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Message from the Director.....

Dear All

PRERAK is working in 13 districts of Chhattisgarh and captured the achievements and challenges during the year 2021-22 to improve the socio- economic condition of the vulnerable communities which includes PVTG, disabled children and youths, extreme poor tribal communities of both women and men, Dalit and others backward communities, Single and aged women, forest belt primitive tribes and similar communities. Efforts has been made for upliftment of those community people through promotion of traditional practice of livelihoods by available natural resources management. Different development and welfare programmes have been undertaken to make positive changes in their lifestyle through ecological farming, forest protection, NTFP collection, revival of traditional diminishing crops and trees, awareness generation on govt schemes and their rights & entitlements and provide support services in social welfare. To ensure the sustainable development process, organization has focused on building community institutions through establishment of women SHGs, Forest Protection Committees, strengthening of Gothansetc. Under social welfare activities a residential school for disability and an old age home is running successfully in Gariyaband district. Capacity building of project staffs, community cadres and communities through different project interventions followed by trainings and discussions. Skills training is also provided to the community people to accelerate their incomes.

At the beginning of the year, we faced unexpected challenges due to second wave of Corona to carry out the normal activities during pandemic special efforts was given by providing support services in health, education, nutrition and livelihood opportunities. Our project staff, community cadres taken the challenges and committed to deliver quality services and necessary supports to the community people. At last, but not least I thank and acknowledges the efforts and dedication to all and continued support of funding partners to serve the community and to achieve the organizational goals.

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MAP OF CHATTISGARH AREA OF OPERATION



About the Organization.....

PRERAK has emerged as a leading NGO in Chhattisgarh in development and social welfare sector. It was started in 1988 for promoting the social, economic, political, educational and cultural life of the under privileged and marginalized sections of the society. It was founded by a few intellectual and experienced community volunteers to empower these communities and provide them with the required skills and capacity to fight against any social injustice. At PRERAK, we focus on preparing innovative strategies to create awareness in communities about their fundamental rights and duties and help them utilize their rights to live with dignity.

PRERAK, the social development organization was registered under Madhya Pradesh Society Registration Act 1873, Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act under the Ministry of Home Affairs of the government, PWD Act under the Department of Panchayat and Social Welfare and also 12A & 80G Income Tax Act under Government of India, Ministry of Finance.

Vision: The main vision of PRERAK is to establish concretized-structured organizational strategies for changing the lifestyle of marginalized groups of society i.e. Children with Disabilities (CwDs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), marginalized farmers and Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) etc. to be self-dependent, healthy and wealthy in the community through peaceful interaction; and avoid social violence, exploitation and injustice

Mission: The mission of PRERAK is to empower human resources specially women's skills through trained professional guidance, to develop village level activities to make local environment survivable and sustainable through the process of by the people, of the people and for the people.

Goal: To create a just society where people will get equal opportunities to be self-reliant with dignity.

Strategy and Objectives:

At PRERAK, we aim to help build self-sufficient empowered communities. Our key strategy to help achieve our goal is to build and strengthen community involvement in the process of development. By building capacity of the communities through awareness generation, community mobilization, formation of community groups to address rights-based issues identified by people themselves, and creating linkages with markets and various government departments or schemes, the communities are encouraged to focus on and manage various issues collectively.

1.To create a lasting impact and to help the communities to self-sustain, we work with an underlying aim of empowering women by giving them opportunities to establish their rights and also work on promoting indigenous knowledge for managing and protecting their natural resources. In this regard, some of our key objectives are:

2.To create awareness about various issues faced by the communities, provide a common platform to think analytically and to take action, and promote collective effort for community development.

3.To promote people's economic condition through participatory action and sustainable development process which will include community based natural resource management and conservation for enhanced livelihood, strengthening of Gram Sabha, PRIs and other local institutions and implementation of acts and schemes set up for the benefit of indigenous people.

4.To empower women to demand their rights with their communities and be more involved in the decision-making process.

5.To empower people with disabilities by promoting community-based rehabilitation and mainstream children with special needs through inclusive development.

Inclusive Development of Children and Youngsters with Disabilities

This project has focus upon the special children and youth in selected areas of Gariyaband district for their mental and physical improvements.

Project Location: Rajim, near Sindhouri, Chhura block, District Gariyaband in Chattisgarh.

Targets: total 60 Male- 42 female-18

Children and youngsters with disabilities who live in poverty participate equally and as fully as possible in their families and communities so that their lives have the highest possible quality. With the above-mentioned goal, PRERAK is working to create an enabling environment to



empowerment of persons with disabilities. This project has been implementing in Chhura block of Gariyaband district. During the year 2021-22, the organization worked, under the project, directly with 100 children (44 female and 56 male) with disabilities including Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Disabilities, and Mental Retarded, Orthopedic, Visually Impaired and Hearing-Impaired children. Other youth disabled persons have received various support services during the year through field level interventions.

Training, Support, Activities....

Intensive Services:

Intensive services under the project interventions include door step services to the children with special needs. Services are provided and monitored as per the direction and suggestion of physiotherapist.

Project field staff motivates and mobilizes through counseling and constant home visits. The services

exercise, physiotherapy, daily living skills, educational interventions, socio-cultural interventions, school enrollment and social inclusion.

(i) Physical Exercise:

- Physical Exercise has been provided to 33 (18 Boy and 15 girls) children with cerebral palsy through door to door visit by our field worker with active support and guidance from the Physiotherapist from Churra Public Health Centre.
- Parents are being counseled to have physical exercise of their children regularly

ii) Physiotherapist Visit:

- Physiotherapist from Churra Public Health Centre visits regularly in the project area and help us and our field worker for physical improvement in children.
- All types of physical exercises are on the basis of inputs provided by physiotherapist.

(iii) Daily Living Skills:

- The care givers in their daily visit provided daily living skills to children for their better improvement and make them self-reliant in mobility and doing their own daily works by themselves.



- The care givers provide the techniques on mobility to the children with visually impaired like use of cane sticks, the techniques of two touches and three touches in cane stick, use of upper cross and lower cross methods for easy moving inside and outside the home. Side by side the

children with visually impaired and mentally retired get the techniques of doing their own works such as bathing, brushing teeth, taking food, dress up themselves, purchasing materials from shops.

- 66 children with disabilities of different categories have been given daily living skills during the period in the project area.

(iv) Education Intervention:

- The care givers and I.E. Facilitator visits the houses of the children with specially need and help them mainstreaming in education with other children.
- They provided the study materials and supported them in their study course curriculum and make break down course curriculum in different subject like mathematics, English, Hindi, Science, Sanskrit etc. In this process the care givers and I.E. Facilitator gives counseling with teachers for the better education of children with special need.
- This service from the care givers and I.E. Facilitator greatly improved the standards of the children with disabilities and the children are being able to stand with the normal children in the formal schools.

(v) Socio-cultural Intervention:



- In regular contact with community members, CBOs, DPOs, Parents Federation, SMC members, the care givers and I.E. Facilitator have the best efforts to mobilize the community persons and parents for social inclusion of children with special need in their community like participation

in socio-cultural festivals Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, independence day republic day, games and sports and welcome the views and information of children with special need in any kind of community meeting for their welfare.

- Meetings were conducted during the year with DPOs, Parents Federation, SMC members, child club etc. in regular interval. The constant interaction of the community and community groups has greatly increased the awareness of the people in general and families of the children with special needs.

(vi) School Enrollment:

- The community at large is often unaware of the potential of children with special needs. In the popular mind, special needs are usually identified with very low expectations.
- Parent should believe in the value of educating children with special needs.
- The higher the expectations, the higher will be their acceptance in the family.
- All the children with special needs must be enrolled in primary schools.

(vii) Adoption of innovative ideas to improve in health status of CWSN:

- The new innovative ideas have been taken to make the physical exercise easier for the children with special need. The parents/guardians were worried about the physical exercise of child when they go out of their home for work.
 - So, with their existing resources like bamboo railing, rope railing, mashing potato etc. will be applied for physical exercise of children



with special need.

*Provision of proper nutrition to children with disability

SUPPORT SERVICES:

(i) Disability Certificate:

- During the year, 12 disabled children have received the disabilities certificates from government; This has been done through medical certification of disabled children with more than 40% disability.

(ii) Scholarship and Pension:

- 59 applications have been submitted for scholarship and pension for the children with disability during the project period.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS:

Training on awareness on causes of disability to Anganwadi, Mitani (ASA workers) and preventive care:

- The training program for the Anganwadi and Mitani were organized in the project area for awareness generation on causes of disability and decreases the rate of disabilities in the project area. In spite of disability the lactating, pregnant women were also participated in the training to collect information on nutrition, health, and other facility for children with special needs. In these trainings the participants received information on RTE Act 2009 for Children with special needs. The training programs were conducted for villages of project areas on the following topic-

*Causes of disability

*Reduction of disability rate

*Mainstreaming the children with disability

*Health and sanitation of the children with special needs

*Protection of children with disabilities

World Disability Day:

- On the occasion of World disability Day, the one-day event was organized at Chhura. There were 170 participants attend this program including disabled children along with their parents, organization body members and guest on 3rd December 2021. The chief guest of the program was Tokeshwari Majhi, Janpadadhakshya, Gourav Misra, Deputy Presidet, C.E.O. Janpad Chhura, Keyaram Yadav. Panchayat Inspector, N.R. devangan, Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Gariyaband etc. The objective of the event was to spread awareness among people and self-realize people with regards to the potentiality of children with disability the world sight day and world disable day was celebrated.



SUSTAINABLE TRIBAL LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM - GARIYABAND

In this project we are focusing extreme poor tribal people of interior areas of Chattisgarh through agriculture and allied activities to provide them increased income and create employment opportunities within the village.

Project Location:GariyabandBlock,DistrictGariyaband,C.G.
Targets:21 villages from 4 clusters and 1134 HHs

Under the continuation period of the project Sustainable Tribal Livelihood Program from 01st Oct. 2019 to 30th Sep. 2022, supported by SWISSAID India and Prerak, the year 2021 equipped with new strategic plan for implementation of programs/activities at filed level were conducted. We have been successful to support community in their income generation activities as in the year 2021, in which 125 farmers were supported for paddy cultivation, 125 farmers supported for Mix crop cultivation, 200 female farmers were supported for kitchen garden and apart from those 123 female beneficiaries were supported for livestock rearing and fishery. The year 2020 has been full of ups and downs through the year due to Covid 19 affect.Amid the prevailing situation Covid 19 we could successfully manage to implement the proposed activities in the project area. The major achievements, interventions and impacts during the financial year 2021-22 are stated below.



The Major Activities undertaken

- Paddy + Mix Crop Support: 570 Families
- Goat Farming Support: 71 Families
- Fishery Support: 397 Families
- Poultry Support: 51 Families
- Kitchen Garden Support: 600 Families
- Hygiene & Dry Ration Support: 196 Families

Key Achievements..

Project coordination meeting-

Project coordination meeting was organised on 2021 at Hotel Mahindra, Raipur. Mr. Pramod Pradhan (S.P.O.) SWISSAID and Mr. R. G. Sinha, director joined the meeting as resource person. Along with that the number of participants was nine. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the core objective s of the STL project to the new staffs for their basic orientation and understanding upon the project. The key issues discussed were- current progress and past experience of the project, Annual action plan of STL project, 2021, M& E role and responsibility of the STL project.

Workshop on Animal Husbandry-

A workshop on animal husbandry was organised in the village Kamepur of Dhawalpur cluster on dated 6th Mar. 2020. The total number of the female participants was 40 including four cluster coordinators Mr. Rohidas Yadav, Ms. Bhupeshwary Yadav, Mr. Rameshwar Kapil and Mr. Dinesh Yadav to discuss on Income generation activity including poultry, goat, fish culture and MGNREGA". Apart from that discussion held about strengthen the income generation activities like - poultry, goat and fish culture, vaccination of live stocks kitchen garden and mix cropping.

International Women's day-

Celebration of International Women's Day was organised in Dhawalpur on dated 8th March 2021. The celebration was participated with total 156 participants including other eminent personalities of the community like Mrs. Lata Patel (Women's protection officer), Mr. Sanjay Netam (Zila Panchayat Upadhyaksh, Gariyaband) and Mr. R. G. Sinha (Director of Prerak Organisation) etc. The various topics were discussed on the eve of International Women's Day including Rights and roles of women in our society, Present situation of women's in our society and overall empowerments of women.

Covid-19 awareness program-

In the pathetic situation of Covid 19 in the project area. Campaigns for awareness against Covid 19 were planned and organised on the various locations of the project area. The awareness drive was carried out in all the four clusters and in all villages of the project area on dated April May 2021. The campaign was organised by maintaining Covid 19 preventive measures in the project area and the community was made aware about the importance of social distancing and its execution at villages. They were educated about importance and proper maintenance of personal hygiene, uses of mask in crowd and follow 01-meter distance from people. From the month of May to August 2020, the Covid 19 emergency response program was implemented in the project area to support the community from the adverse effects of Covid 19.



Covid 19 Emergency Response-

The Covid 19 emergency response started with the formation of three members Relief Committee followed by couple of meetings for smooth implementation for emergency response. In addition to this relief committees were also formed in the 21 villages of the project area. The role of the village level committee to identify and prepare the list of beneficiaries based on the criteria. The beneficiaries were Disabled person, Widows, Elderly, Single headed women and needy house hold family of the villages. Sensitisation program on sexual harassment and abuse was organised in Bhilai Training Centre of Gariyaband district. Vendor selection was done by the relief committee for procurement of food items, hygiene materials etc. Apart from those 65 quintals of paddy seed were collected from 23 farmers and 23 varieties of paddy seeds were purchased to be distributed to 325 farmers of the project area out of which 200 farmers were new beneficiaries. The first phase of relief distribution was formally got permission from the Gariyabandh district

administration. The List of beneficiaries and items kit list were formally submitted to the appropriate authority of

the district before distribution of it at community level. The Feedback and complaints mechanism was set up and a contact number related to it was also released which was 9340127236. Photographs of Covid-19 relief work activities were systematically saved in google drive. Meetings of Relief Committee were continually being conducted as per requirement. Post distribution monitoring was conducted by doing physical verification. The staffs also communicated with villages through mobile phone to know, whether the relief activities had been conducted properly or not. All monitoring activities were maintained in village relief committee register.

Ration, Personal Hygiene Kit and Mask distributed to the 196 targeted vulnerable families such as - single women, widow, differently able, aged person and PVTG families. Apart from that essential personal hygiene product has been also distributed the vulnerable families such as - mask, sanitary napkin, detergent soap and phenyl. IN the beneficiaries there were 156 female and 40 males were supported. Agriculture input support for Kharif crops provided to 320 farmers in which 106 were female and 214 were males. Support for Kitchen Garden provided to the 400 female farmers whereas Awareness program to reduce risk of covid 19 virus infection and social distancing had influenced the 916 families of the community.



Total number of poultry supported under the project is 248 and number of SHG own contribution is 52. All the members of the Self Help Groups Got the Training By the Project staffs and also the Veterinary Department on Different Vaccination and Management Plan .

Income Generation Activities

Fish Culture:

Under the project area eight community ponds of different villages namely Garbhantora, Patoradadar, Dahibahara, Mahadula, Kamepur, jungledhawalpur, Kurrahahara and Mardakala are engaged. Total number of families included in fishery is 397 and the land acquired for this purpose is 14.05 acres. On dated 18. Dec 2020 in the community pond of Garbhantora village 40 kgs of fishing was done.



Goat Rearing:

Goat rearing is being done with 7 women self-help groups of four different clusters. In which each SHG is rearing 20 goats thus total number of goats are 142 and number of rearing families are 71 (10 members in each SHG). 61 goats have been supported through project and rest 81 goats are of SHG own contribution.



Poultry Farming:

Backyard poultry farming is in progress with 5 women self-help groups of four different clusters. Each SHG has 10 members, except 1 SHG consisting of 12 members.

Kitchen Garden-

Under kitchen garden practices, 200 female farmers were provided support with 23 variety of seed for cultivation in their backyard kitchen garden so that there must be availability of nutritional values in their daily consumption, during lockdown period due to the availability of vegetables in the homes of the community they could manage to escape from starvation and unavailability of vegetables. Thus, Kitchen Garden provided support in the meantime of Covid 19 pandemic.

Poshan Vatika-

It was developed in Upper primary school of village Jungle Dhawalpur under the Dhawalpur Cluster. There has been cultivation of various vegetables such as - radish, onion, brinjals, tomato, beans, pumpkin, banana and different varieties bhaji like - palak bhaji, lal bhaji etc

Participation in network meetings/ workshops:

Under network meeting there are total 26 numbers of meetings have been conducted in four different clusters namely Saatdhar., Nawagarh, Dhawalpur and Begarpala. In which total number of beneficiaries is 113.

Different topics on which meeting was held were, selection of SHG for Goat Farming, Contribution of funds through SHG, Opening of Bank account and various topics were covered in different meetings.

Ecological Farming-

During training we have discussed about the traditional practices of agriculture with the natural resources how we have grown the crops? Now days we are only focusing the chemical fertilizer in the farm land instead of organic farming. At last we have discussed how we can increase the productions of crops with the help of organic and ecological farming.



MGNREGA-

With the mobilization process of Gram Panchayat officials, we can also generate the employment opportunities in own villages. Apart from this also discussed about the job card and total employment days at village level for every family.

Collection of Non-timber forest products-

At our project area tribal farmers are generating the incomes from NTFPs with the help of SHGs. Apart from also discussed about its allocation and managements with the help of SHGs and tribal peoples.

Advocacy (local/district level, state level):

Following activities has been done under advocacy effort- 21 villages were covered up under advocacy part for MGNREGA scheme. The STL project staffs had provided the technical support to help the people to appeal in the various supportive works for construction of cattle shade, Land leveling and community pond. In this process, there were 134 families from 5 villages getting technical support in animal shade construction, 64 families from 13 villages were getting technical support in land leveling activities and 14 families from 7 villages were getting technical support in pond construction activities.

On 30.11.2021, a delegate of 22 people had a meeting with District Panchayat CO under MGNREGA for demand of construction job for community pond and Land leveling under advocacy part. Apart from that, under MGNREGA, job of Land leveling to 29 families consisting of 36.5 acres, Pond construction to 10 families for 8.5 acres and Kachchi Road Construction of 5 kilometers for 44 families have been completed at District panchayat level.



Challenges Faced:

During Pandemic situation of Covid-19 We have faced challenges which are as follows -

Challenges faced in proper implementation of project. Due to Covid 19 impact the action plan and its implementation got delayed as per preparation and its execution. Involvement in Covid-19 relief program such as –formation

of relief committee and beneficiaries, distribution of dry ration for vulnerable groups (elder people, single women, differently able and widows) and community level awareness program on Covid-19 instead of project objectives. The program shifted from STL to Covid-19 emergency response and awareness generation program. During lockdown period we were unable to intervene in the project area during Lockdown.



PEOPLE'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ACCESSING RIGHTS ON FOREST, LAND, WATER AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PRACTICES

This is a central India project and the program was implemented in Chhattisgarh State during the year 2021.

Project Goal: "Tribal Communities Rights on Natural Resources (land, forest and water) and Sustainable Livelihood Practices."

Project Objectives:

- Strengthen the capacity of CBOs, village cadres, village leaders on legal provision on mining, water pollution, PESA, FRA and forest conservation.
- Developing community forest management plan, strengthening Gram Sabhas and Forest Rights committees.
- Leadership promotion and access government benefits and schemes through panchayat to improve livelihood.
- Gender Sensitization to mainstreaming women in the development process.
- Forest development/conservation through nursery development and plantation.



The main thrust of the project is focused on Gender Forest and community Leadership development for better utilization of Natural Resources.

conservation

Project location: 16 blocks in 12 districts. Raigarh, Bilashpur, Mungeli, Mahasamud, Kanker, Bastar, Gariyaband, Kondagaon, Dantewala, Gourela. Kabirdham, Dhamtari.

Targets: 240 villages (12-20 villages per blocks)

This project is in continuation and has extended for this year for 2021 (January to December), funded and supported by Keystone Foundation, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu.

Major Activities and outcome-

1-Capacity building of Project Staff, fellows and Partner Org.

- Developed knowledge on overall project
- 11 fellows and 12 staff from partner organizations received knowledge (1 Project Manager, 1 accountant, 1 Project Director)
- Overall enhancement in understanding of the project, its implementation and execution of activities at field level.

2-Village level meetings for community awareness on natural resources, MGNREGA and gender sensitization

- Enhancement in awareness and sensible utilization of natural resources due to awareness creation apart from that under MGNREGA awareness created about 8MGNREGA system, Gender discrimination is reducing gradually



- Organized 1125 Meetings through fellows and partner organizations in the targeted area of 216 Villages due to which awareness increased in respect of natural resources, MGNREGA and gender sensitization
- Dissemination of knowledge and information is continuously being provided due to regular village level meetings and awareness created on various natural resources available, gender sensitization and MGNREGA.

Workshop on strengthening Gram Sabha leaders on CFRA and PESA

- Gram Sabha leaders enriched and self-reliance in knowledge regarding CFRA and PESA
- Organized **136 workshops** in project villages, improved and strengthen knowledge and information regarding CFR claims and PESA
- Village leaders developed their knowledge on CFR, knowledge improvement in PESA due to workshop and capacity building.



Village level meeting on preparation of CFR claim, area identification, mapping and collection all required information and documents)

- Village people developed their knowledge on the process documentation for CFR claims. Prepared applications for CFR claims with necessary supporting documents to be approved by Gram Sabhas
- 132 applications for CFR are submitted after Gram Sabha approval
- Due to lack of education and knowledge, Tribal people's learning level is very low and it needs further to capacitate them and make them understood about process documentation of CFR claims.

Formation, promotion and strengthen of women's group for development work

- Women from community are now actively involved in village level development works and decision-making process due to implementation of activities.
- **Total no of 294 (women groups) SHGs** have been strengthen and promoted by the partner organization in the projected area
- Participation of women in development and decision-making process has increased due to regular visits and meetings with women groups

Training workshop for women leaders on group support and record keeping

- Women leaders have developed knowledge and skills on record keeping and group management.
- Organize **134 workshops** through which total 4764 number of women leaders were trained on record keeping and group management skills.
- Women leaders have been capacitated for maintaining their all records and they have improved their skills and ability through trainings and workshops

Foot march / community meeting / cluster meeting in effected villages

- Increased awareness among community people
- Organized in all **140 targeted villages in fellows' area**
- Community people are becoming more aware about various village level issues and problems

Wild/Desi Seed collection, conservation

- Availability of different varieties of traditional indigenous seeds.
- Collection of forest traditional seeds.
- Improvement in understanding about importance of seed and wild food conservation for present and future use.



Training to selected youth on leadership promotion, legal provision and promotion & federating people's organization

- Developed leadership skills and improved in knowledge on various legal provisions
- **146 village youth cadres** actively participated in the trainings and support in facilitating all village level activities.
- All cadres have been trained and they are supporting the fellows in facilitating all village level interventions.

Capacity building of project staff, fellows and partner organizations on Community Forest Management Plan

- Developed knowledge on Forest Management Plan
- **11 fellows and 12** staff from partner organizations received knowledge and facilitation skills. (1 Project Manager, 1accountant, 1Project Director)
- In terms of community forest management plan project staffs where capacitated and gained confidence.

Formation and strengthen of Forest Management committees in Villages.

- Formed and strengthen of forest management committees
- **103** Forest Management Committees have been formed.
- Forest Management committees are more strengthen than earlier in terms of CFR claims.



Training of active members of forest Management committees (3 male, 3 Female each)

- Developed knowledge and information on Forest Management Plan
- **896 selected members** will have trainings on Forest management plan. **148 training** was organized at different villages in project area.
- Trained members are now more confidants after training in terms CFR claim process.

Preparation of Community Forest Management Plan

- Developed community forest management plans
- 43 villages will have developed forest management plan
- Developed community forest management plans for villages as per norms and criteria and it is successful due to active participation of members.



Developing and printing village community forest management plan preparation manual and format

- Developed manual and format for Forest Management Plan
- 216 villages have manual and format.
- Successfully developed and printed community forest management plan and formats.

Workshop on Forest Rights Act to implement in its full spirit consultation to enforce FRA, PESA at Raipur. Workshop on New mining and Water policy- Peoples opinion (CBOs)

- Improved knowledge and strengthen in understanding of FRA, PESA and New mining and water policy.
- 10 Workshops were conducted in the project area.
- Due to pandemic, it was not organized in full spirit but it was successfully conducted at district level.



Organizing village level training program on Tribal-sub plan

- Community people developed knowledge on Tribal rights.
- Organized in all 216 project villages and community people actively participated. 54 training

- Participant were very encouraged for their tribal sub plan and taken it in the account of their improvement and development.



Involvement in MANREGA scheme

MGNREGA schemes and benefits under chattisgarhGovt.MANREGA schemes was implemented under National rural employment guarantee Act on 2005 and later it was renamed as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee.

The MGNREGA provides a legal guarantee for one hundred days of employment in every financial year to adult members of any



rural household willing to do public work- related unskilled manual work at the statutory minimum wages. Total 150 No's of employment days given to the rural community of Chattisgarh State and a wage payment of 193 rupees given to all the job card holders. the process where all the rural community get the benefits under the scheme. All the rural community organized pallisabhas and plan for their ward development projects under MANREGA and after preparation the project along with their ward members in village will pass in their final gram sabhas and according to the preparation plan , it will put in the Annual action plan for the financial year with the coordination with Sarpanch, GRS and Panchayat executive officer and all the projects pass within 1 month from DRDA and work will start in all villages if the project Approved by the District official and All the Rural community who has the

JOB cards will be eligible for the Work and after completion of 7 days work they will get payment of 7 days and it will continue till the work ends, and another way to demand for a job is demand to sarpanch for work . Provide a letter of 10 Nos of job card Holders to demand for work and after 15 days sarpanch will provide work to all the community and if he failure to provide work than Job card holders eligible to get pension . 7730 Nos of Job card Holders Got jobs in the Opearational Area and during the Pendamic situation all the MGNREGA workers Access the extra benefits . Nos of INRM work implemented in all the Villages towards the Conservation and Protection of the Local Forest . Water Harvesting Structures, Farm ponds, Strenches , Water conservation Structures are Planned in Gram sabha and Implemented By the Communities in their Villages .

Nursery Development and Plantation

Nurseries was developed in the Malda, Birhor community's village of Korba district and Kamar's community village of Kulhadighat, Gariyaband district. There were approx. 60000 thousand saplings were developed at both the nurseries in which Harra, Behada, Neem, Jamun, Chhar, Kusum, Tendu, Bhelva, Aawla, saplings were developed



USING DIVERSITY

The main Thrust of the program is to Promote traditional farming and seeds based on organic farming and organic diversity of Kamar and Birhor communities which are belongs to PVTGs.

Project Locations:Mainpur block of Gariyaband district and Pali & Podi blocks in Korba district in C.G.



Targets:9 villages of Kamar communities at Mainpur and 10 villages of Birhor communities in Pali and Podi blocks.

Activities in Details

The program of Using Diversity is being run for the social improvement of two PVTG (Particular Vulnerable Tribal Group) Kamar and Birhor. The project area includes 9 villages of Kamar community in Mainpur block of Gariyaband district and 10 villages of Birhor community in Pali and Podi blocks of Korba district, Chhattisgarh. The project is working with the 288 household of Kamar community and 188 household community of Birhor community. Thus, the total number of house hold for both the communities is 476 households. The project considers it vital to carry out various activities by the medium of the project staffs in the target locations of the project area. There is total four project staffs for two different locations Mainpur and Korba district. The Community Leader and Facilitator have been engaged for the smooth implementation of the activities on ground level. Various activities are taken into account for the upliftment of Kamar and Birhor community. The project includes activities to reduce the impact of challenges faced by the Kamar and Birhor community which are as follows:



Training to community mobilizers and farmers leaders on Mixed cropping pattern & ecological practices-

Number of two training programs prescribed to be conducted for the year 2021-2022. The training sessions have been conducted in the 20 number of villages with the total participation of 87 people including 26 male and 19 female of Birhor community and 30 number of Male and -12 number of females from Kamar community. The basis learning of the training program includes with the improved knowledge in the agricultural practices. They became aware on the best practices done in the area of agriculture.

Developing 20 Experimental Learning Plots 10 for Birhor and 10 for Kamar-

As per the project activity 20

Experimental Learning Plots have to be done for both the communities. In this context these 20 numbers of plots have been prepared for Birhor community in the total 10 number of villages. Apart from that, for Kamar community 10 number of Experimental plots have been done in 9 number of villages. The key findings of the development of Experimental Learning Plots are to

raise awareness among the community regarding feasible practices done in learning plot.

Training for farmers on preparation of Bio fertilizers and pesticides.-

Training programs have been organized for the Bio fertilizers and Pesticide's preparation in the 2 villages with the total participation of 43 peoples including 14 females; 29 males from Kamar community and 52 from Birhor community including 14 females and 38 males. The main objective of the training was to aware community on

maintain long term soil fertility, to keep crop healthy, also to improve the soils chemical properties such as supply and retention of soil nutrients.



Strengthen of the old seed banks

Three old seed bank is strengthened in the two-district location of project area one is in Kulhadighat in Kamar communities' area at Gariyaband District and other two were strengthened and developed at Birhor communities' area village such as Valda and UldaatKorba district.

Support for promoting Kitchen Garden

Under kitchen garden practices, 75 farmers from 5 villages from Birhor communities and 75 farmers from 6 villages in Kamar communities were from provided support with 24 variety of seed for cultivation in their backyard kitchen garden so that there must be availability of nutritional values in their daily consumption, during lockdown period due to the availability of vegetables in the homes of the community they could manage to escape from starvation and unavailability of vegetables.

Awareness program on wild and traditional foods for school and community

For orientation to the school children, several orientation programs were conducted on the various dates. In the orientation program the children were made aware about uncultivated food and wild foods. They were shown different types of seeds like Char, Ghughru, Bhelwa, Kosam, chindi, kanda, Bhaji, etc which we can use for our daily consumption. They were educated the things available for us in the jungle. They got to understand the importance of the jungle in their lives. They were encouraged on to focus in their study

Organizing one day Mela on uncultivated food/ wild food:

The purpose of this activity is to inculcate the values and information to the next generation so that they can

understand the importance of the jungle and its value in their lives. The activity is conducted with the physical visit and practical exposure with the diversified variety of foods available in the jungles. The orientation program on wild food was organized with the school children of total 16 villages. The total number of the participants in the orientation program was 95 peoples and 20 children including male and females.



Orientation programs were conducted on different dates in which the people were introduced with the wild food found in the jungle and they were made to understand the importance of wild food. They were educated on with Mahua, Char, Bhelwa neem, PatalKundha, different types of vegetables, roots, Tendu etc. They were also educated on the importance of Medicinal plants. They were told about how these medicinal plants are used in the different types of ailments and different vegetable plants used in their daily routine. Apart from that they were informed on what kind of other resources are available in the forests.

Nursery Development and Plantation

Nurseries was developed in the Malda, Birhor community's village of Korba district and Kamar's community village of Kulhadighat, Gariyaband district. There were approx. 6000 thousand saplings were developed at both the nurseries in which Harra, Behada, Neem, Jamun, Chhar, Kusum, Tendu, Bhelva, Aawla, saplings were developed



District /Block Level Orientation Program on Forest Rights:

District and Block level Orientation and Mela Programs organized in all 12 District of Our Operational Area where 6500 Nos of participants from the Tribal communities participated . World Adivasi Day , Rally on Forest Rights and different Issue raised in the District and Block Levels . Most of Communities from the Forest Dwellers Fights for their Community and Individual Claims as well as the Management and Protection of Their Local Forest which is the One and Only source of their Income and Livelihood Promotion .



Wild Desi Seed Collection and Conservation

Collection of wild desi seed had already completed in 75 nos of villages from our project area. Most of forest coverages villages where all the community depends upon the collection and marketing of the NTFP products

and the only livelihood enhancement activity of the community are collection of NTFP so we providing the community peoples through orientation, hand holding support, door to door visits to informed all the communities for collection all the wild desi seed for the promotion of NTFP. Seed collection from natural populations can be used to provide seeds for ecological restoration. All the Wild desi seeds collection process is initiating in whole the year due to the wild fruits and flowers are coming in different seasons in the Forest. All the NTFP product are variant in every month so collection process also is a ongoing process during the year

This is the variety of seeds collected from the Forest by the Forest Dwellers and it is the livelihood source of the Forest Dweller . During the whole year they depends upon the forest to manage their livelihood



3	Bhelaawa	10kg
4	Tendu	13kg
5	Imali	45kg
6	Chironji	1kg
7	Koliyari Bhaji	0.5 kg
8	Avala	8kg, 300gm
9	Karanj	3kg
10	Arjun	5kg
11	Bamboo	25 Kg
12	Mahuaa	50 kg
13	Chaaar	50 Kg

and most of NTFP products duration time in the Summer

Siyani SewaSadon, Old Age Home

season where many livelihood promotion seeds and leafs coming form the forest and sold in local market by the forest dwellers.

This sadan is situated at village Bhillai, GP-Patharmohda, block-Gariyaband, districtGariyaband which is supported by social welfare department, Govt. of C.G. and run by PRERAK,2 km away from Gariyabandtown. In the old age home 25 old aged persons including women are provided shelter, foodand healthsupport services to them with respect and honor.

Different programs and activities are undertaken like birthday celebration of family dear persons, leaders and great personalities. Visit of local youth businessassociation, media persons, respected peoples'representatives, administrative officers are used to come and extent their cooperation, love and affection

to the old age persons. Sensitive CM honorable Bhupesh Baghel ji has enquired online of their situation during Pandemic period. Honorable minister of social welfare department of Govt. of C.G. Smt. Anila Bhedia has landed here on 24 August, 2021 to inspire them. She spent his valuable time along with them, shared her happiness and arranged some useful materials and given message to them to include more people who are deprived from the society.



at the sadan by the person including women.

Independence Day Celebration (15/08/2021)

As India got freedom on 15th August, 1947, so whole country celebrates the day every year with joy and happiness. In this sadan also the 15th August, 2021 is celebrated with flag hoisting. In this auspicious occasion main personalities, old age persons of home and PRERAK staff were present.

Arrival of Honorable Minister at Home (24/08/2021)

Respected, Smt. Anila Bhedia Honorable minister of social welfare department of Govt. of C.G. has arrived here on 24 August, 2021. She inquired about safety measures taken during Corona period to prevent the infection of corona and asked about their health status. All the home persons feel very much proud having Minister among them.



Virtual Yoga Practice Programme on 31/05/2021

The following activities and celebrations are coted during 2021-22 are as follows.

In this programme Narender Debangansir, Lambe sir from Social Welfare department, Hupendra Chouhan, Rabi Ranjan from PRERAK, Rajim, Kamalram Sahoo-Manager, Siyan Seva Sadan, Old aged Kejuram Bharati were participated through video conferencing in which Honorable Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghela along with Minister of Child and women welfare department Honorable Anila Bhedia was also joined. Honorable Chief Minister has inaugurated above programme on international no smoking day and advised the people to regarding yoga adopt good habits of yoga practice from his residence in Raipur.

International Yoga Day Celebration (21/05/2021)

On 21st May the day is celebrated through Yoga practice



Observation of Krishna Janmastami (30/08/2021)

This program is celebrated with old age home with Prerak staff with worshipping God Krishna with rituals. Enjoyed the festival with sweet prasad preparation. Also, Pola and teej celebrated in the home.

PM Modiji's Birthday Celebration (18/09/2021)

At the home premises Ex-MP of Gariyaband honorable Chandulal, Municipality Chairman Gaffu Meman and senior worker and leaders of BJP have celebrated the birthday of honorable PM Narendra Modiji with the old age persons. They congratulate the Modiji and distributed Sarees and pants shirts to 14 persons of the home along with fruits and water heaters to home for making water warm.



International Old aged Day (01/10/2021)

On this occasion Health camp and common infectious disease control program was organized at Siyan home premise, Personnel of health department provides useful information's about different diseases to aware them and to take preventions. N.R. Nawaratna advised the home persons to drink warm water and practice yoga in the morning regularly. Different specialist like E.N.Dr.Tandon,Teeth and Chemotherapy cum DPM Dr, Rina Laxmi were present. The team examined nose, cancer of 25 home persons and distributed Yellow Card.In this event walking and walker implements are also distributed to them. In honor of the old aged persons CEO of Zilla Panchayat Sandip Agrawal were present as Chief Guest. Narendra Dewangan Deputy Director of Social welfare deptt. Govt, of C.G. and Director of PRERAK and its all staff were also present over there. CEO and PRERAK director gifted shawls(cloth) and sreelal to all age-old persons of the home.



School Children spent time at HOME (28/10/2021)

52 nos. of students of class 11th and 12th Ag-branch of govt. H.S. School, Kochbai with headmistress Smt. NilaBogy mam have observed 350 types of local traditional paddy at Bashundhara, Bhilai. Manager Kamal,Sahoo narratedthe information's of different varieties of paddy and preparation processes of Organic manure and pesticidesto the students and mam. Students and headmistress met the old aged person on good faith and enquired their conditions.

Dhananwtari Jayanti Gathering (02/11/2021)

At Bhilai home free Ayush Health Camp was organized onoccasions of Dhananwtari Jayanti and Rastriya AyurvedDiwas in which free health checkup ofage-old persons of home done and freelydistributed Ayurvedic medicines to them. After the worship of God



Dhananwtari, Dr. Manish Patel, Ayurvedic has explained the topic of "importance of ayurveda in nutrition".

Deepawalimeet by Businesspersons Association

On 03/11/2021 the above association of Gariyaband met the old aged persons and distributed them new cloths (saree, pant, shirt etc.) sweets. They enquired about their health andheartily wishes good for them for Dipabali festival.

Laxmi Puja observation

On 4/11/2021 Laxmi puja-archanawas done andDipabali was celebrated with much more joy and happiness. SP of Gariyabandvisited the home with own staff and distributed sweets and fruits to old-aged persons of the home. He also inspected the works of home and praised the activities like keeping home neat and clean, good supervision and arrangements of old aged persons. He also exchanges good wishes to them.

Visit of Ashaye Seva Sansthan, Avanpur

On 07/11/2021 DigeshSahoo, Chandan Kashyap and their colleagues visited seva sadan, met the age-old persons of home and distributed sweets and fruits. Digeshji shared about his Sansthan who are working for awareness ofeducation and progress of people

Engineer celebrated own Birthday at Siyan

On 4/11/2021 Rina dhruv (P.O.) Gariyaband, VinitaSahoo(AG-3 Zilla Panchayat Gariyaband) visited Siyan old aged persons. Rina Dhruv gifted shawl saree on



the occasion of her Birthday. Herfeeling was full of mental peace and enjoyed relative feeling for running such home by the organization

Health Checkup Program:

On 17/11/2021 a health checkup was organized at home like every month. Dayaram Sahoo checked up the BP, Sugar and temperature on emergency basis.

Visit of a staff of SP office with his family

On 22/11/2021 Pawan Gandharba and his family (Wife and Son) met the home persons donated 4 blankets, 4 shawls and 5 vapor machines to them. He also done relatively discission with old aged persons and enquired about their health and distributed sweets and tiffin to them.

Republic Day Celebration (26/01/2022)

On 26 January the republic day is celebrated with much joy and happiness by the old aged persons of home and staff with prime members of villages. After ma Bharati puja flag hoisting is done by the respected persons with national song singing along with slogan in the name of hero martyrs of the country. At last light tiffin distributed to all.

Maha Shivaratri

On the occasion of Shivaratri on 01.03.2022 the puja of Lord shiva by the staff and old age persons of home. Gayatri Mahayogya, haban, pujaetcdone. PRERAK head Sri Ram Gulal Sinha jiwias present along with his family worships the above and completed the Gayatri yogya and shiv Linga puja. **Holi Celebration**

Holi festival is celebrated by coloring to each other by the old aged persons and staff with much more pleasure and sweet foods etc are prepared and serve to them. In this way celebrated the Holi with happiness

ESTABLISHED OF SEEDS BANK

This programme is focused on establishing seed bank by involving the tribal women. It is very essential and important to store the seeds at community level in seed bank for future use in the next years. Sufficient storage capacity of seed bank is managed to preserve systematically for revivals of traditional crops and vegetables in the coming year. This idea/concept of seed bank has been introduced from last year not only for revival but also to make traditional farming system sustainable for the future generation. These seeds are common property of the community.

Location of Project: Churra and Gariaband blocks of Gariyaband district of C.G.

Activities undertaken during 2021-22

Due to introduction of the high cost chemical fertilizer and pesticide in green revolution during the 60s farmers dependent thereby varieties replacing farmer wend/breed indigenous varieties. This also lead private trade of seeds, thereby seed became a trade commodity in the agriculture community. Due to over emphasis on a very few varieties (high breed and improved seeds) which can respond to high level of inputs (chemical fertilizers and pesticides), the diversity of indigenous varieties of crops got eroded and are facing extinction. Many of the indigenous seed varieties have qualitative characters such as flood / drought tolerance, resistance to pests and diseases, tolerance to extreme weather etc.

Strengthening seeds conservation block in Bhilai, Gariyaband

- Strengthened the conservation block by increasing conservation capacity and many more traditional new seeds production facilities.
- 350 varieties of paddy seeds have been conserved in Bhilai, Gariyaband

- As this activity is being carried out since previous year and so conservation of 350 varieties is successful.



Supporting community seed banks for containers, other small equipment's and seeds storage.

- Two seed banks in the project area were supported through providing them with seed containers and other equipment's.
- Increased storage capacity of 2 seed banks and now well maintained.
- Seed banks are being run from the last year and it has been strengthened by supporting of containers and other required materials for storage of seeds.

Organizing field days

- Increased knowledge and skills of farmers for various seeds production techniques



- Organized 2 field days, one for vegetables and other for paddy cultivation in which total 84 female and 57 males participated
- This program is successful as the it provides a good opportunity to farmers for their learning on different crops production and acquire knowledge and techniques of cultivation.

Support for purchasing farmer produce early variety of paddy seeds

- Made availability of quality paddy seeds for women farmers
- 5 quintals early varieties paddy seeds were purchased and distributed among seed producers' group
- This program is successful because farmers received seeds according to their requirements for production.



- Protection from Natural Disasters
- Disease Resistance
- Provide seed Materials for Research
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Uses of Seed Banks

- The Tribal Communities get easily the Seeds from Village seed Banks
- They get the seeds with low price.
- Exchange of seeds in every year
- Provide quality and High Yield Production by the Seeds.
- Livelihood Promotion of the Tribal Groups SHG members.

Revival of traditional vegetable diversity

- Revived various traditional vegetables seeds in the field area for future production.
- 23 varieties of traditional vegetable seeds have been collected
- The revived vegetables seeds will be distributed for developing nutrition garden at household level so that people can get fresh vegetables for their household consumption.



Benefits of Seed Banks

- Preservation of crop Diversity
- Protection from Climate change