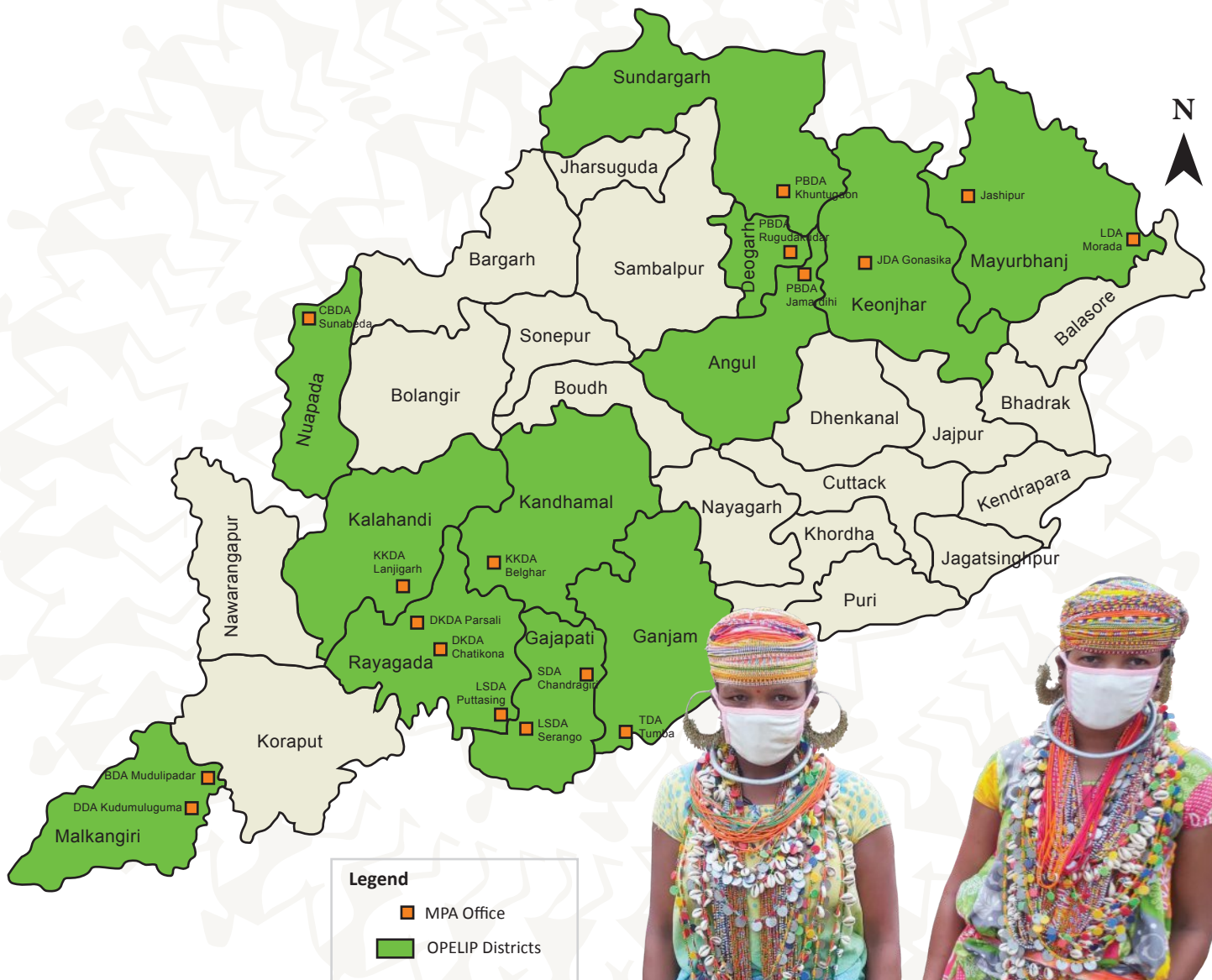


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Introduction

COVID-19 is a virus first emerged in late 2019. The cause of the disease was soon confirmed as a new kind of coronavirus and the infection has since been spread to many countries around the world and has become a pandemic. COVID 19 was declared a pandemic by WHO on 11th march 2020. WHO has advised a whole of govt., whole of society approach built around a comprehensive strategy to prevent infection, save lives and minimize impacts.

As COVID 19 declared as National Disaster, all the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Govt. of India was strictly adhered to. Similarly, Govt. of Odisha also issued a series of guidelines. Except few critical Dept., other Dept./ Programmes were advised to work from home. SSD Dept. was not coming under critical section category. Hence, all staff were asked to do their work from home. All the staff of MPAs were under the guidance of the district administration. No regular offices were there however, regular contacts / correspondence was made through telephone / virtual meeting.





Strategies and action taken on management of Programme during COVID 19

The State Programme Management Unit, OPELIP initiated different activities and arrangements in line with directives laid down by the Govt. to spread awareness especially among PVTGs to check the chain of transmission of COVID 19 on regular basis through its field functionaries which are as follows. The following activities have been initiated by the programme during these lockdown periods.

A. Monitoring & Review of Programme

Programme took steps to hold the review meeting with all stakeholders i.e with PMU staff by the Programme Director, secondly, Special Officer & Project Manager of MPA and thirdly, by IFAD, OPELIP. IFAD provided various kinds of technical guidance on fighting against COVID-19 i.e. on agriculture, migrant worker, social awareness building etc.



VC with PMU staff by Programme Director on 1st April, 2020



VC with IFAD Experts on 2nd April, 2020



VC with MPA Staff on COVID 19 and programme review by Programme Director on 3rd April, 2020

B. Awareness Building and sensitizing community on various practices to fight against COVID 19

The programme has ensured sensitization to the community in the villages as per Govt. directives through CRP / VDC Members / SHG members with respect to mitigation of COVID 19 and ensuring Govt. entitlements to the eligible families. The details are as follows;



Training by CRP LSDA Seranga on handwashing

1. Hand washing & Social Distancing

This is the key elements to stop the spread of COVID-19. All the MPA staff including CRP/ VDC/SHG members and ASHA worker have been facilitating this practice along with the district administration directives across all programme villages of OPELIP i.e. in 1125 villages.



Training by CRP Chatikona on handwashing



2. Preparation and selling of Mask

So far 5 MPAs i.e. DKDA- Chatikana (Rayagada), LDA- Morada & HKMDA- Jashipur (Mayurbhanj) KKDA-Lanjigarh (Kalahandi) and PBDA-



Rugudakudar (Deogarh) have been promoted for preparation of Mask and supplying to the VDC and nearby villages. It is also encouraged to those groups to supply to all villages in OPELIP operational areas on payment. The tailoring units supported to the SHG as well as individuals through IFAD fund under Income Generation Activity (IGA). Rest 12 MPAs have also initiated the process to take up this activity. Sensitization for covering face by cloth/towel/mask has reached to all programme villages of OPELIP i.e. in 1125 villages.

Mask making and selling by Maa Birateswari SHG of LDA Morada

3. Lockdown

The VDC members of all programme villages in consultation with the villagers have blocked the entry & exit road of villages. This ensured that outside people were not allowed to get into the villages. Similarly, restrictions were imposed on vehicle movements to the villages. This gives a sense of security to the villagers that their areas will not be contaminated or affected due to COVID 19. All the villagers also followed the stringent norms set by themselves.



Fencing by bamboo by Goudani village entry point of Tumba



Screening by KKDA Lanjigarh MPA staff at Ambadola railway station

4. Quarantine

The VDC members of all programme villages in consultation with the villagers and instruction of the district administration arranged quarantine centre for people who have come from outside or sick person in the villages. Mostly migrant workers from outside were kept in the quarantine centres.



COVID19 Centre at Mundiguda of Mudulipada MPA

C. Facilitating Govt. Entitlements

1. Public Distribution System (PDS)

PDS is a poverty alleviation programme and contributes towards the social welfare of the people. As per the govt. directives VDC members and CRPs are facilitating distribution of PDS items to the families.



PDS distribution at Badadahikhal village of Chatikona MPA



PDS distribution at PVTG village Bhadrasole of Moroda MPA



Sensitization during ANC, PNC on Covid-19, VHND Programme supported with male and female health workers, AWW, ASHA visited to HHs who returned from outside state to enquire their health.

2. Take Home Ration (THR) & VHND

Take home ration (THR) to all HHs with pregnant/nursing mother/children along with VHND/immunization session are also ensured by extending support to ASHA/ AWW maintaining social distance in all cases by CRP.

3. Community Kitchen

As per the directions of district administration few MPAs like LSDA-Serang (Gajapati), DKDA-Chatikana (Rayagada), PBDA-Rugudakudar (Deogarh) provided cooked food under community kitchen services to the needy people and who are in quarantine at the village level. SHGs of programme villages are involved in providing cooked food at the centre.

Maa Manekeswari SHG of Ajayagada village under gumma Block, Gajapati district provide catering service in Ajayagada and also outside their village where no hotel facilities. During lock down period Maa Manekeswari SHG members provided free catering service for the needy people of Ajayagada, maintaining social distance and wearing mask at



Maa Manekeswari SHG of Ajayagada village under Gumma Block, Gajapati district



the time of preparation & distribution of food. This SHG was supported with catering services through IFAD fund.

4. Other Govt. Entitlements

CRPs have been extending support in distribution of govt. entitlements like cash incentive to the farmers, gas cylinder under Ujjala scheme and other entitlements.



D. Other support through OPELIP

1. Grocery Shop

Programme provides Income Generation Activities (IGA) under Livelihoods Improvement to the most disadvantage (differently abled persons, women headed households, widow, ultra-poor etc.) households. During these lockdown periods, all these grocery shops have helped people to avail grocery items at their village points maintaining social distancing. These grocery units are supported by IFAD fund which are extending good services to the community in time of need and earning good income for the shopkeepers too.

Social distancing maintained by Grocery shops under IGA.
Smt. KuniDolai of village Puriyasahi of Tumba MPA





2. Agriculture Support

During the rabi crop, OPELIP provided inputs for agriculture cluster promotion particularly on vegetables and fruits like watermelon. During lockdown all vegetable like tomato, potatoes, capsicum were harvested and sold out at village level.

Oilseed crops, pulses and grains were also cultivated during rabi season. Crops like sunflower, ground nuts, green gram were cultivated. The production is going on now.

Watermelon was harvested in PBDA, Jamardihi. Market linkage was facilitated during these lockdown period. Traders from Ranchi, Jharkhand lifted the produces.

All these agriculture inputs and marketing support provided through IFAD fund.



Giridhari Mahanta, Village:-Rajamunda,
VDC:-Rajamunda, GP:-Saida, PBDA, Jamardihi. Angul



Harvesting Watermelon in Gurusang village under
Rugadakudar MPA



3. Prabasi Odia Migrant

As per the information received from all MPAs, it was seen that there are 2186 persons migrated out of which 1383 are PVTG category and 803 are non-PVTG category. So far 452 workers returned to their native villages and liaison was made by the concerned MPAs. Out of these 452 migrants, 287 are PVTG category. As per the programme Plan and discussion with donor agency, these migrant workers will be given livelihoods support under IGA basing on their skill and requirements in that locality. The activities under IGA is planned for migrant workers will be supported through IFAD fund.

Status of Prabasi Odia Migrant in OPELIP Operational Area

MPA Name	TOTAL Migrated	No. of PVTG Migrated	No. of PVTG Migrant worker contacted through OPELIP Staff	No. of Non-PVTG Migrated	No. of Non-PVTG-Migrant worker contacted through OPELIP Staff	Return Migrant Worker		Outside Migrant Worker	
						No. of Returned worker	No. of PVTG returned Worker	No. of Outside Worker/ Not returned	No. of PVTG Outside Worker/ Not Returned
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
BDA, Mudulipada	149	134	134	15	15	25	21	124	113
CBDA, Sunabeda	198	56	56	142	87	34	31	164	25
DDA,K.Gumma	203	141	141	62	62	138	77	65	64
DKDA, Chatikona	106	32	32	74	74	35	18	71	14
DKDA, PARSALI	35	20	20	15	15	2	2	33	18
HKMDA, Jashipur	22	22	18	0	0	12	12	10	10
JDA, Gonasika	87	58	27	29	13	5	5	82	53
KKDA, Belghar	14	14	14	0	0	9	9	5	5
KKDA, Lanjigarh	212	59	59	153	153	26	2	186	57
LDA, Morada	58	58	58	0	0	0	0	58	58
LSDA, Putasing	99	99	48	0	0	6	6	93	93
LSDA, Serango	262	262	67	0	0	41	41	221	221
PBDA, Jamardihi	346	147	119	199	157	60	28	286	119
PBDA, Khuntugaon	82	11	9	71	52	7	2	75	9
PBDA,Rugudakudara	50	30	30	20	20	19	16	31	14
SDA,Chandragiri	33	10	10	23	23	23	7	10	3
TDA, Tumba	230	230	230	0	0	10	10	220	220
Total	2186	1383	1072	803	671	452	287	1734	1096



Initiatives in Programme Area

Meat Meets Livelihood

Tapan Majhi, aged 28 years is one energetic unemployed Tribal youth of Nangalbeda village under Chhatrapur GP of Lanjigarh block, Kalahandi district. Being a member of poor family, he migrated to distant places to earn livelihood and supplement family income. Poverty was the only compulsion to go out of village for about 4-6 months leaving behind his parents and neighbors.

As a part of the support under Income Generation Activity (IGA), he was identified as an eligible beneficiary by the Village Development Committee (VDC) i.e. Nangalbeda-OPELIP Unnayan Sangha. Tapan Majhi identified a place to set up Chicken Cutting Centre and with the recommendation of VDC, Tapan was provided with Rs. 27,000/- Rupees (Twenty Seven Thousand) only to start a Chicken Cutting Centre during the last week of December, 2019. Thereafter he added another Rs.3000/- and started the activity with sum of Rs.30,000/-



After receipt of fund, he purchased required items so as to run the centre at Muniguda market and started his centre with 30 kg of broiler chicken. Thereafter he could sell chicken up to 40 to 50 kg every day. Subsequently he got orders from friends and relatives of the nearby villages. He purchased the chickens from Lanjigarh, a small town 8 km from his village with Rs. 100/- per kg and sold at Rs. 120/- per kg with a profit of Rs. 500-600 per day.

During Covid-19 outbreak, he purchased chicken from Biswanathpur (12 Km away) / Ambadola and sold from his center and got a good profit margin by following COVID guidelines with social distancing and other safety measures.

During lockdown everybody was worried about their livelihood but he could earn for his family without any difficulty.





Setting up of HH Drinking water unit

A village named “KANTALA” situated under Saida Gram Panchayat of Pallahara Block, District-Angul. It consists of 165 HHs comprising of 10 PVTG, 61 ST, 31 SC and 63 OC HHs.

In that village a street named Juang Sahi where only 32 nos. ST HHs reside. In that street there was no facility of Safe Drinking water sources, the ladies used to go more than 1 K.M. distance to fetch drinking water. It was a long time demand of the resident of Juang street to install a Drinking water facility for them. Realizing the situation it was unanimously decided in the VDA meeting of

Kantala village that a unit of HH Drinking Water with solar panel will be installed in the Juang street to provide safe drinking water facility to the residents. Accordingly, a new unit of HH Drinking Water with solar panel was installed from OPELIP and was operationalized during this lockdown situation.

Now the residents of the village are using it for fetching safe drinking water with maintaining social distance. CRP also creates awareness among villagers on maintaining Social Distance and with mask when going outside for any emergency work.



Sahajoga Grocery Shop

The poorest of the poor women Mrs. Jamuna Ambadi 58 years old lives in OPELIP Operational village name Kudulima closely located in nearby Hatadahikhal villages under Sibapadar Gram Panchyat of Muniguda block of Rayagada district. Maximum people in the village are BPL categories out of them Mrs. Jamuna Ambadi entire family members are also BPL.

Mrs. Jamuna Ambadi was selected for support under IGA scheme i.e. namely Grocery shop under the financial support of OPELIP. With whole hearted support by field functionaries and VDC members, she could make a new beginning. Now her family members are quite happy and her daily selling comes around Rs. 2000/- to 2500/-. Mrs. Jamuna

Ambadi created a new identity in the programme operational areas through this small initiative.

During Lockdown, the Grocery shop was well managed and it provided service to community members of three village i.e. Kudulima, Sunabandha and Kukurlima. Before lockdown the daily selling was Rs 1000// to Rs 1500/- only through grocery items but during lockdown the selling increased from Rs.2000/- to Rs.2500/- from both grocery and vegetable items.

SAHAJOGA Grocery shop stands up for community people and door step service provided to community during lockdown period and now people are very happy with SAHAJOGA Shop.



PVTG Women spreading awareness to prevent COVID-19



Sulochana Bhukta is a frontline Social Worker who spreads the message on preventive measures to the Lodha Community of Ghodabandha village, under Chiktamatia G.P of Morada Block. She is the secretary of Ghodabandha VDC and member of Maa Kali PVTG SHG. Most of the people are not conscious of the health and sanitation. They used to consume liquor as part of their tradition. After intervention of OPELIP project and her active involvement, the community proactively participated in all-round development of the VDC.

During this pandemic, she conducted meetings, motivated and convinced villagers. She spread awareness on COVID-19 i.e. stay home & stay safe, use mask, maintain social distance & hand washing etc.

Because of the awareness, all the 21 PVTG families in the village are using masks, practicing hand washing and maintaining social distance etc. to fight against COVID 19.



Aggregation & Export of Water Melon

Mr. Goura Kultia is one of the frontline progressive farmers of Kebedatula Village of Kebedatula VDC under Sibapadar G.P. in Muniguda Block, Rayagada District. All the households have been depending on agriculture produces throughout the years.

This village is coming under a good agro climatic zone with perennial water source; before intervention of OPELIP all farmers were not taking new agricultural crops other than paddy.

With the intervention of OPELIP, Mr. Goura Kultia was trained to take up water melon in a new process which can fetch better returns as compared to his old cropping. He was supported with 200kg of watermelon seeds, bio-fertilizers and others essentials services. The expert advice and technical inputs helped him to manage new crop with better return. He was able to produce 2-3 tons of watermelon and earned Rs 35,000 to Rs 45,000 (approx.) by selling Rs.10-12 per kg during the lockdown period.





Prevent the chain of COVID 19

Maa Birataswari SHG of Jhinkria village, Barkand GP in Morada Block, Mayurbhanj district under OPELIP Operational areas started preparing masks in the critical situation for fight against COVID-19. When the entire country is geared up with the idea of empowerment of women, the women of Lodha Community in Morada were far from the reality. The SHG prepared masks and created awareness during this pandemic to prevent COVID-19.

Before COVID-19, mask making was not considered as a source of livelihood or form of entrepreneurship. But the demand of time and need compelled them for establishment of mask making units which was also emphasized by OPELIP in its five GPLFs. The members of Maa Birataswari SHG had

knowledge and skill to make masks and marketing. The SHG has prepared 1400 no. of masks in between 11th to 16th April 2020. Out of which 1100 no of mask have been sold with an average price Rs.20/- till date.





Social Distancing a means to prevent COVID-19

During the COVID 19, the Community Resource Person trained to all villages of Bissamcuttack Block, Rayagada district and created awareness among the Dongaria community for regular Hand Washing, maintaining Social Distance, and use of Masks etc. Now it has become a required practice of the Dongaria Kandhs. As a result, the community is observing social distance, maintaining queue for receiving PDS.

Similarly, the community is maintaining social distance while taking food. They also observe hand washing before and after taking meals. They are using mask & maintaining social distance while collecting PDS rice.



Shri Pramod Kumar Behera, Collector and DM Rayagada has also appreciated to the Dongarias for such practices.





Change of life during lockdown

Purunagumma is a PVTG village under Kudumulugumma Grama Panchayat located at Khairaput block, Malkanagiri district. Total 81 number of PVTG households reside in the village. There are 6 no of active women SHGs and are engaged in different Income Generating Activities and other activities for the development of village.

During this lockdown the District Administration have been trying it's best to prevent the people from COVID-19 and the role of SHG members have been very crucial for this people as well as nearby villages.

DDA, Kudumulugumma made awareness campaign and provided training with demonstration to the CRP, CSP, VDC and SHG members on different

precaution may measure like regular hand washing, maintaining social distance etc.

The efforts of OPELIP initiatives have been visible among the community and now the SHGs themselves are observing all the precautionary measures and motivating to other people, children and kids of the village. They are also following social distancing norm during daily activities like in agriculture work, fetching water, getting different govt. benefits, avoiding gathering, avoiding cultural programme and other community activities where chances of human conflict are more. SHGs of Purunagumma play a pivotal role in preventing the spread of Corona Virus in their village.



Poultry Farming: A Ray of Hope

As we know life is full of ups and downs. Lessons of life in many ways make human being a learner of each time and entitlement to follow the best practices. Poultry farming is a Ray of Hope for the SHG members of Maa Bhagabati SHG of Jagannathpur under Soura Development Agency, Chandragiri during the lockdown period.

As a part of the support under Income Generation Activity (IGA), Maa Bhagabati SHG was identified as an eligible SHG by the Village Development Committee (VDC) i.e. OPELIP Jagannathpur Gramya Unnayan Sangha. The SHG has been supported with Rs. 27,000/- Rupees (Twenty-Seven Thousand) only to start poultry farming with contribution of SHG members.

After receipt of fund, the SHG members constructed a small poultry shed with capacity of 200 birds, then purchased required items so as to run the centre. They are taking care of day-old

chicks, timely vaccination and control the mortality of the chicks etc.

During COVID-19, OPELIP staffs provided hand holding support to the SHG. After 40 days, the birds (25 days of lock down) the birds reached to the weight of 2-2.5 kg and they sold in their village and local market Chandragiri. During these periods there was increased demand of broiler in the market. Staff from OPELIP also organised various awareness programme on COVID 19 which helped the SHG members to earn sound profit margin following guideline with social distancing and another safety measures.

The SHG members are now able to get profit due to their sincere effort to run the poultry farming better public dealings and business tactics, there by improving their social and financial conditions.



The CRPs : Frontline Warriors against COVID-19

It was an uphill task of the Government of Odisha to fight against the coronavirus in difficult and hard to reach tribal areas where communications and extensions are all time challenge. Coupled with these problem illiteracy, lack of awareness, least concerned for their personal hygiene & sanitation and strong belief on superstitions which made the tribal people in general and PVTG people in particular more vulnerable and softer target for any disease to attack.

During this critical juncture & Government effort to fight against the silent killer Corona virus the Community Resource Persons (CRP) working at village level acted as front line workers and messengers from Government to fight against the Corona Virus as well as ensuring PDS and other benefits of the Government to reach the people. Ensuring community cooked meal for the destitute

and lactating mothers, maintaining social distance, spreading awareness of hand washing, distributing masks and ensuring its use, arrangement of grocery for IGA shops, arrangement of marketing of vegetables, conducting door to door survey of the migrants and inform to the administration for arranging institutional delivery for PVTG, arranging home quarantine for the people who recently returned back from other states, districts and prevent the strangers to enter in the village by erecting barricade etc. have been the ground work of CRPs.

The CRPs along with VDC members, ASHA, Anganawadi Worker and SHGs have been acting as eyes, ears and nose of the administration to fight against the Corona virus in the PVTG community.



SHGs Act as Safeguard for Community



It is said that “Unity is Strength” & it has been rightly so by the members of Tajmahal Self Help Group of Balabhadrapur village, Jagannathpur GP under Lanjigarh block of Kalahandi district. Ten women members of this group have been functioning well since last three (03) years with better coordination & understanding among themselves by following SHG norms. They have good liaison with bank and other supporting agencies.

After implementation of OPELIP in Balabhadrapur village, this SHG have been supported with one Khali Dana Press Machine to stitch leaf.

During COVID-19 outbreak members of this SHG have taken up the challenges to combat the pandemic.

Door to door counseling on social distancing at (at PDS centre, Shop, Tube well etc.), proper hand-washing for at least 20 second, personal cleanliness, sanitation & hygiene, healthy eating & lifestyle for general population, using mask, registration of migrant workers etc. being done by the SHG members. Pregnant lady & lactating mothers,

adolescent girls, old-aged person have also been oriented on the Dos & Don'ts during COVID-19.

Vedanta Alumina-Lanjigarh, provided support to these members of the SHG with scissors, clothes, tags etc. under CSR fund to prepare mask as a preventive measure during COVID-19. Per day 150 cotton masks have been prepared by SHG members & on five days interval, Vedanta Company take all masks prepared by SHG at the rate of Rs.5/- per piece. The masks are being distributed to communities residing within the villages under Lanjigarh block. Per day income of SHG comes around 750/- and they make it by staying safe at their home and gainfully utilizing their time for a productive purpose.





Vegetable Farming : Means of Livelihood



Successes amid COVID Pandemic

The people of Banigaon village used to migrate outside state i.e. Kerala/Andhra Pradesh in search of livelihoods opportunities every year particularly during February to June. Now throughout the year they have been engaged in vegetable cultivation during Rabi & Kharif. NRM based interventions under OPELIP in the village have stopped them from mass migration and provided livelihood opportunity to all migrant labourers.

It has been an eye opener for those people who destined to make their own fortune. This has been a case with Sri Sada Majhi s/o- Bake Majhi in Banigaon village under KKDA Lanjigarh, Kalahandi District. It was always a desire and dream for him

to start an activity that can ensure both income and inspiration for others. Vegetable seeds supplied through OPELIP in the village has brought the opportunity for Sri Majhi to cultivate Vegetable. He received support of Rs.10,000 from programme as farmer share for digging of Borewell in convergence with OLIC, Bhawanipatna. He has taken up the crop with the hope that, collective family decision & effort would bring a change in their livelihood.

During this lockdown Sri Sada Majhi sold agriculture produce in the nearby market & Vedant Township Vending zone Lanjigarh and got huge benefit.



Spread of awareness to combat COVID-19

Tuseipada & Bondapada Village situated in interior part of Mudulipada panchayat, Khairput Block of Malkangiri District. There are 110 HHs of Bonda communities. OPELIP staff along with the Gram Panchayat officials campaigned and spread awareness to combat the Pandemic COVID-19 by maintaining Social Distance.

As a result, people maintained social distance while receiving govt. entitlements which is a part of safety measure against pandemic COVID-19.

Both OPELIP & Panchayat officials advised the communities to follow necessary health protocols during the lock down period.





Preventive Management : Learning by Practicing

In order to fight the spread of Corona virus, OPELIP, Chandragiri initiated the measures to create awareness on social distancing, hand washing with regular interaction with the VDCs/ CRPs/ SHG representatives through WhatsApp/ telephone calls/massive campaign during the lockdown period with IEC (Issued & supplied by Govt from time to time).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Resource Persons imparted training to the VDC members / SHG members / Village level shopkeepers with the help of OPELIP, SDA, Chandragiri. CRPs and CSPs tried to cover all the programme villages to create awareness on regular hand washing, maintaining social distance and use of Masks etc. The same was regularly observed by the PVTGs.

Community sensitization program was imparted on hygiene practices, Do's and Don'ts during lock down and preparedness at individual

and community level involving the Community Based Organizations like Village Development Committees, Farmers' Groups, Youth/Adolescent Groups, Community Resource Persons and the PRI representatives using IEC materials including posters and handouts Issued by Govt from time to time as well as through electronic / Social Media. With the help of CRPs migrant workers were tracked and returned to their native place during lock down period.





Tailoring Unit : Service for Community

Successes amid COVID Pandemic

Latitude: 21°32'11"
Longitude: 85°1'45"
Elevation: 175.7m

A tailoring Unit was established which a support under Income Generating Activities (IGA). This unit has been run by Radharani SHG of Gopapur village, PBDA Rugudakudar, Deogarh district. During this COVID19, the SHG has extended its helping hand for the society. As per Instructions of GoI & GoO guidelines to wear mask when going out, but mask were not available in the market as per the demand of the situation.

As per the suggestions of district collector, Radharani SHG of Gopapur OPELIP PBDA, Rugudakudar was selected to prepare the mask. Simultaneously Collector instructed Red Cross, Deogarh to supply all materials for preparation of cotton masks & instructed OLM, Deogarh for marketing. 2000 nos of masks were prepared & handed over to OLM, Deogarh. This SHG not only provided mask in their area but also served from preventing spreading of virus.



TDCCOL: A Medium of Marketing PVTG Products



Bhatajhari is a remote PVTG village of Lanjigarh Panchayat in Lanigarh Block, Kalahandi district having 31 HHs. This is situated at 10 KM from Lanjigarh GP on the hill top of Niyamgiri mountain.

All villagers are forest dweller and depended on NTFP collection. All these PVTGs HHs i.e. 31 families come together and collected 70-80 quintals of Tamarind in community level and preserved it for linking to the market for better prices.

Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation of Odisha Limited (TDCCOL) is a registered body of Govt. of Odisha having its branches all over the tribal Districts extended marketing support for NTFP/MFP as per instructions of MD, TDCCOL cum PD OPELIP. The field functionaries of OPELIP i.e. Kutia Kandha Development Agency (KKDA),

Branch Manager TDCCOL of Kalahandi District along with Project Administrator, ITDA Bhawanipatna facilitated the procurement of Tamarind from the PVTG communities in hard to reach areas with better prices.

The stock was collected by Maa Jagat Janani SHG, Banigaon and sold 70 quintals of stock to TDCC @ Rs. 36/ KG i.e the newly enhanced price as per GoI notification. This helped the PVTG communities to have better marketing access, good prices and non-involvement of middle man and local vendors. People are quite happy for such noble initiative by the programme.



MGNREGA work as means of Livelihood

During the lockdown programme has ensured the livelihood opportunities to the Prabasi Odia migrants as well as local communities under MGNREGS. As per the need of the communities, activities were taken up and provided works to the needy. Special focus was given for Natural Resource Management (NRM) activities like staggered Trench, farm pond, check dam, plantations etc. During this lockdown, programme has executed 500 nos. of projects creating around 79012 man-days amounting to Rs. 1.80 Crores.





Agriculture & Horticulture Production during Lockdown

SI No	District Name	Name of MPA	Crops Name	Area in (Ha)	No of Farmers	Production (Quintal)
1	Nuapada	CBDA Sunabeda	Potato			4000
			Onion	4	40	50
			Garlic	4	60	40
			Cabbage	4	40	85
			Cauli flower	2	20	60
2	Gajapati	SDA Chandragiri	Cauli flower	1.85	9	50
			Cabbage	1.95	6	60
			Cow Pea	1.45	6	25
			Beans	1.35	4	20
			Brocoli	0.75	3	30
			Garden Pea	1.38	5	35
3	Keonjhar	JDA Gonasika	Mustard	0	0	0
4	Angul	PBDA Jamardih	Brocoli	1	4	1200 pc
			Banana	5	6	300 bunches
			Capsicum	1	3	3 Qtl
			Maize	4	20	800 Cobs
			Hybrid paddy	40	80	1600 Qtl
			Greengram	10	20	20 Qtl
			Sun flower	2	6	25 Ltr
			Groundnut	15	8 SHG	300 Qtl
5	Kalahandi	KKDA Lanjigarh	Cow Pea	4	40	50
			Okra	4	60	40
			Tamato	4	40	85
			Brinjal	2	20	60
			Cabbage	2	20	35
			Cauliflower	2	20	40
			Cucumber	1	10	25
6	Mayurbhanj	LDA Morada	Potato	8.8	90	800
			Cabbage	1	10	200
			Cauli flower	1	12	150
7	Mayurbhanj	HKMDA Jasipur	Tamato	8.6	76	167
			Patato	10	126	532
8	Rayagada	DKDA, Chatikona	Brinjal	7	70	8
			Tamato	7.6	76	20
			Maize	0.8	6	10000 Cobs
			Sunflower	50	400	0
			Watermelon	3	30	25



SI No	District Name	Name of MPA	Crops Name	Area in (Ha)	No of Farmers	Production (Quintal)
9	Rayagada	LSDA ,Puttasing	Sweet corn	5.40	15	10
			Potato	5.00	12	20
			Onion	9.30	45	150
			Cabbage	6.10	16	40
			Cauliflower	5.30	10	10
			Brocoli	1.40	0	0
			Knolkhol	1.24	5	10
			Radish	3.22	10	35
			Carrot	1.44	5	5
			Tomato	3.20	18	50
			Brinjal	1.50	12	45
			Chilly	1.50	11	25
10	Deogarh	PBDA, Rugudakudar	Watermelon	8	15	2000
11	Rayagada	DKDA Parsali	Potato			30
			Black Gram			25
			Sun Flower			5
12	Malkanagari	BDA, Mudulipada	Brinjal	10	102	150
			Tomato	8	85	120
			Chilly	10	122	60
			Cabbage	10	125	150
			Radish cum Palak	3	60	6
			Ground Nut	22	32	Under Harvest
13	Sundergarh	PBDA, Khuntagaon	Potato	34	548	6800
			Onion	5	76	1200
			Cauliflower	1	4	250
14	Kandhamal	KKDA, Belghar	Patato	10	367	1200
			Beans	8	96	80
			Cabbage	8	106	180
			Cauliflower	10	119	250
			Cow Pea	5	55	45
			Mustard	12	120	26
			Brinjal	13	104	190
			Sunflower	20	80	200
15	Gajapati	LSDA, Serango	Tomato			1400
			Brinjal			1700
16	Ganjam	TDA, Tumba	Cauliflower	4	34	60
			Cabbage	7	44	82
			Sweet corn	4	28	12000 cobs
			Beans	4	28	33
17	Malkanagari	DDA, Kudumuluguma	Tamato	2	20	200
			Brinjal	1	9	200
			Okra	1	20	0
			Brocoli	3	15	100
			Cauliflower	2	14	300
			Cabbage	1	10	150
			Banana	5	14	0
			onion	0.5	3	50

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