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## SWAD

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## Director's Desk

SWAD has been working in the fields of Livelihood, Health, education and peace building in the eight districts of Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Malkangri, Koraput, Kalahandi, Nuapada, and Nawarangpur for the past 25 years. The people here live in hill slopes and tops where natural resources are limited some time it is not suitable for cultivation. Though People have land but they are not able to focus on livelihood practice. Most of the Government supported resources do not reach to the bordering area and often they are given less priority by Government authorities. Poverty and illiteracy have a direct bearing upon the development of the people in the area. Seasonal migration to metropolitan cities in search for better livelihood also has its negative impact in the society and that has brought about a lot social and political unrest in the area. Taking into account all these factors SWAD in this year (2017-18) focus on livelihood, migration, health and peace.



SWAD management is indebted to Misereor Germany, Mensen et Messe Netherlands, Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and Caritas India for their generous support. The Committed Staff is the strength of SWAD and the Management acknowledges their contribution to society through various activities.

Inauguration of **Shalom**, the Social Service Centre of Berhampur diocese and the second field office of SWAD, at Ankuli, Berhampur is written in silver lines in the history of SWAD in this silver jubilee year.

**Fr. Joseph Valiarambil**  
**Secretary cum Director, SWAD**

## **Watershed Approach for Resilient Livelihoods of Tribal Communities, 17 Villages of Mohana block, Gajapati District in Odisha**

SWAD, with the support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) aims to increase food security of 847 poor tribal households' in Gajapati district. The project will achieve its goal through supporting communities to adopt low cost, sustainable and collective natural resource management practices using a watershed approach; and environmentally sustainable yield and income enhancing agriculture and livestock practices. The project will focus on vulnerable groups like landless households to diversify their livelihoods, reduce their acute dependence on forests and in the process, reduce further exploitation of natural resources. Additionally, the project will engage with households to improve their dietary diversity with a focus on vulnerable members like pregnant women, lactating mothers and children below two years of age.

As per the Watershed Development Fund (WDF) guidelines of NABARD, there are three phases in the project cycle i.e. Pre-Capacity Building Phase, Capacity Building (CB) or 'Proofing Phase' and Full Implementation Phase (FIP). During the Pre-CB Phase, the Project Implementing Agency (PIA) is given a provisional approval to start the ground works like community mobilization on the project objectives and modes of operation through village meetings, mobilizing community members for their four-day free-labor contribution (*Shramdaan*) and organizing exposure visits to nearby successful watershed areas. SWAD has successfully completed this Pre-CB Phase and under *Shramdaan*, various soil and water conservation structures have been constructed in every watershed village. After successfully completing the Pre-CB Phase, NABARD has approved the Capacity Building phase (from March'17 up to March'18) in which 402.5 ha (10.6% of the total geographical area -3,805 ha) is being treated with constructing various low cost soil and water conservation structures. This phase is intended to develop the capacity in managing and maintaining structures and developing land based plan by both community and implementing agencies.

The third phase of the project is the Full Implementation Phase (FIP). This will be sanctioned after the successful implementation of CBP followed by a field assessment by the NABARD team and subsequent approval. This phase is for 3-4 years from the date of sanction. Hence, the entire project duration is for 4-5 years including the Capacity Building Phase.

### ***Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) measures***





DDM Parlakhmundi visits watershed area



Training to Farmers on Improved Agriculture Practices for updating the farmers' knowledge on agricultural practices. The farmers are trained on raised bed preparation, line transplantation, weed management and seed collection & seed storage. The farmers trained as staffs received those practices at village level. The farmers were acquired knowledge on how to make raised bed with appropriate length and width of the nursery bed even spacing maintenance of nala of inlet and out let for water management. Farmers trained on

actual seed requirement for the transplantation along with spacing maintenance between plant to plant & line to line of particular crop. Also farmers trained on interval of weed management. As seed collection and seed storage is vital for farmers learned about systematic process of seed storages and collection of Paddy, Millet and Arhar.

### Seed Distribution Program:

To provide seeds to the farmers to make them aware of various seed as per the type of land and climatic situation by establishing demonstration plots as show cases of area farmers.



Farming households produce & store staple food crops in environmentally sound manner (millets, pulses, rice)



Germination Test



Seed Treatment



Livestock Management and Vaccination Camp



Kitchen garden Partiponka

**Complementary Feeding:**



**Peace Building & Conflict Transformation Initiative in Gajapati District of Odisha**

SWAD with the collaboration 10 network CSO partners of Gajapati district is implementing Peace Building and Conflict Transformation (PBCT). This is jointly supported by CRS, CARITAS-India and MISEROR. With this intervention SWAD aims to establish sustainable peaceful coexistence through vibrant Civil Society Organizations at community level. Conflicts arising out of uneven resource distribution, caste and ethnic rivalries, ideological and political differences, domestic violence, religious fanaticism are some of the common conflicts visible in South Odisha. Such conflicts deplete the social capital like trust, relationship and love that exists between people of a specific geographical location.

The targeted communities in 96 villages of 11 Gram panchayat of 5 blocks in Gajapati district will be able to identify domestic violence and resource based conflicts. The intervention empowers communities so that they can plan, implement and monitor conflict sensitive development schemes and assess their effect on transforming the conflicts non-violently for peaceful coexistence. To

address the core issues in non-violent ways for peaceful coexistence at family and community level. Issues of poverty in targeted area being key issues, the project also plans to initiate sustainable inclusive livelihood promotion that can break household level poverty cycle for peaceful coexistence. This peace initiative will directly reach 43924 people.

**Major Highlights of the program**



International Peace day celebration



Block level Peace day celebration



Training on livelihood options for peaceful coexistence

## Community Health Promotion Program in Seven Gram Panchayats of Mohana Block, Gajapati District, Odisha

The Community Health promotion program in 106 revenue villages of 7 Gram Panchayats of Mohana block of Gajapati district, Odisha, from July 2016 to June 2019, is to streamline the community based organizations to ensure health rights for the people and thus realize the principle of 'Health for All'. The goal of the proposed project is *Improved Health Status in the target area* by strengthening the community based organizations especially the village health committees to avail right based approach in controlling the endemic diseases and periodic breaking out of epidemics, build awareness among the adolescent boys and girls on the danger of unsafe sex by adhering safe migration, strengthen the community based organizations to avail food security among the communities so as to have a healthy family and to equip the health functionaries of the Diocese of Berhampur to update their knowledge in a changing health scenario.



Training on Herbal medicine preparation



Sex education to adolescents



Awareness on Health and Hygiene for school students



Awareness of Migration and Human Trafficking





Health Functionaries Updation



Health Updation program



International Health Day celebration



Health Camp



SHG Meeting



SHG Groups Meeting



Training to VTF (Village Task Force)



Village Meeting

## Capacity building of SWAD Peace Network

SWAD has been working with the people of 96 villages in 11 GPs under 5 Blocks of Gajapati District, 7 GPs of Mohana block, 1 GP in R.Udayagiri, 1GP in Nuagada Block, 1 GP in Rayagada Block and 1GP Kasinagar Block in the southern region of Odisha state, with a vision of facilitating a society where participants communities are able to establish peace, justice and equality are realized among marginalized communities accessing societal transformation and development.



