

Agricultural and Social Development Society (ASDS) Annual Report of ASDS Activities in 2022-23

VISION:

Equity dignity and improved quality of life on a sustainable basis is the social reality for empowered tribal communities.

MISSION:

Community organization and Social capital building of tribal communities to exercise their rights to fight against discrimination, dehumanizing poverty, oppressive class and cast system, violation of basic human rights.

Introduction of the Organization

On account of prevailing socio-political situation, the trade predominantly consists of Non timber Forest Produce was under the control of middlemen and the agriculture was under the dominion of non tribals. Local tribals remained silent spectators being not aware of the welfare programmes and development initiatives designed for their benefit; on the other hand all these benefits were misappropriated by influential local elite.

Educating and empowering the impoverished tribals remained a key concern. The endeavor blended with unequivocal passion has laid foundations for the organization. Indomitable spirit and unremitting efforts of the founder- Gandhibabu has taken a shape and registered as “Vyavasayaka mariyu Sanghika Abhivrudhi Samastha” (Agriculture and Social development society - ASDS).

Sector : ➤ Child Rights - Nutrition & Protection and Girl Child Education
➤ Community Health
➤ Water and Sanitation

- Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Farming
- Environment and Watershed Development (Natural Resource management)
- Women Empowerment (Naatwan Sangham)
- Livelihood Promotion and Vocational Skill Building
- Technology for Development - Solar Energy
- Pandemic / Disaster Preparedness
- Rights and Entitlements

Area of Operation : ➤ ASR district, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh.
 ➤ Bhadradri Kothagudem district of Telangana State

Beneficiaries : Children, Disabled, Elderly, Women, Youth, Tribal, Rural Poor, Refugees, Displaced Persons, Destitute Person

Areas of focus.

Priority : Rights & Social Issues, Natural Forming, Civil Rights, Women's Rights, Displaced persons

Activities : Housing, Energy, Water, Forestry, Sustainable Agriculture, Sanitation & Waste Management, Education, Empowerment and Environment

Organization's Activities in 2022-23:

ASDS works in the tribal region of ASR district, Andhra Pradesh and Bhadradri Kothagudem district in Telangana states for empowerment of Adivasi (Both Koya and Kondareddy PVTG) women through Natwan sanghas, provision of Education, Nutrition and Health, and for the welfare and rights of Gothikoya Adivasis, who fled from violence in Chattisgarh, specific problem that the organization is trying to address. Primarily the welfare and empowerment of adivasis in the tribal region of ASR district, Andhra Pradesh and Bhadradri Kothagudem

district in Telangana states. Issues addressed over the years include empowerment of women, health and nutrition of women and children, basic education services, especially for girl children, and ensuring provision of government services for adivasis.

1) APILP-II Project in West Godavari District - Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The newly Formed state of Andhra Pradesh has proposed a next generation Irrigation and Livelihood Implementation Project by Name Andhra Pradesh Irrigation and Livelihood Implementation Project (APILIP) The Government of AP I & CAD has entered into the agreement as per the guidelines of Japan Cooperation Bank, the Agreement made between District Implementation Unit and SO VYAVASAYAKA MARIYU SANGHIKA ABHIVRUDDI SAMSTHA (ASDS) from 01.02.2019 to 31st January 2021(1st Agreement number SE/ 158/2018-19) and 20.7.2021 to till now (2nd Agreement number SE/ 03/2021-22). In this reporting period We have to conducted the PIM trainings to all WUA's and Need to organized capacity building trainings for all the Ayacut farmers of the project villages for effective community facilitation. We have conducted the Micro plan activities to 9 villages on Animal husbandry and fisheries activities. During this reporting period we regularly in contact with the community and facilitated time to time for regular meeting, we are also facilitated to record all the dialogs made in the WUA meetings, FCS. AND FPO meetings For proper project management and effective community facilitation the DIU provided capacity building trainings to SO team members. On the whole the reporting period is a crucial one to take up the project activities for a bright future of the community.

As per the agreement concluded with Convener , DIU , Eluru we have prepared "Quarterly report" and taken up implementation support activities in 18 MI tanks. In all the villages where APILIP has been implementing the dependency on tank based irrigation is 100% and moreover their Livelihood is Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries . Under these circumstances farmers enrolled in the WUAs are highly dependents on water regulation authority at tank level i.e. Water User Association. Though as per the APFMIS Act 1997 all the WUAs have formed still there is a need to create more awareness on their roles and responsibilities.

Project Background:

Andhra Pradesh Irrigation and Livelihoods Project (*APILIP II*) is the JICA assisted project for implementation in 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh Irrigation and Livelihood Improvement Project Phase-II (APILIP-II) with an outlay of INR 2,000 crores mainly consists of modernization of 1 major irrigation and 19 medium irrigation projects, restoration of 445 minor irrigation tanks besides components on participatory irrigation management, agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries and agribusiness development. For promotion and improvement of livelihood component, the services of one Support Organization per district has been hired by WRD, GoAP and *Agricultural & Social Development Society - ASDS* has been hired for West Godavari district. While operating in the west Godavari district, the *Agricultural & Social Development Society - ASDS* shall also strengthen the functioning of all WUAs in the project area of the west Godavari district.

Project Objective:-

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed a next generation irrigated and Livelihood Improvement project (APILIP) with climate resilience. The Project development Objective is to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability and resilience to climate variability in selected tank systems of Andhra Pradesh.

The Project beneficiaries will include small and marginal farmers, water user's associations (WUA) farmer producer Organizations (FPO'S), Micro plan and Fisheries activities through Livelihood . During Project preparations, specific target areas will be identified and specific interventions will be designed to benefit women and other vulnerable groups. The project activities are grouped into four main components.

1. Rehabilitation of existing irrigation systems (selected major, medium and The minor irrigation systems) to reduce gap ayacut and increase crop productivity
2. Supporting integrated farming systems
3. Strengthening of Food Value Chain development for Strategic Crops

4. Strengthening of institutional capacities of WRD, Line Departments, WUAs for improved PIM, FPOs and relevant CBOs (VFF, FCS etc.) in the project areas
5. Improving livelihoods of farmers and other rural communities in the project areas by strengthening animal husbandry and fisheries activities

Project Components:

The project shall be implemented in the West Godavari District of the state and the summary of key project activities are presented below:

Component 1: Modernization of Medium/Major and Minor Irrigation Sub- projects

Rehabilitation of irrigation projects consists of One Medium major irrigation project and 20 minor irrigation projects. Those irrigation projects were selected on the basis of maturity of project, water availability, status of irrigation system, and farmer's organisation, and so on. Implementation shall be done in a phased manner; Batch-1: 1 medium, 12 minor projects starting from year and Batch II , 8 Tanks Technical sanction will be approval in this year.

objective of this component is to increase water use efficiency in the selected Medium and Minor irrigation projects. To bring the Gap Ayacut in the selected Medium and Minor Irrigation projects to 0%.The main reasons for increased gap ayacut are lack of proper maintenance of head works, canals, Tanks, Reservoirs and inadequate control and regulation of irrigation structures. To rehabilitate the existing irrigation systems to increase productivity. To support integrated farming systems To strengthen institutional capacities and To improve the livelihoods of farmers and other rural communities in command area. strengthening WUAs,FPOs,FCS and Animal husbandry stake holders. Orientation and awareness generation about project amongst the farmers, PRI and other stakeholders .

Component 2: Participatory Irrigation Management

The Project shall target on the WUA in the command areas of target irrigation projects. It shall implement following activities revision of guidelines and capacity development of government officers and capacity development of WUAs.

1. Micro planning and basic survey including use of Participatory Rural Appraisal for identification of all sub-project stakeholders and understanding their needs, concerns and expectations from the project
2. Organization of sub-project based consultation with all stakeholders
3. Effective mobilization of all project stakeholders to participate in the activities of the Water Users Association / Farmers.
4. Assessment of beneficiaries readiness for formation/strengthening of WUA
5. Capacity building and hand holding support for formation/strengthening of WUA and PC
6. Facilitating agreement on draft MoU between Beneficiaries / WUA & DIU
7. Preparation of training plan for the sub project in consultation with WRD
8. Implementation of training programmes to WUAs/PCs (including preparation and arrangement, with the support of RI as required)
9. Follow-up and support of the actual implementation of PIM activities by WUA and PC through periodical field visit and participation in regular village level meetings.
10. Awareness generation amongst WUA regarding the scope of rehabilitation works in each sub-project.
11. Orientation to WUA and PC members for supervising irrigation rehabilitation works
12. Support, monitor and mentor PC, WUA and members of management committees for implementation of various project activities and effectively performing their roles in accordance with PIM Act of AP especially with regard to their roles in documentation, collection of water charges, O&M activities, water audit and water sharing.
13. Support PC and WUA in planning and review of project activities through regular meetings
14. Support WUA in finalization of the local and type of WUA facilities to be developed under the project.
15. Support in social auditing activities
16. Any other support necessary for institution development of the Water Users Association/ Farmers for effective organizational and financial self-management.

Component 3: Promotion of Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs)

The scope of works of Promotion of FPOs shall carry out the following activities; agriculture extension programme, preparation for FPO formation, and support for

establishing FPOs. Throughout the Project, the approach with three tiers shall be taken for formation of FPOs; farmers SHG consisting of 10 -15 farmers in the first tier, Village level Farmers' Federation consisting of 100- 150 farmers in the second tier, and a FPO consisting of 1,000 -1,500 farmers are developed in phased manner.

- Forming FPO is to enhance the income and productivity as well as to reduce risk and expenses of farming and farmers by bringing farmers into organized sectors.
- FPO promotion also aim to promote climate-smart agriculture through organic production practices and integrated farming practices using GAP (Good Agricultural Practices), INM (Integrated Nutrient Management), Integrated Pest Management (IPM) etc
- One FPO per medium/major irrigation cluster shall be targeted for further support including business development such as market linkage, quality improvement, and quantity management, through the support on formation of FPOs depends on the progress and development of VFFs.
- Effective mobilization of command area farmers to participate in the activities of agriculture component.
- Assessment of beneficiaries readiness for formation of Village Farmer Federations (VFFs)
- Capacity building and hand holding support for formation/strengthening of VFFs
- Provide support to Agriculture and Horticulture departments for preparation of Crop Support to Agriculture and Horticulture departments for conducting various trainings, demonstrations and exposure visits, dissemination of new agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices.
- Provide support to Agriculture and Horticulture departments for survey of potential area for FPO formation
- Community mobilization and consensus making amongst farmers and groups for formation of FPO in the identified progressive/potential area for FPO formation.
- Continuous handholding support to FPOs on various social, institutional, technical and other matters for strengthening of FPOs and establish market linkages.
- Provide assistance to Agriculture and Horticulture departments in conducting business training, business planning, marketing and production development support to FPOs.

- Support FPOs in identification and development of minor infrastructure under the project
- Follow-up and support of the actual implementation of agriculture and horticulture activities by VFFs and FPOs through periodical field visit and participation in regular village level meetings
- Cultivation Plan (CCP) and Extension Activities Plan (EAP) for each sub-project.

Component 4: Livelihood Support Program for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries :

Livelihood support in animal husbandry and inland fishery communities shall be provided to the rural communities residing in project villages. The actual project implementation shall be initiated after tendering process of civil works. The basic approach of this component includes development of livelihood plans and enhancing productivity.

Animal Husbandry

- Under the Livelihood Support Component of APILIP II Animal Husbandry in the medium irrigation subproject areas shall be focused with the objective of improving the livelihood of local farmers who are engaged in those activities.
- Selection of target area (village) and groups shall be done at the beginning of the Project based on Project Planning conducted by the locals with the assistance of SOs. Although the particulars indicated above shall be considered in the selection process of target areas and groups, other factors shall also be considered based on the local conditions. Final decision shall be done by DoAH, VAS and SOs and approved by PMU.
- Effective mobilization of local community to participate in the activities of animal husbandry component.
- Provide support to Animal Husbandry Department in identification of target area and target groups under the component through organization of meetings and orientation workshops.
- Provide support to Animal Husbandry Department for development of livelihood plans for each village covered under the component.
- Support to Animal Husbandry Department in conducting various trainings, demonstrations and exposure visits as well as dissemination of new technologies and good animal husbandry practices.
- The selected SO shall possess knowledge in fodder ration balancing: in addition to sheep and cattle management.

- Livelihoods Support Programme.
- Existence of relatively large number of target animal such as cows, sheep and poultry.
- Not too far from a certain scale of market
- Farmers have high proportion of income from livestock.
- Presence of any farmer groups.
- Relatively high proportion of population of SC and ST.
- High poverty rate with comparison of other areas

West Godavari District.

Yerrampalli of Chintalapudi Mandal

Talarlapalli of Chintalapudi Mandal

Edavalli of Lingapalem Mandal

TCHRPalem of Lingapalem Mandal

Kalyanampadu of Lingapalem Mandal

Total 5 villages covered in APILIP Project

Fisheries

The objective of the livelihood support for fisheries development is to increase the fish production and strengthen market linkages at the medium and minor tank irrigation systems to increase the income of inland fishing and farming communities .

Criteria for selection of target villages.

- Existence of relatively large fishery activities
- Existence of active Fisheries Cooperative Society (FCS)
- Water availability for longer durations in minor tanks is preferable
- Not too far from a certain scale of fish-market.
- Relatively high proportion of population of SC and ST.
- High poverty rate with comparison of other areas.
- Effective mobilization of local communities to participate in the activities of fisheries component.

- Provide support to Fisheries Department in identification of tanks where sufficient water is available, selection of target area and target groups under the component through field surveys, meetings and orientation workshops.
- Provide support to Fisheries Department for development of livelihood plans for each village covered under the component.
- Community mobilization and awareness generation amongst fishermen strengthening of Fishery Cooperative Societies (FCSs) and women's group for participation in project activities.
- Continuous handholding support to FCSs on various social, institutional, technical and other matters for strengthening of FCSs.
- Provide support to Fisheries Department in coordination with WUAs and local officials of WRD for use of tanks for fisheries component of the project.
- Provide assistance to Fisheries Department for various fish marketing activities
- Support to Fisheries department for conducting various trainings, demonstrations and exposure visits as well as dissemination of new technologies and good practices.

Activities

- Project planning
- Develop livelihood plan
- Support for fish production activities
- Marketing

Project planning

- Selection of target clusters and groups
- Field Officers (FO) selection and trainings
- Orientation workshop
- Baseline survey

Fisheries Dept Covered villages:

Total 4 Tanks & Tammileru Project covered in project

Chintalapudi - Koppulakunta Tank

Settivarigudem - Medavarapu Tank

Koppaka - Peda Tank

Pragadavaram - Tammileru Reservoir

3 FCS covered in project

Estimates prepared for Captive fish pond

Case study prepared for Tammileru and peda tank.

Project Coverage :

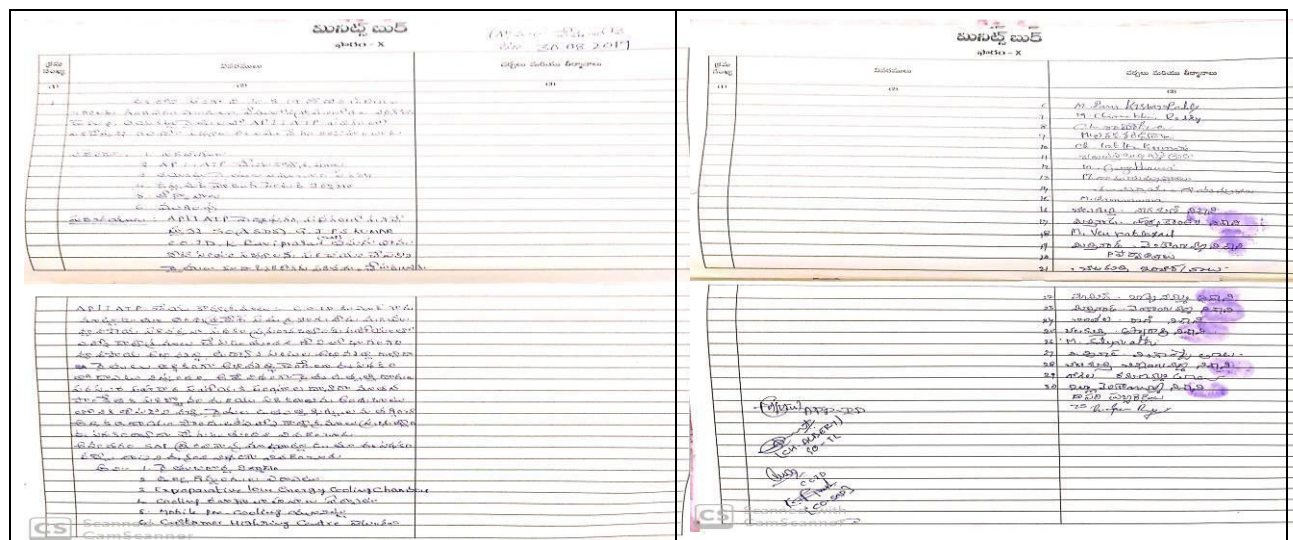
In order work with the WUA, FPO, FCS and Livelihood activities the SO VYAVASAYAKA MARIYU SANGHIKA ABHIVRUDDI SAMSTHA (ASDS) Organization has been allotted the following WUAs in 5 Mandals 1. Chintalapudi, 2. Lingapalem, 3. Pedavegi, 4. Chatrai and 5. Nuzvid (20 MI tanks and One Medium Irrigation Project Tammileru at Chintalapudi), Tanks list given in annexure .

M C Meetings

The following activities are generally discussed in Executive Body meetings

- Conduct Regular meetings in WUAs

- Updating of WUA records
- Civil works progress
- PRA exercises
- PIM Programmes
- Preparation of Micro plans
- Line Department activities (Agri, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries,)
- Identification of beneficiaries
- Formation of Sub committees
- Wall Writings
- Identification of sites for Social Audit boards



Monthly meeting minutes at Pedda Tank at TCHR Palem chintalapudi Mandal

General Body meetings with WUAs:

- General Body meetings not conducted in only 65% WUAs.
- Attendance in GB meetings is on an average 55-58 %
- Women ayacutdars participation in GB meetings is very low, on an average 21% of attendance.

GB meetings:

The following activities are generally discussed in General Body meetings

- Transparency- inform to all members
- Water use efficiency
- Area under second crop
- Water tax collection
- Additional resources mobilization
- Innovations and technology adoption
- Water release schedule
- Warabandi implementation
- Tail end issue and adequacy
- Conflict resolutions

- O & M works

Maintaining of WUA Records:

There are 9 types of WUA Registers and Records maintaining in every WUA, those are

1. Minutes Book
 2. Cash book
 3. Cropping pattern and Water Tax Register
 4. Special fees and other fees Register
 5. Sanctions Register
 6. WUA-Other members Register
 7. WUA- Assets Register
 8. Water flow Register
 9. Visitors Register
- We distributed only Minutes Registers 8 WUAs registers are updated in 12 Tanks by active member with help of SO staff.
 - Frequent orientation given by the SO staff, whenever they visited to field.
 - One day Training programme organized to the WUAs and Ayacut farmers on their Roles and Responsibilities and Book keeping.

WUA Assessment :

It is a good tool for assessing performance of the WUAs by their own. It creates competitive spirit among the WUAs to improve their quality of work. In fact this tool is using to assess the overall performance of the associations and to build new techniques and plans to fill up the gap areas. In this regard our team members put their effort in the self rating process in all the WUAs of the project area. The members also realized the importance and providing their utmost efforts in this process.



WUA assessment at TCHRPalem



WUA assessment at Yerrampalli

As per the guidelines communicated from the DIU we have completed the WUA self assessment process. After issuing the grade to each WUA we will submit the details grading report to the DIU , Eluru . Fortunately we are dealing with different sections of people in the villages i.e. WUA members, WUA committees, WUA Management Committee, , Washer men, Fishermen, dairy farmers, shepherds and women. Satisfying the needs of different category people under single project is a challengeable task. We have started collection of data from various groups in the tank villages.

Formation of Sub committees:

Strengthening the water user association is the most crucial aspect in this project. Community participation is ensured right from the planning stage up to handing over the tank to the WUA for operation and maintenance in the future. This is the most priority objective for the project. At the same formation of sub committees is most priority in the project.

- We have 12 WUAs Out of 12 WUAs , where the Managing Committees formed in the elections conducted for WUAs in 2015.
- Not formed Sub committees in 20 WUAs due to Managing committee are not formed in the 20 WUAs elections.
- Every committee, a member of the TC member will be the convener.

- The vice president of the WUA is the Convener for the Water Management Committee.
- Three ayacutdars become members in every committee

- Works Sub Committee
- Finance Sub Committee
- Water Management Sub Committee
- Monitoring and Evaluation Sub Committee

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Staff meetings and Review meetings at DIU Level:

We have been conducting regular monthly meetings with our staff before attending the regular monthly meetings with SO staff and convergency meetings with Convener APILIP-II at DIU level. It is mandatory to conduct monthly meetings at SO level where we try to find out the issues at WUA Level related to all the components. During the monthly staff meeting, we do bifurcate the issues to sort out at various levels



Participate Monthly SO review meeting



Review meeting with Line Dept at DIU Level



Review meeting DIU Level



Review meeting with EE ,ID Eluru

Preparation of Micro plans

VYAVASAYAKA MARIYU SANGHIKA ABHIVRUDDI SAMSTHA (ASDS) Organization under guidance of SPMU and DIU and in consultation with line departments and WUAs will prepare Micro Plans. SPMU is likely to organize training/workshop on this important subject. After receiving training, the SO will approach line departments like agriculture, Animal husbandry, Fishery, Revenue, Water Resources to provide their plans, programmers' and schemes and guidelines of implementation of their respective activities. After obtaining these inputs for each of the village, in this year 10 villages preparation of Plans conducted April 2021 to January -2022



WUA meeting with WUA members



Discuss about FGD on AH Livelihoods at Yerrampalli



Awarness programme on Micro plan preparation



TOT on WUA roles & responsibilities



DIU level review meeting by SE,IC Elurur



Review on Civil works By SE,IC Eluru

Capacity Building (Trainings):

Strengthening the water user association is the most crucial aspect in this project. Community participation is ensured right from the planning stage up to handing over the tank to the WUAs for operation and maintenance in the future.

- After finalization of the Training calendar, discussed with the concern WUAs and prepared Training wise schedule (date) for conduct of Trainings.
- With support of WUA members and mobilized WUA MC committee members, Women farmers, & Ayacutdars for the Trainings.
- As per the Training calendar, the State Project Director has given permission to conduct 4 different types of Trainings for the year 2019-20.
- PIM Trainngs 24 batches has to conduct for the year 2019-20.

- We have completed Micro plan programmes 9 batches in 3 levels (PRA, Awareness on LH and FGD) then identification of Beneficiaries.
- The Training schedule discussed with the line departments (Irrigation, Agriculture, Animal husbandry and Fisheries Departments).
- Line department officials also attended for the Trainings and explained about the department wise activities and budget allocations available in our project.
- Date wise Training Schedule and methodology prepared .
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Training details including Targets & Achievement for the year 2022-23

Participatory Irrigation Management :

- Target : 24 No
- Achievement : 24 No
- % of Male attended : 65%
- % of Female attended : 5%
- Total % attended : 70%
- No of days : 1
day
- Details : we have conducted the PIM trainings on WUA roles and responsibilities to WUA members and ayacut farmers

2) APIIATP project in East Godavari district - Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Objectives of the assignment:

- *To provide services to department in planning, implementing and monitoring of project activities at the WUA and Cascade levels.*
- To provide support to WUA in activities across cascade based tanks directly with the involvement of para-workers (mainly for Community Mobilization, Works and sector specific activities, including Agribusiness, environmental, social (including

sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and gender based violence (GBV)), health and safety).

- To empower the WUA to take up the operation and maintenance of the rehabilitated tank system with the support of trained para-workers.

Approach & Methodology:

Apart from community mobilization, planning and monitoring of project activities; our organization (SO) will be responsible for organizing all the training and capacity building activities at the Cascade/WUA/CBO level. The training programmes will be organized for the WUAs allotted to our organization. Facilitating the activities related to agriculture, horticulture, fisheries etc., duly involving the experts from concerned department and specialized organizations.

The organisation will initiate the work by impacting orientation to the staff on various activities of 4 components of APIIATP. Initially by discussing with District Project Management Unit (DPMU) and visiting the field the inception report will be submitted along with the draft annual plan. During course of time the integrate cascade plan will be developed duly visiting each tank and assessing their catchment area, inflow, influence of tanks along the cascade.

Our organization, as SO, will adopt all the means and methods as specified in the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) and the terms of Reference given to us. As detailed in the Scope of work in B2 of the ToR, the list of activities is given in the following Matrix No-1 for which the process expected to be adopted by the SO is also given, followed by the expected outputs or deliverables resulting out of the SO activities. This is not the exhaustive list and it is understood that as per the Project Requirements, there could be few more deliverables specified by PMU.

Project Area:

In order work with the WUA, the SO VYAVASAYAKA MARIYU SANGHIKA ABHIVRUDDI SAMSTHA (ASDS) Organization has been allotted the following WUAs in 8 mandals 1.Peddapuram.2. Prathipadu 3.Rangampeta, 4.Gandepalli 5. Jaggampeta 6.Yeleswaram, 7.Gangavaram, 8. Rajavomangi 9.Devipatnam,10. Addateegala 11.Biccavolu, Tanks .

Nature of work :

WUA meetings:

It will be ensured that the WUA organizes its monthly meetings, GB meeting and CIG meetings with the required percentage of participation regularly and maintains proper minutes of the same. Water management and related record keepingIt will be attempted that that each WUA undertakes crop planning activity before each season starts and organizes water management and irrigation scheduling that is rigorously recorded. Ensure that WUA updates and maintains farmer-wise, season-wise, and crop-wise irrigated area data.

Facilitation will be undertaken with the concerned authorities (Revenue, Agriculture and Irrigation) to undertake joint ajmoish with the WUA. The SO should further facilitate the visit by the Revenue Authority to the village for water tax collection and motivate the WUA members to pay water tax in full. WUA should be assisted to maintain data on area irrigated, water tax demand raised and water tax collected. In this year we are conducted all 33 tanks monthly meetings completed regular basis.



APD-ID attended monthly meeting at Erravaram



APD-MIS attended monthly meeting at E.L.Puram



CMS-TL Conducted monthly meeting at Vemulova



SO Staff Conducted monthly meeting at Uppalapadu

As per the APFMIS Act -1995, every WUA has to organize Executive Body meetings in every month, and General body meetings to organize 2 meetings in a year, i.e in before Kharif and before Rabi.

- SO staff was conducting monthly Executive Body meetings in every month 23 Tanks.
- Attendance of MC members in monthly meeting is on an average 85 %
- In this meetings SO staff were explaining APIIATP Project activities.
- Minutes will update in WUA records.
- SO observed that Women ayacutdars / EC members are not attending to the monthly meetings.
- SO staffs were explained about the importance of Gender equity and involvement of Women members in the meetings.
- Para workers also attending in the meeting and Minutes books were updated by Para workers.
 - In this reporting year, we have conducted meetings as given below

Identification of Para workers:

The main role of Para worker is to hand holding support to WUAs and mobilizes WUA members for attending to meetings and Trainings. And updating WUA Records.

- There are 23 WUAs in 2nd TAC Tanks.
- SO staff continuous follow up with WUA members, 14 Para workers were identified.
- Out of 14 Para workers 11 are Male and 3 are Female .
- Agreements concluded on **Rs. 100/- Bond papers** between WUAs and Para workers are completed for 12 WUAs.
- Documents handed over to District Project Unit for Payment process.
- Para workers are updating WUA records whenever meetings conducted by the WUAs.

WUA SELF RATING:

It is a good tool for assessing performance of the WUAs by their own. It creates competitive spirit among the WUAs to improve their quality of work. In fact this tool is using to assess the overall performance of the associations and to build new techniques and plans to fill up the gap areas. In this regard our team members put their effort in the self rating process in

all the WUAs of the project area. The members also realized the importance and providing their utmost efforts in this process.



SO TL, CO-ID and CO-SAP are facilitating WUA Meeting



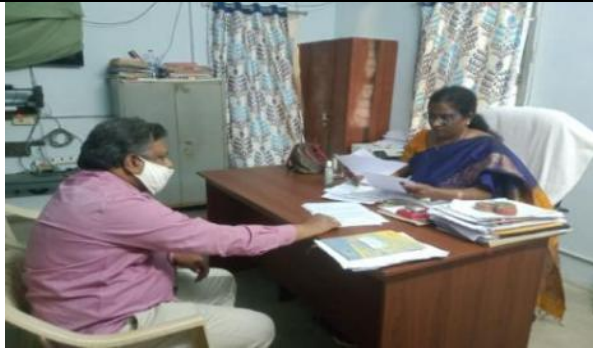
SO Staff conducting WUA self ratings at monthly meetings

Advocacy with Line Departments

Advocacy means supporting a cause or issue in order to bring about change and help others. You are an advocate when you support a cause or speak in favor of an issue. Advocates do not have to be leaders, but good leaders should be strong advocates. In this regard we met all Line Departments like Revenue, Panchayathraj, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Ground Water Departments for linkage with farmers.

Revenue Department:

- Regular Interaction with Mandal Revenue officers Like Thasidhars, Deputy Thasildhars, Revenue Inspectors and Village Revenue Officers discussed on project activities like land related issues.
- Inviting the concerned mandal officers to the meetings and Training at Tank level.



Advocacy meeting with Thasildhar at Rangampeta



Advocacy meeting with Thasildhar at Jaggampeta

Panchayathraj Department:-

- Regular Interaction with Mandal Praishath Development Officer and Secretaries discussed on project activities.
- Inviting the concerned mandal officers to the meetings and Training at Tank level.

Training Programs:



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Jaggampeta MLA with Line Departments



Awareness On PGM at Devaram



APD-PGM addressing the MLA meeting



Handout distribution at PGM meeting

Conclusion:-

With Initial induction training by the State Project Office, AP Water Resource Department, Vijayawada, the Support organization has started the working on the ground and initiated the agreement process and started collection of the basic data from all the tanks by conducting initial rapport meetings and field visits to all the tanks allotted to the SO. In a week of time, two to three visits to each tank by the SO project team and establishing communication between the community and the SO. The community showing very much interest in the project and involve in planning of the project activities and preparation of Cascade development plan. The core component of the project are very much interested, the Component wise plans for Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Social and Institutional development will be prepared by conducting PRA exercises at the tank and cascade level.

The plans started in preparation based on the field situation and in the prescribed formats developed and furnished by the DPU and PMU The Support Organization will facilitate the Water Users Association is identification of the open site required for construction of the WUA office Building. The Support Organization will ensure that the WUA office building will go to genuine WUA who will show good performance in the institutional development indicators like meetings, records and book keeping, attendance in the meetings, resource mobilization etc. The project team has been approaching the officials of the Water Resource Department at Irrigation Division Eluru in the target mandals and divisional officials, had established good rapport with lower to higher officials for project facilitation and implementation. The Support Organization will also provide technical support to the WUAs in construction of the WUA office building through the AEEs and DEEs. They will be oriented on the quality and supervision aspects of the construction. . The project team had approached the Mandal

Revenue Officials for required information on WUA, Tax details and other pertinent information.

The project SO will take forward the initiatives as per the schedule plan of action in consultation with line departments and particularly District Project Director of Irrigation Division, East Godavari District

3) Disaster Management

a) River Godavari and River Shabari Floods (TdH and Other Donors)

Imminent threat:

Godavari is likely to rise 76 feet. Bhadrachalam District Officials and Hon'ble Minister revealed. Godavari river at highest level since 1986. On 13.07.2022 at 10.50 am. Officials have announced that they have issued the 3rd and final hazard warning to Officials say that Godavari is likely to rise to 80 feet at Bhadrachalam due to floods coming from above. The authorities are immediately shifting the people of the low-lying areas to the rehabilitation centers. Godavari is rising rapidly at Bhadrachalam, official suggested going to the rehabilitation centers. According to officials, if the Godavari water level reaches 68 feet, it will be difficult to travel on Bhadrachalam old bridge. From the evening of 14.07.2022, transpiration services on Bridge to Bhadrachalam have been stopped.

River Godavari and River Sabhari floods are common in the last week of July or August of every year. But due to heavy rains in the month of July 2022, two weeks earlier Godavari and Sabhari rivers overflowed and flowed dangerously i.e., crossed 3rd dangerous state. 30 years ago the water level of Godavari river reached 77 feet at Bhadrachalam. But in the middle of the months of July to September 2022, there is water flow at the 3rd danger level 3 times. For 28 days the houses remained under flood water. We worked together with the government to avoid loss of life. But even their help at that time is not enough that is only emergency relief.

Keeping the above issues in mind, we hope that this year food aid will be collected in advance from the donors and they will be benefited to some extent. The transport facility from Bhadrachalam to Rajahmundry may also stop any time from the last week of July. Heavy rainfall has been recorded since the first week of this year and the water level of river Sabari and river Godavari is already starting rising due to Polavaram backwater.

A.S.D.S. the Organization has complete understanding of natural calamities (disaster management). We are creating awareness through committees in villages regarding children and pregnant women to reduce the damage. We feel that your help is needed in these villages.

In such difficult conditions, those who are living on daily wages are facing very difficult conditions to work or even to eat. At this time a project on natural calamities can be done to reduce the loss of life and property. 2022 flood affected 45,862 families 4 mandals in this agency area.

ASDS distributed cooked food and daily essentials, Tarpaulins, Groceries, Milk Packets, Medicines, cloths, Towels and Bed sheets with support and coordination with TdH

and other donors.

4) Baseline survey -tribal development plan: (ITDS, Visakhapatnam)

Pradhan Mantri Aadi Avasa Yojana Scheme is a basic detailed survey to study the conditions of agency tribals and improve their living conditions. 17 villages in ITDA, K.R. Puram of West Godavari district and 43 villages from ITDA, Rampachodavaram in East Godavari district under 2 ITDAs. The survey is conducted with ITDS, Visakhapatnam.

5) Eye Camp Programe - Aloka Vision

In the agency area, health is the unmet need. Here the condition of tribals who suffer from eye problems is very sad. At this time, ASDS explained the situation to the Aloka Vision, Bangalore and organized eye camps at 3 places in this agency and provided eye spātleses to the needy. We are arranging to operate for those who need it.

Disaster Management - COVID 19.

6) Azimpremji _ Intensive Vaccination Project

ASDS has distributed essential commodities dry ration, Masks, Sanitizer Milk packs, Biscuits, cleaning materials, Sanitary pads to community, and Masks, Sanitizer, PPE kits, Medicines to PHCs, CHC, Area Hospitals for front line warriors.

COVID 19 relief activities like emergency programmes and immunization for tribals in this area. ASDS organization always reassures the public when they are in trouble or disasters. ASDS organization has a full understanding of natural disasters. In natural disasters the ASDS organization stay with them and lead. At that crisis time the ASDS organization was able to inform donors of the situation and bring them to the are to provide the necessities needed by the people here and also conduct awareness and rallies on the precautions to be taken during COVID.

7) CHILDLINE 1098 project in Telangana state:

ASDS is successfully running CHILDLINE 1098 is a national, 24-hour, free emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection. Apart from crisis intervention, CHILDLINE also links children to long-term services. Any child / concerned adult can call 1098 free of cost and avail of the service at any time of the day or night. CHILDLINE aims to create a child protection network to reach out to every child. **The CHILDLINE 1098 service has been recognized by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2005 through its**

different sections. CHILDLINE is a platform bringing together the **Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, Department of Telecommunications,** street and community youth, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, the corporate sector and concerned individuals.

In addition to these, the ASDS organization provides assistance in the education of their children and conduct awareness programmes for community development

Education:

Education is the greatest tool to bring in awareness and impact the future generations, knowing that education is the best way to combat superstitions and replace such beliefs with reason and logical efforts has helped more than 5000 tribal children to see the light of education that is constructive of better future forever.

Addressing Child labour:

knowing that child labour issue is a complex and multidimensional issue, and team working towards child labour free society though providing opportunity for education for all children and enforcing child labour act persistently. His efforts have resulted in mainstreaming 2000 children through the help of SSA.

Adolescent Girls:

Education to girls is very important. An education to adolescents will shape the values and opportunities of individual girls. He advocates that educating girls helps to break the cycle of poverty within those girls' families and communities. His efforts continue to educate 7000 girls to about academic and health issues as well.