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**Letter from the Secretary** 

It is needless to say that this Annual Report would not have been completed, had we

not received the heartily acceptance of the community, we are working for.

Second, I owe my sincere gratitude towards all our team members, who have rendered their

best efforts in facilitating the processes among the communities despite of lots of pressure, hardships,

threats and hazardous working environments.

Third, we will never forget to thank the Animators and Activists - the real frontline brave soldiers

- who, as the real change agents, have strived much in facilitating the development processes among the

marginalized communities.

And last but not the least we are really very much thankful and obliged before our resource

partners: Child Rights and You [CRY], CASA, Danish Church Action [DCA], CBR FORUM and Concern

Worldwide, for their valuable support as well as for their critical opinions, feedback, timely follow up

and evaluations. This, in fact, has infused indomitable spirit, courage and commitment in us to put our

best efforts in making our work of the highest quality and bringing smiles to the lips of thousands of

down-trodden marginalized tribes thereby empowering them to create a more dignified living.

At last, we express our gratitude to all our fellow well wishers, friends, who have directly or

indirectly provided their helping hands towards our work, process and organization as a whole.

**BIDYUT MOHANTY** 

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Secretary

#### **About SPREAD**

The Society for Promoting Rural Education and Development (SPREAD) started working in Koraput District of Odisha from the year 1997. This is dedicated to empowering the marginalized communities of Koraput district so that they may access their Rights to Land,

#### Vision

A region and society without any exploitation and discrimination with access to the basic necessities of life and ability for people to assert their Rights for a dignified living.

#### Mission

To work as a catalyst with the underprivileged class so as to build up their capacity and to facilitate the process of participatory development.

#### Goal

To make the most marginalized section of the society aware of their rights & duties and enable them to have access and control over the socioeconomic-political process for a dignified life.

Food & Work. Ultimately this will lead to their ability to maintain a dignified way of life.

## **Approach**

SPREAD is working with a Right Based Approach operates in 4 Blocks of Koraput to facilitate excluded communities' non-discriminatory access to Land, Food & Work. To achieve this goal the Organization undertakes various activities with People's Organization like awareness campaign, meeting & training to community leaders.

## **Core Areas of Programme**

- ➤ Right to Food
- > Right to Health
- ➤ Right to Work
- Right toEducation
- Livelihood

- ➤ Right to Land
- Social Security
- People's Organization
- Child Right

## **Legal Status**

SPREAD is registered under both Society Registration Act 1860 vide Regd. No. 2445-200 of 1989-90 and Foreign Contribution Regulation Act bearing Regd. No. 105020098. Also, it is registered under Income Tax No. 12(A)-42/93-94, Provident Fund having Code No. OR/6143 and Group gratuity of LIC having Master Policy No. GG (CA) 31502.



#### The Team

SPREAD believes in the importance of hiring people from the communities where they work 93 % of the organizations, 96 team members are tribals and dalits from the rural villages in SPREAD's operational area.

## **Operational Areas**

SPREAD's operational area covers 1381 villages of 60 Gram Panchayats in 4 blocks of Lamtaput, Boipariguda, Dasamantpur & Nandapur.



#### **PARTNERS IN ACTION**

We would like to extend our gratitude to our funding partners who have supported our vision. Their immense faith and on the team have encouraged us to achieve the goal of the organization. The name of Partners who have contributed in the growth of SPREAD and its programme expansion is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Partners	Key areas of Support
1	Child Rights and You (CRY)	<ul> <li>Reduce Malnutrition by regularizing the ICDS centres</li> <li>Ensure quality education in schools</li> <li>Ensure Livelihood through land rights</li> </ul>
2	The Live Love Laugh Foundation (TLLLF)	• Raising awareness and identifying people with mental illness and their carers
3	Carers worldwide (UK)	Raising awareness and identifying people with mental illness and their carers
4	Bai Namtullabai A. Maskati Trust	<ul> <li>Voice for disabled and their achieving recognition and inclusion of family carers of the disabled and mentally ill from Adivasi communities</li> </ul>
5	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI)	<ul> <li>Accessing Welfare Schemes and livelihoods support to vulnerable communities</li> <li>Distribution of Dry Ration and Hygiene Kits</li> </ul>

## Right to Work (MGNREGA)

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has a potential to enhance the livelihood security by giving 100 days of work in each year. Organisation main objective is to realize this Act at ground level in facilitating the job card registration, opening of Pass books, work demand, Aadhar link, planning at village level & social audit in engagement with Government officials.

SPREAD initiated the process in preparing labour calendar in participatory approach to set the tune for planning at village level & preparation for Gram panchayats to meet the peoples demand. In 150 villages labour calendar has been prepared with 2943 Job card holders at the same time village level Natural Resource Management plan also done. SPREAD in collaboration with Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), Koraput introduced "Composite Landscape Assessment and Restoration Tools" (CLART) for effective planning for MGNREGA.



Natural resource based planning at village level through the CLART is completed & already plan for 150 villages submitted through the gram sabha for MGNREGA. These NRM focused plan & the labour calendar was shared with the Gramsabha & Gram panchayat officials. In collaboration with OLM, we implemented 2078 "Mo Upakari Bagicha at 3 blocks.

## **Engagement with Government/District/Block Administration.**

Muster roll was verified for the first time in 6 villages in the presence of the job card holders. The issue of delayed payment was visible from the verification. These issues were put before the Block Administration, BDOs, JEs, and PEOs in the interface meetings that conducted in all the 3 operational Blocks. The Block Administration praised the initiative taken by SPREAD to bridge the gap between the people and Govt. officials. They encouraged the people to approach them with any kind of issues.

#### **Social Audit**

SPREAD has facilitated Social Audit of MGNREGA along with the Govt. personnel in 3 Blocks such as Lamtaput, Nandapur & Dasamantpur. For the first time people participated in the process in a large number. It's a good learning for them.

 There was difficult to register new families under MGNREGA but now because of effort of People's Organisations engagement with Block & GP officials 2843 families got new job cards.

- The opening of new accounts in bank was not easy for a simple tribal & dalit families but Banks are now responding in positive manner and 2024 families have opened new accounts.
- 11259 families demanded for work and got to work for 9, 23,238 days under MGNREGA.
- Now many job card holders got the work within 14 days of demand



- The late payment of wages in six villages got after a long struggle.
- 4564 job card holder already completed 100 days work under MGNREGA
- Productive asset like Dug Well, Farm Pond. Field Channel, Gully Control, Continuous Counter Trench, Plantation, etc created in 180villages.

Overall experience for this year was good as Spread initiated the concept of labour calendar & NRM planning & social audit process in collaboration with district administration.

14 tribal workers get back their embezzled wage of Rs1, 62,288-- In the village Bimariput under Banamaliput GP, 7 families had no Bank Accounts and Job Cards for which they were deprived of job from MGNREGA. One day two village MGNREGA mate came to them and assured them to ensure their Bank Accounts and Job Cards. The innocent families restoring confidence provided the relevant documents. 14 members from these 7 families worked for 14 days but did get neither wage nor the job card& bank passbook. However, the two mates started avoiding the families and did not listen to them. When all request unheard by the mates, they were called to village meeting but it had no result. At last SPREAD team intervened into the matter and made an investigation whether Bank Accounts have opened or not and similarly job card issued or not in favor of the families. Finally it was ascertained that Accounts has opened and money have been deposited & withdrawn by the two mates. Again village meeting was organized & in the meeting it was decided to lodge a complaint in police station& block administration against the mates. Both the mates found no way to escape .At last they handed over the bank passbooks and Job Cards and returned the entire withdrawn money of Rs1,62,288 in the month of October, 2020. Using twitter as an effective grievance redressal tool for

## Right to Food (PDS)

In Koraput district 90% families are in BPL category & primarily dependant on PDS & other social security schemes & ICDS for food security and nutritional security. So Spread objective is to connect eligible families on different social security & food schemes with GP, block & district level authority.

In the process of Socio economic Caste Census survey, spread initiated the awareness process so that eligible households will not eliminated in the process.

SPREAD initiated the community monitoring of 49300 PDS cards for 813 villages & as a result many issues like non distribution cases identified and same case was addressed by the community members. In the area the two months PDS of 22 card holders of Dhepaguda village of Dasamantpur block, 27 card holders of Panthlung village of Nandapur block for one month PDS was distributed due to collective effort of POs. By this monitoring



immediately non- receipt of PDS is identified and community action initiated at GP & block level. By facilitating the community monitoring villages identified non receipt of PDS of 22 card holders in Dhepaguda village for 2 months, 27 card holders of Panthlung village for one month so villagers went to block and district to lodge the complaints and all of them got the PDS.

- 847 left out members (due to lack of aadhar) are added to the existing PDS card.
- Facilitated the Aadhar seeding of 1282 members with existing cards
- 1147 left out members (due to lack of aadhar) are added to the existing PDS card.
- The social security schemes are regularly supervised by the block officials and the frequent visit has increased to different villages. SPREAD facilitated the process of identification to submitting application as a result

### **Social Security Scheme (Pension)**

In this scheme total 2644 eligible (Old age, widows, PwDs) beneficiaries indentified and applied for monthly pension and out of it 658 people already got pension regularly.

- 472 new old age people got the monthly pension.
- 145 widows got pension
- 47 families got family benefit schemes
- 41 PWDs got monthly pension
- Facilitated distribution of Rs.1000/- as ex gratia to all pension holders.
- 2917 pension holders linked with aadhar for smooth distribution of pension.



Mati Krisani is a 45 years old tribal widow woman from village Hanumanjar of Bilaput GP. She was completely dependent on her pension of Rs.500 to run her family with two sons & one daughter. Suddenly she was denied her pension in the month of August, because she has not linked Aadhar card with her pension. Similarly another four old age & widows in nearby villages did not get the pension because they had no Aadhar card. When SPREAD team learnt about this incident from VDC meeting, they informed the matter to BSSO, Nandapur and PEO, Bilaput but result was zero. The Team did not remain silent. They used social media as an instrument for justice. With necessary documents, it was informed to Chief Minister Odisha, Secretary SSEPD Department and Collector, Koraput through twitter on 17/8/2020. After the twitter information, the concerned officials on the same day evening distributed their entitlements in presence of the villagers and SPREAD team members. After that they distributed Rs 2000/- to 84 beneficiaries scatted in 12 Revenue Village in similar cases. Further due to twitter effect, 11 beneficiaries from Dasamantpur Block, 4 from Lamtaput Block finally received pension. Looking into the situation SPREAD conducted a quick survey of denial of pension due to Aadhar & provided a list to the district administration. Its effect was not ended here. Further 565 beneficiaries of Nandapur Block, 185 of Dasamantpur and 1047 of Lamtaput block who do not have Aadhar Cards, were given pension. Further the government officials started to support the beneficiaries in linking Aadhar and ensured new Aadhar card those who do not have. Use of Twitter by SPREAD team and with its effect, many deprived finally got their entitlements.

## **Livelihood Security for PwDs**

People with disability (PWD) are the most vulnerable group in the area. They are carrying extra burden of being tribal/dalit, women & children and PWD. The work with PWDs got stinger in this year. SPREAD is working with 394 (Mental illness-143, Epilepsy-251) persons with disability; with 11 types of disability in 20 Grampanchayat of Baipariguda block. Out of total 394 careers there are 79 men & 315 women in the project area



- Since 2008 Govt. is organizing Bhima Bhoi Samarthya Sibira but due to lack of proper communication to the actual beneficiaries the camp failed to achieve its desired result. SPREAD shared the responsibility to facilitate the Disability Certification Camp to enroll the actual beneficiary for certification. Block Level Bhima Bhoi Samarthya Sibira (Disability Certification Camp) in collaboration with the District Administration was organized where 60 disable people participated and 58 availed certificates.
- On dtd. 04/02/2021 the program extended Lamtaput block of Koraput district. CHC lamtaput and DMHP Koraput jointly organized a mental health camp and assisted by

- the staff of the Spread Organization. A total of 21 PWMIEs came to the camp for treatment and were given free medicine.
- During the last 12 months 55 more (38 epilepsy and 17 MI) patient received treatment along with previous 263 patients at district hospital Jeypore and SLN Medical College Koraput. All 318(MI-120, Epilepsy-196) patients received regular medicines with support from project. All the 318 persons are showing a sign of improvement as the frequency of getting attacks for epilepsy has reduced substantially



- SPREAD send 2 MR-CP children to community rehabilitation center at Koraput for physiotherapy treatment & all 2 children are showing improvement & their carers are happy. In this phase SPREAD facilitated the treatment of 32 carers in getting treatment in local PHC & CHC.
- In Covid pandemic season patient not came to medical, so that SPREAD organization taking to responsible for patients and distribute medicine door to door 318 PWMIE patients through CHC Boipariguda. This time District mental health Programme (DMHP) Health unit team Mobile van running in Boipariguda Block and with 176 number MI and Epilepsy patient for door step visit that time. This visit main aim was patient how to increase his/her health to continue ate medicine. If medicine at last patient for distributed door to door. How to mental illness found out and treatment easily sentient to village level awareness.

# Carers provided with tools/equipment required to pursue their chosen livelihood via access to micro finance

Sl No	Name of the Tread	Number	Income
1	Poultry Farming	13	Monthly 2500/- to 3000/- Rupees Income
2	Goat Farming	22	In last six month 3000/- to 4000/- Rupees
			Income
3	Patty Shop	11	Monthly 2500/- to 3000/- Rupees Income
4	Vegetable Cultivation	14	Monthly 3000/- to 4000/- Rupees Income
5	Tea Stall	2	Monthly 3000/- to 4000/- Rupees Income
6	Meat Shop	2	Monthly 5000/- to 6000/- Rupees income
7	Tailoring	1	Monthly 3000/- to 4000/- Rupees Income
8	Bengal shop	1	Monthly 3000/- to 4000/- Rupees Income
9	Kirana Shop	1	Monthly 5000/- to 6000/- Rupees income
	Total	67	

 During COVID Pandemic the Day Care Center is not running, but this centre facilitator Janaki Bhumia visiting door to door and getting therapy (CP-6, MR-3, Blind- 2 and Locomotor-2). CWD carers also give about therapy and monthly twice visiting door to door. • In collaboration with RBSK SPREAD organized Block Level Early Innervations Screening Camp where total 8 CWD attended

#### Right to Health

Koraput is one among the KBK districts & infamous for high IMR & MMR. The government spends a huge amount under various schemes to bring down IMR. Children born in critical conditions are being treated at the special newborn care unit (SNUC) situated at the Koraput district hospital & which helps in arresting IMR.

The health infrastructure like PHC, CHC, sub centers are very poor and the critical issue is that the doctors are not available in PHCs and pharmacists are running the show. As there are no sub center buildings on ground so ANM are staying at Block level and their visits are very irregular & affecting the health of pregnant women & lactating mothers & children's health. ASHA workers are there but they have limitation. The situation is very critical for women & children during the rainy season in the inaccessible pockets. As both the parents



are working in agriculture field infants and children are most neglected.

SPREAD main focus is to activate the health system at village to GP to PHC level & at the same time building health awareness among the populations particularly on Women & child health. For malnutrition & women health SPREAD concentrated in Lamtaput block in 50 villages.

VHND was celebrated in the ICDS centre of 3 GP namely Guneipada, Ballel, Godihanjar, block Lamtaput 441 children and 51 pregnant women has covered, 19 mother Immunized. Books distribution has taken place in 6 villages covering almost 30 households.

Awareness on MGNREGA was run through Pangiput, Koreiput, Poibeda, Soilpada, Kantipada, Litiput, Baunsaguda and Guneipada village under Guneipada GP of Lamptaput block of Koraput District. In an approximation 1200 households were covered. Participation in the District level discussion with the migrant families regarding work under the MGNREGA scheme covering 60 participants. There were 50 people registered as migrant workers in the village named Chatra, under Gram panchayat Dhadi, Dabuguda of Lamtaput Block in Koraput District



Life skill education to adolescent: 182 male and 365 female adolescent of 3 GP has

participated in the life skill session: self identification, communication, and emotion management is a major part of life skill education. we are conducting life skill session since from 3 years and now the result is girls is they prepare themselves to take session without support of field staff. Organizing hand washing programme at village level by their own, creating awareness among community on Covid 19 world pandemic. Adolescent have a change in their behaviour when deal with their parents. Now they able solve their family issues with discuss with their family members. Now they are able to hire need base govt. Support, they can able to express their need with ASHA and Anganwadi.

## **Humanitarian Support**

The Novel Corona virus outbreak and subsequent lockdown from 24th night in India have direct impact on life and livelihood of vulnerable groups like tribals & dalits of south

Odisha. Though Central Government & Government of Odisha have declared 16 types of relief packages but few households are still deprived of these packages due to various administrative &procedural reasons like lack of Aadhar card for PDS, left out from the NFSA (National Food security Act), and left out monthly pension.

With this backdrop SPREAD initiated the humanitarian support of dry ration & hygiene kits to the needy vulnerable groups in 717 villages in Koraput and Nabarangpur Districts during Covid 19 Outbreak covering 3326 households from 66-Grampanchayats, 5



blocks of Koraput, Nabarangpur districts. Most of the villages are inaccessible pockets of the districts. At the same time SPREAD organised hand washing campaign and social distancing practices in 717 villages through the village volunteers.

Koraput & Nabarangpur district administration issued lock down pass to all of our 150 volunteers that made easy us to move around the villages for the support to most vulnerable groups.

From the first week of the April SPREAD volunteers initiated awareness on covid-19 &hand

washing demonstration & social distancing. We helped the gram panchayat representatives & government officials in distribution of PDS other covid-19 related relief packages. At the same time volunteers distributed cooked food to the vulnerable families those could not able to come to the Gram panchayat-feeding center. It was a great help to group like PWDs & old age person. Because of our effort many left out families got PDS during this pandemic.

SPREAD always stood for vulnerable people when they need help. We were the first to tap and enquire after



getting the information from the affected area. Our team members and community

volunteers made house-to-house survey to select appropriate beneficiaries. We involved 10 staffs and 145 volunteers in our survey team. Special emphasis was placed on the most affected families from vulnerable Old age people, Persons with Disabilities, single women, widows, migrant families, orphans, families having pregnant & lactating mothers, left out families from PDS. We also involved volunteers from the local community, community leaders, and PRI representatives to ensure that we identified real affected and poverty-stricken families.

#### **Support materials:**

Dry ration (5 KG of Rice/5 kg Ragi, 2 KG of Mung dal, 2 KG of Soya chunks, 500ml mustard cooking oil)

Hygiene kits (three soaps, three cotton reusable masks)

SPREAD covered 3326 families in supporting the humanitarian aid. There was approval budget to cover 3250 beneficiaries but SPREAD added 76 more families as we got more supporting goods due to price negotiation with different vendors. Out of total 3326 families/households the scheduled tribes cover 2102 families, 715 families from dalits and rest are from other communities

The family head/needy person who received our relief items passed very positive



comments. During the visits our team members interacted with lot of affected like old women, single woman, and with person with disability. The affected families appreciated our efforts as they received relief items in timely manner. Many could not reach to the distribution point due to distance but our team members ensured that the door delivery to each needy families. They families/individuals said that SPREAD has selected genuinely affected and the poorest families who

have no other alternative. Local people assisted our team members during distribution, as they were satisfied with our beneficiary selection and quantity of food. Many places Government officials (Block development officer, block OLM authority, Assistant Block Development Officer & Panchayat Extension Officer & PRI representatives (Block chair person, Sarapanchas, ward members, Zilla parisad members) joined with team in distribution. District administration of Koraput & Nabarangpur appreciated out efforts as we reached to the most inaccessible areas.

The family head/vulnerable individual who received our relief items passed very positive comments during the visits. The affected families appreciated our efforts as they received relief good quality items in timely manner. They were satisfied with our beneficiary selection and quantity of food.

With the lockdown and subsequent rainy season the difficulties have increased for these vulnerable groups. There is need for more efforts from government & civil society organisations to help these vulnerable groups for their livelihood unless there is threat of starvation in coming months. SPREAD is thankful to APPI for timely & critical support to most needy in two tribal districts of Odisha.

# **Annual Audit Report**





