongoing issues.



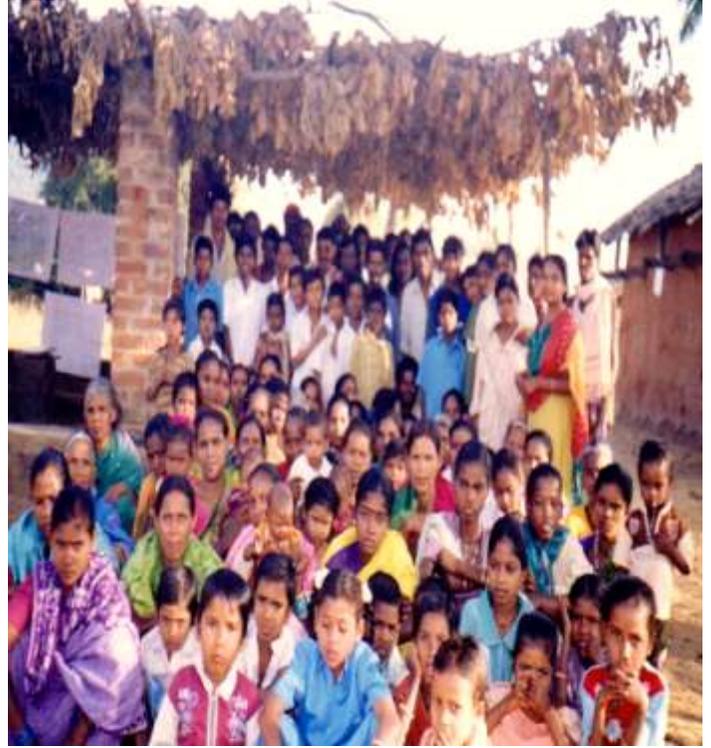
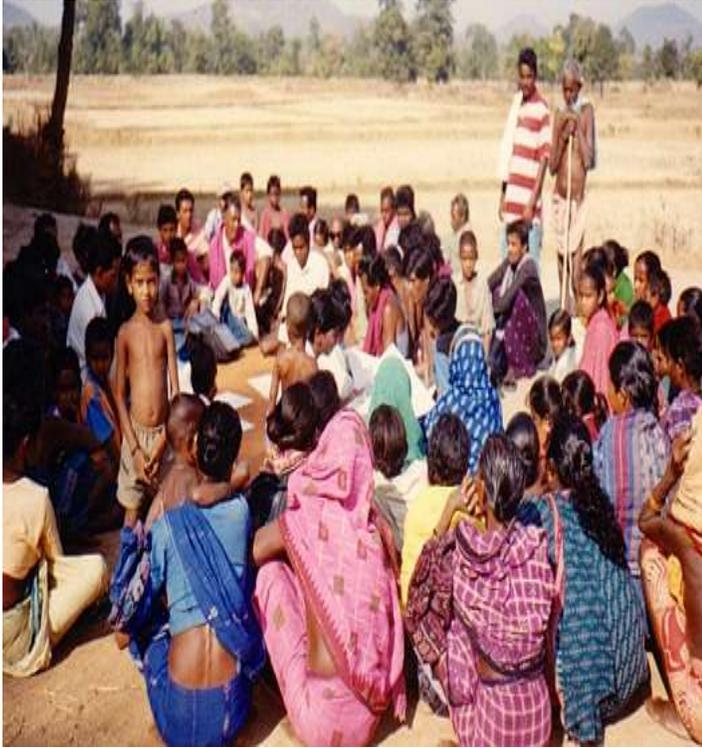
**Health and Nutrition Initiatives:** These include facilitating in the monitoring of ICDS and various health programmes (malaria, diarrhoea, Mother and child care, Sicklin etc.) and for conducting health check camps; ensuring the representation of PRI members, making provision of training and orientation programmes for PRIs and facilitating in the effective implementation of various Government health schemes.

### Vii-Capacity Building

AJSA works to strengthen community members by providing them with training, workshops, and practical support. Capacity building includes gender sensitisation, education on health issues, training on Panchayat Raj Institutions, public speaking, leadership development and skills development.

Various SHG group's members are elected by community members to support the Gaon Committees (Village committee) to manage particular developmental activities such as Agriculture, water, health, education, fish farming, forestry, etc. The activity costs and individual contributions are publicly displayed in the village meetings to maintain transparency.

It is empowerment that enables people to participate in political, social and economic institutions like Gram Panchayat (GP's). This is possible primarily through a policy of positive discrimination in favour of social categories in vulnerable situations. Even while recognizing the ultimate responsibility of the State in so far as the Panchayat Raj Institutions are concerned With an emphasis on promoting active involvement of village youth, men and women, 3 programs were organised on subjects related to role of youth in development, current issues, adolescent health, women in development.



## vii-Major Interventions Of AJSA, From 1989

SL. NO	NAME OF THE PROJECT	DEVELOPEMENT PARTNERS	INTERVENTION'S	STOCK TAKINGS	PROBLEMS ADDRESSED	FUNDING AMOUNT (INR)	PERIOD
1	Model Village Creation In Making "ADARSH GRMA" Movement	AJSA through the Help Of Its Community Members, SHG Members and Women Leaders Of Operational Area's.	<p>1-Formation Of Grain Bank&amp; Seed Banks</p> <p>2-Banishing Of Fertilizer and Pesticide</p> <p>3-Forest Protection</p> <p>4-Gram Kosh and Panthi's</p>	<p>1-i- 646 Quintals Paddy Stored in 22 villages of 10 G.P</p> <p>ii-48 types seeds(Biri,Kolath,Jhunga,Dhan,Man dia) were stored in traditional way.</p> <p>2-Chemical Fertilizer's&amp; Pesticides are Banned in 22 Villages of 7G.P</p> <p>3-5020 hector Including 28 Forest Are protected in 19 Villages.</p> <p>4-16,40,232 Rupees Saving Through SHG and Village Development</p>	<p>-Moneylender exploitation minimized.</p> <p>-People's savings increased</p> <p>- Starvation death checked out.</p> <p>-Labor migration minimized.</p> <p>-People are now Self dependent</p> <p>-People are now more caucus about Management Of Natural Resources</p>	These things are Possible through the villagers and Our SHG Leaders and our efforts and dedication Without any Funding Support.	From 1989 To Till Now

				Committee (VDC)			
			5-Anti liquor Movement	5.14 Villages are Declared Liquor Free Village			
			6-Preservation Of Indigenous Seeds	6-127 Types Indigenous paddy Seeds are Identified and preserved in Traditional Method			
			7-Womens Empowerment	7- i-152 SHG Groups Formed, ii-A Co-operative society (named Bhrat Janani Swayan Shayak Ltd.have been formed)			

## 6-ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

AJSA has also continued with its strong commitment for promoters of production, equitable distribution and people's empowerment with working for the poorest of the poor through training, sharing information, buildup the people organization with a strong coordination. Our aim is always to develop qualitative change by our strong willingness and systematic intervention. However our endeavors and existence has strong, and we able to forward much to our original goal by empowering our self and able to save and continue in our way of progress. AJSA with the objectives, goal and strong with collaboration of target group, Govt. machinery support and co-operation with other NGOs, Supportive agencies positively gone a large step in its endeavors. The restless efforts shown by our workers of the organisation and members of Governing Body dyeing all odds is praise worthy to upliftment the organisation whole hearty we are proud for them. AJSA also very much thankful to government officials and donors to help with heartiest co-operation.

AJSA is grateful to the many individuals, organisations and institutions who have been associated with us. We express our appreciation and thank each of them especially the Government of Orissa, the State and District level Administration of the Government of Orissa, Department of Rural Development, Department of Panchayati Raj, Department of SC and ST Development, Department of economic affairs, Department of Home Affairs, delhi, We are also thank ful all the Sarpanch's of our operational area and the representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institution.

AJSA is grateful for the generous support it receives from its partners and sponsors - our work would not be possible without them. We are thankful to Ford foundation, FFID, Chetna Organic, Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and allied Trust -Mumbai, Oxfam india, Care India, Capart Bhubaneswar, Action aid (India) and NIPIDIT, SAMBHAV Nayagarh and PRAYAS Udaipur for their continuous support to AJSA. We owe thanks to Samaj Pragati Sahayog (SPS), Foundation For Ecological Security (FES), NREGA Consortium, C.Y.S.D. Bhubaneshwar, Western Odisha NREGA Consortium (WONC) Khariar, PCI India, Samhita, Guidestar India, Credibility Alliance, WOVA Bolangir, Sphere India, Focous Odisha, Indian Chamber Of Commerce (ICC), Inter Agency Group (IAG) Odisha, Odisha State Disaster Mangement Authority (OSDMA), Odisha Red Cross Society, India International Organic Forum, Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL), Child Rights Information Network (CRIN), Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), Goonj New delhi, Onergy Kolkatta, Advance Centre for Water Resources Devlopement and Mangement (ACWADM) Pune, Lokadrusti Khariar, Aadhar Bolangir, Agrammee kashipur.

We would also like to thank Global Network For Disaster Reduction (GNDR), Global Devlopement Network (GDN), Corporate Disaster Resource Network (CDRN), Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SUSANA), Siera Club (USA), NADRR India, Climate and Devlopement knowledge Network (CDKN), Development From Disaster Network (DFDN), Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), CAPADA, PCDN, Gender and Disaster Netwok (GDN), PEDRR, Global hand partnership, End Water Poverty, Global Water Partnership (GWP) South Asia, for their support to AJSA work through their inputs, advice and support. We also place on record our gratitude to the numerous individuals, institutions and to our Advisors, who have provided support, Guidance practically and Associated with AJSA.

## 7- Organizational Information

### Legal Status-

1. Registered under Society registration Act of 1860  
Registration No-1315-131 of 1990-91

2. Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulations Act. In the Ministry of Home Affairs Govt. Of India  
Registration No-104840090

3. Registered under Income tax Act. 12A,80G

### Registered Address-

AT-Sundhimunda,Po-Chandoatara  
Via-Sindhekela,Dist-Bolangir(ODISHA)  
PIN-767035,INDIA

### Bankers and Auditors Details-

Financial Details	Name and Address
Bank	State Bank of India, Chandotara Branch, At/Po Chandotara, District, Bolangir 767035, Odisha, India
Auditor	P.K. A Associates, Chartered Accountant, At/Po-Kantabanji, Dist-Bolangir, Odisha, India

### Accountability and transparency

#### Distribution Of Staff According To Salary

Salary Distribution (Gross Salary per month INR)	Male	Female	Total
<5000	14	3	17
5001-10000	3	1	4
10001-15000			
15001-20000			
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>

#### Staff and Village Volunteers Details (As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012)

S. No.	Position of Staff	Total Number	Male	Female
1	<b>Senior Management –</b> primarily based in Bolangir office (headquarters)	4	3	1
2	<b>Project/Field Coordinators –</b> based in AJSA field offices within respective Block areas	6	4	0
3	<b>Block Supervisors –</b> based in AJSA field offices within respective Block areas	2	1	1
4	<b>Community Organizers –</b> based in AJSA field offices within respective Block areas	9	5	2
5	<b>Social Animators/Village Volunteers (Non Paid)</b> based in AJSA field offices within respective Block areas	70	45	25

SL NO	Name and Designation	Destination and Purpose	Gross Expenses	Sponsored Yes/No	Remarks
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\*No international travel was undertaken and no internal flights were taken in the course of our activities in 2011/12.

## 8- Governance

S. No.	Name	Sex	Address	Position	Occupation	Meetings Attended
1	Ashtami Tandi	Male	AT/PO- Dengaon	President	Social Worker	3/3
2	Purnami Bhoi	Female	At-Batharla Po- Gandharla	Vice-Prseident	Community Leader	3/3
3	Banshidhar Behera	Male	AT/PO- Titlagarh	Secretary	Social Activist	3/3
4	Phulchan Bag	Male	AT/PO Gandharla	Joint Secretary	Social Worker	3/3
5	Hruda Ch. Sahu	Male	AT/PO Bhursaguda	Treasurer	Farmer	3/3
6	Dashmi Tandi	Female	AT/PO- PUDAPALI	Member	Social Work	2/3
7	Sukun Bhoi	Female	AT/PO- Luhurapali	Member	House wife	3/3

### Notes:

- No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of composition was paid to any Board Members.
- No travel reimbursements were made to the Board Members attending Board Meetings and other office meetings.

## Advisor Members

We are thankful to our honourable advisors who have consistently supported in or our work towards the communities and agreed to support AJSA's vision ,AJSA is really feeling proud to have all dedicated advisor ,Their dedication support,inputs,advice,guidance and steadfast governance are playing a vital role in strengthening the organisation and realizing its strategy as dictated by changing times.That's why AJSA has reached,where we are today.AJSA is thankful to all our advisory group members for their unstinting support.

### Achyut Dash

**Social scientist, Director-Agragammee**

Social Worker with over 40 years' experience in the field of Rural and Tribal Development. Member of the State Planning Board was from 1991-1994 and has also had membership in various other state and National level and International networks. Mr. Achyut Das has played a crucial role in influencing state policy on tribal development and is widely known for his unequivocal stand on human rights of indegeous committees. Co. Author of "Chronicles of struggle" and "Mati kaduara manisha",Winner of Number of national and international award's.

**Saheen Nilofer**

**Development professional, State Representative-UNICEF**

More than 25 years of experience in civil society sector. She has worked in Oxfam international as regional representative and involved in many development initiatives in remotest areas of india. Currently working in UNICEF and serving the position of regional representative, She has Worked in India, Afghanistan and other south Asian countries. Her name is widely known in India as well as in international Platforms for her major role empowering women's and child rights issues. Member of many national and international level development networks.

**Sabarmatee**

**Environmentalist, Chief Executive Sambhav, Nayagarh**

Social activist and environmentalist with over 25 years of experience in development sector. She is the well-known women activist of odisha, who has given number of qualitative efforts in the field remotest part of the country. By focusing on environment, agriculture and gender issues. Winner of number of National and International Awards.

**Sudarshan Chhotray**

**Founder Director Focus Odisha, Senior Journalist and development professional**

Senior journalist with more than 22 years of experience. He was the state convener of "campaign for survival and dignity" which sphere headed the movement of forest right act. Being a journalist and development professional he is the active member of many national and international organisations and networks. He has written over hundreds of articles, feauteres on suffering people and the socioeconomic political and developmental issues concerning odisha. He has produced over 15 documentary films on social issues. He is poetic omnibus of "Mukti" was widely acclaimed. He has travelled across the length and breadth of the country to know the minds of people. Currently working on issues like climate change, migration and governance. He has also being involved in many development activism.

**Dr. S.K Pattnaik**

**Ex-professor of JNU New Delhi, Social activist, Member Secretary-Vikalpa Kantabanji**

Social Activist more than 30 Years of experience in rural development. He is known as a very popular researcher in the field of Disaster management and migration issues. State level advisor member of NREGA Consortium New Delhi, chairman and founder member of WONC. Steering committee member of National Rural livelihood Foundation.

**Sanjay Ku.Ray**

**Development Consultant, Water policy analyst, researcher (INRM)**

Freelancer development professional with more than 23 years of experience in the development sector. He has worked in prominent development agencies like PRADAN, Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, Harsha Trust, TCS etc. Founder member and Former Executive Director of Livolink Foundation Bhubaneswar. Widely known as Water researcher and water policy analyst, and having varied and vast experience in Irrigated Agriculture and INRM (Integrated Natural Resource Management). Technical advisor and senior trainer of number of Government, Corporate and development agencies.

**Umashankar Sahu**

**Social Activist, Member Secretary, ADHAR**

Social activist with over 20 years of experience in the development sector. Founder member of ADHAR, a very popular organization of western Odisha, runs projects on Child rights, health, education, nutrition and women's welfare in Bolangir. Active member of various national and international networks. Eminent child rights expert and researcher of western Orissa.

**Sarat Ku. Rath**

**Senior Program Officer SPS, Network coordinator WONC**

Social worker with more than 20 years of experience in development sector. Had worked in XIMB Bhubaneswar as senior professional trainer. Associated with many development networks and research organizations. He is the key resource person of many NGOs; and INGOs across the country. Currently working on issues like migration, governance

**Bhajaram Sahu**

**Development Professional, Member Secretary-JMA**

Social worker with over 15 years of experience, Founder member of Janamukti Anusthan a community based organization, based in Bolangir district. Currently working towards issues on Migration, Child rights, Women's empowerment and MGNREGA. Had worked and associated with the projects many national and international agencies and a active member of strengthening people's institutions. Jointly working with district administration on issues related to Migration, Land rights and MGNREGA.

**Laxmidhar Nayak**

**Development Professional**

Development professional with more than 20 years of experience in the development sector. Sociologist author of more than 5 best seller books. Eminent media professional with more than 25 years of experience in journalism. Associated with number of media and publication houses.

**Purna Ch. Behera****Social Worker**

Community leader, educator and social worker with more than 10 years of experience. Involved with govt. Mechanism's as the advisor member, for proper implementation of social security schemes.

**Bishnu Prashad Sharma****Senior Lawyer**

Senior Lawyer of western Orissa, Having more than 25 years' experience in judicial issues. He has worked as key speaker person on behalf of poor persons on behalf issues like Migration, Land rights, RTI etc. Secretary of advocate's union bolangir district of odisha.

**Dr. Chayakanta Sarangi****Professor DAV College, Columnist and educationalist**

Educationalist with experience of more than 25 years in field of education. Widely known as popular columnist and speaker and educationalist of western odisha.

**Pawan Ku. Agrawal****Financial Expert, Chartered Accountant**

Eminent Developments professional financial expert with over 22 experience in the field of financial management and social work. Convener member of EIRC (Eastern India Regional Council) group, western odisha. Senior member of public finance and Government Accounting committee, EIRC of ICAI. Member secretary of Bolangir district chartered accountants association.

**Menaka Sahu****Social Worker**

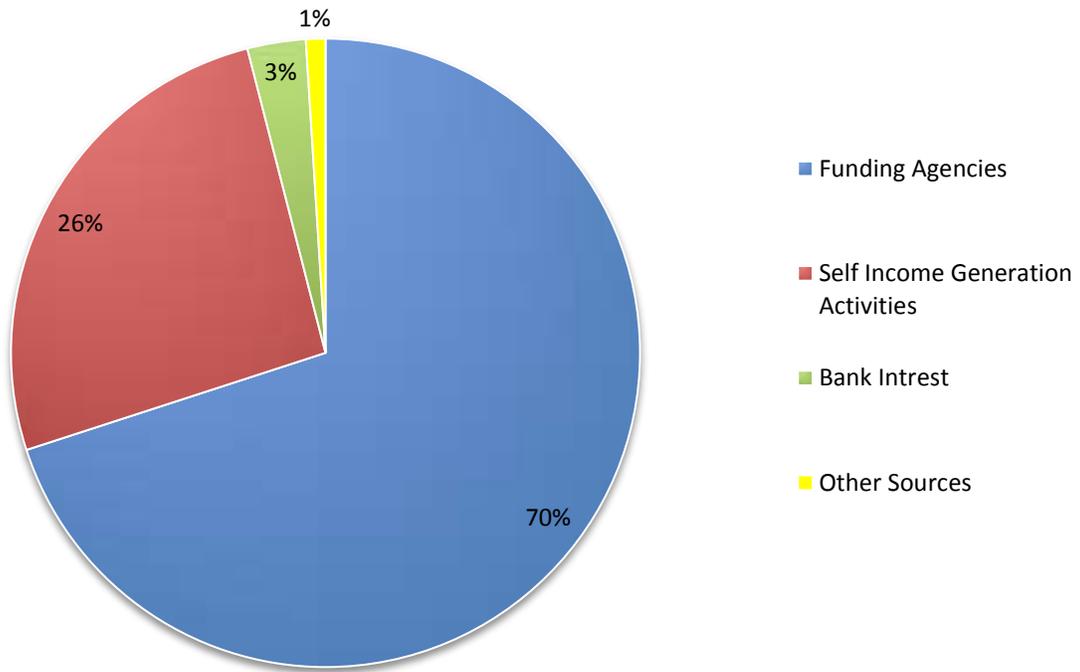
Social worker with more 10 years of experience. Had involved in various developmental initiatives related to women's empowerment, Disaster management, child rights and gender issues.

**iii- Publications**

1. Grama Gathanara Barta (A small leaflet about rules and Guidelines of MGNREGA entitlements)
2. MGNREGA kana O kahinki (Gramam Gathan Pain Eka Nibedana) A small leaflet about the benefits, and the Details of MGNREGA Act.
3. Ama Paribara Eka Sukhi Paribara (A small leaflet about Health, saving and Livelihood issues)

# Financial performance During the Year

## Fund Flow Scenario



# Development Partners



Oxfam India



Care India



Action Aid, India



CAPART, Odisha



Ford Foundation



SDTT, Mumbai

# Network Partners



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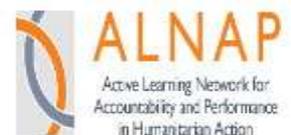
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My notion of democracy is that under it the weakest shall have the same opportunities as the strongest... No country in the world today shows any but patronizing regard for the weak... Western democracy, as it functions today, is diluted fascism... True democracy cannot be worked by twenty men sitting at the center. It has to be worked from below, by the people of every village. You cannot build nonviolence on a factory civilization, but it can be built on self-contained villages. And India Lives in her Villages..

**Mahatma Gandhi..**

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