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RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018
### GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR : 2017-18

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RDA has been working in the remote rural areas surrounded by forest since its inception. Referral Communities are socially excluded communities i.e. STs, and other socio economically disadvantaged Communities like Scheduled Caste and OBCs.

RDA’s major focuses have been development of community based organisations and make them capable of taking active part in development activities and demand for their rights. Other major focus is ensuring food and income security thorough judicious utilization of Natural resources including Human resources. Since 2013 we have started working intensively on Child Rights, keeping children safe and ensuring their participation in the activities which have direct bearing on their life. Many changes have been evolved over the years.

For community level institution building we concentrated firstly on promotion of Women’s Self Help groups (SHG) and next on farmers’ groups. Without joint effort of the communities development process cannot go to the right direction.

Women of very backward communities are now strong enough to handle their own problems, raise their voices against family violence and social injustice. The women who were shy to face outsiders, especially male are now quite open and talk freely with outsiders and our team members. They were not allowed to go out of their villages without company of family members. Now they are going to faraway places for training and exposure visits, even overnight stay is accepted now by their families. They now take positive role in decision making, in their families and in the community. They have their own savings in their groups and also have individual accounts with banks. They are now confident to go the banks and interact with bank officials.

Farmers’ groups are also quite strong and women are also members of farmers’ groups. Producers' collective has been formed in Singbhum Project.

Improved agricultural practices and crop diversification has helped increase production of different crops. This has ensured food security for additional 3-4 months. Production of vegetables, oilseeds has helped meet their family needs and also earn good income.

Use of organic manure produced by farmer families in vermin compost chambers developed with support and guidance from RDA has helped use of chemical fertiliser to 60-70%, soil condition has improved, quality and quantity of crops and vegetables has improved significantly.

Diversion based irrigation system has created a remarkable ambience in very remote villages close to the Dalma Hills Range. Scarcity of water for domestic use and for agriculture was the major problem in those areas. Now water is available at the doorstep and irrigation is assured round the year. Drudgery of women has reduced significantly and green coverage of the areas is visible. Natural resource based livelihood is assured round the year.

Children are very happy with their club and different activities they do in the centre. We actually named them Creative learning Centres. They are now quite thorough with environmental issues, pollutions and how to mitigate those at their level. Extracurricular activities like drawing, dance, music, exposure visits, plantation of saplings and nurturing those, celebration of days of national importance etc have become sources of enjoyment for them and their active participation has been ensured through these activities.
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MIRZABAZAR - PASCHIM MEDINIPUR - WEST BENGAL

LIABILITIES:

SOUSCRIPIONS FUND
Capital Fund
General Reserve
Depreciation Fund
Accrued Fund
Unrealised Non-Recurring Fund
Unrealised working Capital

TOTAL LIABILITIES

LOAN AND OTHER LIABILITIES:
Project Loan
Other Liabilities and Provisions

ASSETS:

Fixed Assets
Loan and Advances
Current Assets

In terms of our report of work done

Place: Mirzabazar
Date: The 18th September 2018

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Mirzabazar, Dist. : Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal
Phone : 03222 - 275309, 274004
Respected Chairman and Dear friends,

Warmest greetings to all!

On behalf of RDA I am taking this opportunity to present the overall status of the organization in the year 2017-2018.

The activity report highlights our small initiatives, key achievements and our learning from the work we have been doing.

Our main focus is to ensure food and income security through judicious use of natural resources, including human resources, to bring about positive changes in their quality of life and empower them to fight for their rights. Working on Child Rights, their development and keeping them safe has also become a major focus. Children were never neglected in our activities but such an organized drive has not been taken up before 2012. Terre des Hommes, Suisse deserves our heartiest thanks and gratitude for helping us to think deeply on these issues and rendering constant support towards that. It has also helped the referral communities to take proper care of their children and preventing child labour, early marriage and unsafe migration.

Our intervention helped the target communities in remote rural areas to get organized and work for improving quality of their lives and have clear understanding on their rights and fight for accessing those. We are grateful to Tata Trusts, Terre Des Hommes, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Central Social Welfare Board, Govt. of India, Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) and Panchayat & Rural Development Department (PNRD) for their continuous support to make our activities successful. Through USHARMUKTI Project, supported by BRLF, RDA got the opportunity to work with PNRD, District Block and Panchayats in the target blocks falling under Paschim Medinipur and Jhargram Districts.

Details of the activities and their impact have been narrated briefly in the following pages.

This is my great opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our donors, members of the Governing Body who constantly inspired us by their valuable suggestions and critical feed backs. I would also like to express my thanks to my whole team and also the members of the referral communities without whose active involvement it was not possible to proceed forward with our mission to bring positive changes in the lives of the marginalized people.

Best wishes for everybody.

Nandini Basu
Secretary
Rural Development Association (RDA) is a registered non-govt. social service organisation. It has been working in the Western part of Midnapore District (presently known as Paschim Medinipur) of West Bengal since 1980. From 1984 RDA has extended its area of operation in the neighbouring Ghatshila Block of East Singhbhum District of Jharkhand (erstwhile South Bihar). The West Bengal chapter is known as Midnapore Project and the other one is known as Singhbhum Project.

In Midnapore RDA has been working in the remote rural areas falling under Jhargram, Sankrail, Keshiary. Under Singhbhum Project RDA is working in Ghatshila and Dhalbhumgarh blocks. All the areas have almost similar geographical and climatic condition. Demographic profile is more or less the same.

RDA is registered as a society under the West Bengal Societies registration Act (1961). To receive foreign contributions it is registered under Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act (FCRA). The owners of RDA are its Governing Body, which constitutes of seven members. They include individuals from academic and social service institutions. The person responsible for day-to-day functioning and decision-making is its Secretary-Ex-Officio Director.

RDA’s Head Office or Central Coordinating Office is at Paschim Medinipur Sadar (District HQ). In the operational Blocks RDA has Field Offices.

**Vision of RDA:**
RDA envisions equitable societies where sustainable development and livelihoods will allow tribal populations to lead a better life and people are able to make independent choices and decisions.

**Thematic areas of intervention:**
- Formation and strengthening of Peoples’ organization, mainly Women’s Self-Help Groups;
- Livelihood Promotion through Natural Resource Management;
- Sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture;
- Market led development & Promotion of Producers’ Collective;
- Support services for benefitting women.
- Protection of Child Rights and ensure their active participation in Environment Protection.

**Values of RDA:**
- Dedication to work
- Integrity
- Sincere feeling for the poor
- Respect to women
- Transperancy
- Judicious use of resources
- Good team work
- Non-partisan attitude.
OUR DONORS:
- Sir Ratan Tata Trust, India
- NABARD, Govt. of India
- Central Social Welfare Board, Govt. of India
- Terre Des Hommes, Suisse
- Collectives for Integrated Livelihoods Initiatives (CINI), India
- Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF)

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- PRADAN, Kolkata
- Tagore Society For Rural Development, Jharkhand
- Horticulture and Agro-forestry Research Project, Ranchi
- RDO, Ghatshila & Dhalbhumgarh Block, Jharkhand
- SDO, Ghatshila
- Block Agriculture Development Office, Sankrail & Keshiary Block, Paschim Medinipur
- Sarada Kalyan Bhandar, Medinipur
- District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), Midnapore

Our Bankers:
- State Bank Of India, Midnapore
- Indian Overseas Bank, Midnapore
- Axis Bank, Midnapore
- ICICI Bank, Midnapore
- Bank of India, Bakra Branch, Sankrail, Midnapore
- Punjab National Bank, Khajra, Keshiary Block, Midnapore
- Allahabad Bank, Midnapore
- Bank of Baroda, Ghatshila
- UBI, Ghatshila
- Bank of India, Ghatshila

Our Auditor:
Ramkrishna Ray & Company
Chartered Accountants
Kuikota, Paschim Medinipur- 721101

AUDITOR’S REPORT

We have audited the Annexed Balance Sheet of The RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION at Mithaibazar, Dist. Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal as at 31st March 2018 and also the annual Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended on that date.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association Management. Our responsibility is to express opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further report that:

a) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

b) The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with the report are in agreement with the Books of Accounts.

c) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid statements, give a true and fair view-

1) in the case of Balance Sheet of the state of affairs as on 31st March 2018 and
2) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account of the Society for the year ended on that date of the above named Society.

Place : Midnapore
Dated : The 16th September 2018

Ramkrishna Ray & Co
Chartered Accountants

[Signatures]

For Ramkrishna Ray & Co
Chartered Accountants

Practitioner
Meme No. 009795
FIRN – 324338

[Annexure]
Women’s Self Help Groups are the main platform for implementation of the activities and ensure involvement of the community in their development process. Strong community level institutions especially with women have been proved as the basic strength for socio economic development of the communities in target.

Major activities

Promotion and strengthening of Women’s Self Help Groups (WSHG)

Livelihood activities based on Natural Resources Management. RDA’s main focus is food and income security of the economically disadvantaged communities through judicious management of natural resources, i.e. land and water. Referral Communities belong mostly to Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Communities.

Since 2013 RDA has been working on Child Rights, Child Protection and ensuring child participation in their activities and also in their families.

**MIDNAPORE PROJECT**

**Keshiary Project**

**Project** : IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE CHILDREN AND WOMEN OF TRIBALS 13 VILLAGES OF PASCHIM MEDINIPUR DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL

**Supported By** : Terre Des Hommes, Suisse

**Area of Operation** : 13 villages of Keshiary Block of Paschim Medinipur District, West Bengal.

**Objective**:

- To ensure improved socio-economic status of women through strengthening of WSHGs and their active participation in the village development process.
- Natural resource based livelihood activities for ensuring food security & enhancement of income.
- To ensure the promotion of child rights in the community through active child participation.

**Updated Status of Toilet construction Target vs achievement 2017-18**

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To ensure improved socio-economic status of women through strengthening of WSHGs and their active participation in the village development process:

In 2017-2018 total 45 women SHGs have been nurtured and capacitated to run their regular savings, credit and livelihood activities smoothly. Two new SHG facilitators joined in June and they regularly visited groups, identified gaps in different groups and worked on improvement of status of groups. 23 group member received dividend on an average Rs.1250 and women utilised this money in small asset creation for their own and their family. There was regular follow of financial reports of groups.

Overall outcome:

- Improved quantitative and qualitative status of groups.
- Increased food security and income through adoption of improved agriculture practices.
- Capacitated SHG leaders on group management.
- Effective relationship with PRI.
- SHG members participated in Gram Sava and other stakeholder to place their demands.
- 138 demands have been placed to different authorities like as Panchayet, Forest Beat Officer, BLDO for Bangla Awas Yojna, Individual low cost Toilet, safe drinking water, Deep tube well, Save forest, Community building construction, animal vaccination etc.
- 125 members are involved in activities under MGNREGA.
- 8 numbers of SHG members accessed paddy seeds from agriculture
Convergence data 2017-18 of Dhalbhumgarh PIP

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MGNREGA - Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantees Act
JSLPS - Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society

Apart from impacting poverty levels, context specific interventions are designed in Dhalbhumgarh PIP (Project Implementation Plan) to ensure active involvement of change catalyst in the block to demonstrate, facilitate the community with assistance of community institutions and also establishing the market driven approach for sustaining the interventions of different prototypes.

WATER AND SANITATION (WATSAN) Project
Supported by Tata Trusts-CINI

Overall objective:
To bring about improvement in quality of life in the livelihood clusters through creating provision for hygienic sanitation facilities, safe drinking water and behavior change in the communities about personal hygiene and cleanliness. Approximately 1000 families in Dhalbhumgarh Block of East Singhbhum district are to be covered.

Specific objective:
To get engaged extensively at the Gram Panchayat levels by creating a demand for sanitation and safe drinking water and achieve open defecation free Panchayats in the livelihood clusters.

Activities taken for achievement of the goal:
Capacity building among local institutions including Village Water and Sanitation Committees, SHGs, VOs and Federations to plan and create demand for toilets and facilitate construction of household toilets and overall village cleanliness.

SHGs Convention:

- 69 new backyard poultry unit received from BLDO.
- 21 SHG joined mid-day-meal preparation in school.
- 337 members from 37 SHGs have been linked with Health Insurance Scheme.
- 14 new member got Old-Age pension from PRI.
- 41 persons were covered under Bangla Awas Yojna/PMAY.
- 104 members received low cost latrine from panchayet.

Case Study of Nischintapur SHG:
Nischintapur, a very poor and backward village falling under Khajra Gram Panchayat, Keshary Block. All the villagers belong to Schedule Tribe. Major of the community of the people are wage labour.

Main problems are:
1. Very poor availability of safe drinking water.
2. Male are addicted to liquor
In this circumstance, RDA promoted two Women Self Help Groups in this village and took initiative to strengthen the members. The groups are “MA SHITALA SHG” (10 Members) & “MA MANASHA SHG” (10 Members). The women of these 2 SHGs have taken few steps for their community development with the help of RDA. SHGs meet every week on fixed date & time. They created a savings fund for the group. Not only that, they also discussed their social problem in their groups. On the month of September, 2017 they visited local liquor supplier and asked him to stop the business. They also met local Panchayet Head for providing a tube well in the locality. For saving the forest they met with the Forest Beat officer. He assured them all possible support for protecting the surrounding forest and also promised to provide support for constructing a Community hall for them.

Presently there is no liquor shop or vendor in the village and the villagers are enjoying a healthy and safe life.

B. Natural resource based livelihood activities for ensuring food security & enhancement of income.

Agriculture:

- Micro planning and livelihood exercise for farmers:
  
  Family based micro planning exercise was done before kharif season in all of 13 target villages with group members and their males for preparation of land pattern based crop list and estimated cost of cultivation. Total 18 nos. of such livelihood planning exercise was done, 13 such exercise for kharif season and 5 exercises for rabi season. Through this process list of SRI, vegetables for kharif and rabi season and oilseed were prepared.

Outcome:

- Increased active participation of SHG members and their males in planning process;
- Increased knowledge and skill on land water based agriculture crop planning;
- Increased number of farmers in different improved technique of crops cultivation.
- The planning process helped farmers in arrangement of money timely and

RDA took a major initiative to rollout agriculture through community. In Kharif season improved paddy technique was planned in 42 village organizations (VO) of Dhalbhumgarh block. Safal Fasal with 3500 household spread in 3349.19 acres. Total 2926 farmers planned for growing vegetables like Tomato, Chilli, Brinjal and creepers crop on 128.06 acres of land.

In the Rabi season 2003 farmers have grown cabbage, cauliflower, tomato, brinjal, chilli and mustard on 701 acres of land. In the summer 811 farmers grown watermelon, creeper beans, cabbage and cauliflower on 80.25 acres of land. 390000 Soilless saplings were grown during this year.

- Drip & mulching had been done for total 70.8 acres of land this year with the help of Govt, community contribution and support from Tata Trust.

C. WRD/ Irrigation Facility – To facilitate agriculture in the PIP area federation have provided total 43 Seepage wells in the year & 8 Micro Lift irrigation system to the SHG members in group. Total 356 and 168 families were benefited by Seepage wells and MLI respectively.

d. Animal Husbandry – Federation provides Goats to the members to have initial capital. Also provide Loans for the same to enhance the domestic rearing process to business model all over, Dhalbhumgarh PIP finally now working with a total of 3699 HHs who are continuing Goat Rearing as one of the prime activity to enhance their family income. Total 560 Azola pits were constructed. Azola helps to provide better nutrition to the goats.

For fishery development 128 fish ponds have been developed during this year.

e. Convergence – Adding up to the livelihood promotion the project also do liaisoning with Govt., state govt., district level authorities & corporate like: MGNREGA, JSLPS, Dist. Agriculture & horticulture dept. For agriculture inputs like paddy thresher machine, pump sets for irrigation purpose, drip, mulching & sprinklers for modernization in irrigation technology, support on horticulture patch to utilize the available natural resources.
“Building Dhalbhumgarh, East Singhbhum district in Jharkhand as a driver for regional growth while transforming quality of life of 6,000 households under the Central India Initiative” the Mission mode project entered year with a big hope and inspiration. From the last quarter of the third year, the Dhalbhumgarh PIP team has started to propel the project activities with a newly converged team spirit as to achieve the highest level of various key principles of the project and tried to push each of the aforesaid principals for better quality of the project. Depending upon the strategies and guidelines of the project the basic focus has been rendered upon the following four major activities or prototypes.

**Thematic Prototypes, outreach & achievements**

1. **Federation & VO spearhead the management – Dalma Mahila Mandal Sangha (DMMS) has done online registration in society registration act. They handle the schemes working in field, Demand creation for agricultural technology & family based planning to make them Lakhpati Kisan by enhancing their existing livelihood options.**

   As per mutual agreement with CiNi the process of establishment of a new Farmer Producers’ organization (FPO) is on the way. After completion most of the basic documentation like (selection of goat farmers, collection of documents, preliminary discussion with the CA) would be managed by the FPO. All relevant documents would be submitted to the CA on the last week of July 2018.

2. **Improved Agriculture & Hi-end Technologies for irrigation - Help in providing Hi-tech irrigation system like Drip, mulching, sprinkler etc. Hi-tech Nurseries to provide soil-less saplings, Hi-yielding crops for vegetable cultivation for improving nutrition status viz a viz for business & horticulture primarily mango to utilize the land for vegetable & fruits both**

   **Case Study on SRI:**

   Chandana Nayek is a member of MA BASANTI Mahila Samity in village Jamsole.

   Total member of her family is 4, one minor and others are adults. Their total 4.5 acres can be utilized for vegetable cultivation. The team revisited the Process of implementation, achievement, gaps and opportunities and made a strong belief that we can build Dhalbhumgarh as a regional driver of development by promoting large number of Lakhpati Kisan and smart village.

   **Capacity building of farmers through training, awareness camp and exposure visit:**

   RDA organised 20 training with farmers on non-chemical based medicine, fertilizer (7), PoP of SRI, Mustard, vegetables (11) and goat rearing (2). Total 217 farmers were trained on the mentioned areas. 4 no. of awareness camp organised at village Baraparua, Darbarmela, Dahi and Sajijenya. 177 farmers participated in the camps. 5 nos. non-chemical based demonstration plot have been developed for internal exposure and training. Out of this, 2 plots are for vegetable cultivation at Nidata and Suknakhal village and others 3 plots are for SRI at Lakhyasole, Nischintapur and Baraparua village.
Chandana joined MA BASANTI SHG in 2008. She followed almost all the steps of SRI and cultivated paddy in her 75 decimal of land. Now food is assured throughout the year for her family. Her family's economic condition has been gradually improving.

**Case Study of Goat Unit:**

Parbati Tudu, wife of Bibek Tudu belongs to Dahi village under Khajra Gram Panchayet of Keshiary Block. She has 5 members in her family. She holds 2 bigha of lands. 1 bigha is cultivated and the rest remained fallow.

In this situation RDA (With the help of Tdh, Suisse) supported her with 5 Goats in 2013-14. Beneficiary’s selection procedure was done by other SHG members. Presently sizes of her unit contains 11 goats and this year she sold 3 goats and earned Rs. 10,000. Her family’s income condition is gradually improving.

Goat Rearing

This year 10 new units have been started (6 units at Darbarmela, 3 units at Aguibani and 1 unit at Nhins gotpur village) from the support of TdH and beneficiaries contribution. At the end of this phase total 157 units have been developed. All goat units are in good condition. Our animal health workers provided weekly services through de-worming, vaccination and primary treatment of diseases. For any critical illness our veterinary doctor provided necessary checkup & treatment.

So far 99 families have sold 270 goats and earned Rs. 7,40,00.00; their average yearly income was amount rate rs 7650/-

Social Audit and External Evaluation of the CFT Programme:

- Social Audit team of the state audited CFT programme in Ghatasila and Dhalbhumgarh blocks from last week of October to 1st week of November. They verified all documents at office, interacted with each CFT members, interacted with SHG members, panchayat members and block functionaries.

- Mr. Siraj Dutta, an individual consultant from Ranchi, evaluated CFT programme in Jharkhand on behalf of RDD. He evaluated CFT programme and its impact in Dhalbhumgarh block.

4. Project Title: Building Dhalbumgarh, East Singhbhum district in Jharkhand as a driver for regional growth while transforming quality of life of 6,000 households under the Central India Initiative.- Supported by Cini and Tata Trusts.

Collectives for Integrated Livelihood Initiatives (CInI) and Tata Trusts took an initiative for addressing the issue of poor tribal community in Central India Region and bring about changes in their life. In spite of the rich natural resources and good rainfall received in this region the communities live in poverty and often faced food insecurity. In this line project design was done by CInI with their partners and Tata Trusts approved this 5 years mission mode operational project. The motivational caption of this project 2015 to 2020 was selected as "MISSION 2020, catchy Lakhpati Kisan – Smart Village". RDA hold this initiative for Dhalhumgarh Block with of technical thematic support, ideas, knowledge form CInI. We, both CInI and RDA would talk to the government functionaries for better implementation of the programme. RDA also submitted a letter for discussing with state government on timely payment of workers, stopping corruption in implementation and increasing wage rate of workers.
improving. She spent her own money on children’s education.

Annual Farmers’ Fair:

One day’s Farmers Fair was organised at Suknakhali village under Ghritagram Gram Panchayat. 280 selected farmers from different villages adopted by RDA took part in the fair. Many distinguished personalities graced the event with their kind presence. They were Assistance Director of Agriculture (Kharagpur Sub-division), Gram Panchayat Pradhan & other members and some successful farmer. In this fair, the farmer exhibited their organic products like various types of vegetables and paddy.

Impact:

- Mr. Pankaj Kumar Ojha (ADA of Kharagpur Sub-Division) promised training on organic farming for the farmers of our area in near future.
- Many farmers have been inspired through this farmer fairs.

C. To ensure the promotion of child rights in the community through active child participation

RDA, Keshiyari Project has been running Child Club (CC) with the help of TdH, Suisse since 2013 at Bamunmari, Baraparua, Pathanmari, Lakhiyasole, Saigeriya, Simuldanga and Jamsole villages. At present total number of students of this 7 CC are 223. Average attendance of children in centre was 70%. 4 children groups were formed consisting children of age group of 15-18 years. A new room was constructed at Lakhiyasole for child club at the end of this financial year.
4 Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) were formed and quarterly meeting of VLCPC members were organised jointly in 3 quarters at Khajra panchayat office in presence of panchayat Pradhan. 37 nos of parents meetings were organised. Child programme coordinator and facilitators facilitated those meeting on basic children rights, role of parents in protection of rights of children and giving space to their children for sharing their views in the family on the matters pertaining to them. Child club representatives participated in those meeting and shared their activities and what they expect from their parents.

Awareness programme of children was organised in two high schools and total 324 children of 6th to 8th standard participated in those camps. Internal exposure visit with 198 children was organised at Bakultala ICDS centre. There was quiz competition on child rights and General Knowledge. There was group work and presentation by the children. All the children enjoyed and actively participated in the programmes. Exposure plan was prepared by the children.

7 nos. of child led initiatives were planned and organised by children with the help of RDA’s, facilitators, parents of the children, PRI members, SHG and community. Children’s day on 14th November, Clean village, Annual sports and cultural programme of children, Republic day, Rabindranath Tagore birth day, Independence Day and Pandit Raghunath Murmu’s Birth day were celebrated by the children.

RDA organised a medical health check up camp in collaboration with the team of GANGA MISSION. The medical team from Cancer Foundation was consisted of one General Physician, one Eye Specialist and a Dentist. Apart from general health checkup eye test, tooth test was also arranged. Doctors interacted with the children very
freely. 3 no. of awareness camp on menstrual hygiene were organized in December and Sanitary Napkins were distributed among girls totally free of cost.

Total 280 children were covered under health check-up and treatment.

2 refresher training of facilitators were organised, 2 training by TdH and one by RDA. 4 facilitators participated in the training in Kolkata and all facilitators participated in the training held at Galudih resort, Ghatiila. Regular monthly review cum planning meeting of facilitators were organised at RDA office.

Case study on Child Participation:

1. Biplab Sing – Bamunmari Child Club – “SABUJ PRAN”

Biplab Sing S/O Khagen Sing village Bamunmari studies in class X at Khajra Satish Chandra Memorial School. He belongs to Schedule Tribe Community. Biplab was stammering, so he could not link freely with other children. His friends always ignored him. For that reason Biplab stopped coming to the Child Club.

RDA representative visited his house, met with him and his parents and motivated him to come to the Child Club. They told him that if he didn’t come to the centre he would soon become isolated from others and that would be miserable for him. Later he agreed to come at Child Centre.

After getting few training and meeting he became smarter. Now he can talk freely without hesitation. Besides that he improved his performance in school. Biplab now understands that physical obstacles are not barrier for his improvement.
2. Jiban Jyoti Child Club – Saigeriya

In 2013 RDA, Keshiyari Project initiated Children Club with the support from TdH, Suisse at Saigariya village under Ghritagram Gram Panchayet. The club comprises of children between 8 – 18 years of age. It was named as ‘JEEVAN JYOTTI’. The village is inhabited by Schedule Tribe community.

In the beginning children hardly used to come to the club. If someone came to the centre, he or she would sit in the corner silently. Every child was feeling very shy.

In course of four year the picture reversed. Now they can adopt any stranger easily. To keep clean their area they organized rallies for awareness generation. They motivated their families to use CFL bulbs in their home. Besides they are satisfactorily taking part in several cultural activities like dancing-singing-recitation.

At present the centre has 30 members. Their participation has been increasing in every field. They have met the Gram Panchayat head and other stakeholders to discuss the problem of sanitation and safe drinking water in their locality. Their prayer was heard patiently by the authority.
Root intensification in paddy, maize, pulses, oilseed and vegetables;

Intervention on maize through ridge sowing and root intensification with 620 mahila kisan;

Intervention on creeper vegetables introducing “machan system”;

Promotion of organic kitchen gardening with 384 families.

Capacity building of para-professionals and goat and backyard poultry farmers. RDA developed 770 small ruminant rearers.

Data management of all mahila kisan

Monthly reporting to state and quarterly reporting to MoRD

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Area of Quality Paddy seed production – Sankrail, Jhargram, Gopiballavpur - 2, Block in Jhargram District, Midnapur Sadar, Kharagpur Sadar, Pingla, Sabang, Debra Block in Paschim Medinipur District and Khatra Block in Bankura district.

Season – Pre Kharif (May to July) – During this season 83 farmers cultivated paddy on 27 hectares of land. 48 tons of raw seeds was received from farmers of Pingla and Sabang block. All seeds were truthful levels (T/L) seeds. Due to this reason Seed Certification office, Govt of W.B. were not involved in this programme. After processing total 68 tons of seeds were ready for summer paddy cultivation.
Season – Rainy (Kharif) – 74 farmers cultivated on 20 hectares of land in this season.

52 farmers cultivated on 16 hectare land under Seed Certification (C/S) programme. Hectares of land have been cultivated under truthful level (T/L) seeds. Total raw seeds received by RDA from farmers was 69 tons and 49 ton under certification programme and 20 ton seeds for T/L seeds. Assistant Director of Agriculture, Seed Certification, Midnapur visited in this field and Collected Sample seeds. Sample seeds were submitted to State Seed Testing Laboratory, Kolkata for testing of seed Germination, Moisture etc. All samples were selected for good quality seeds by testing lab. Govt of W.B.

Season – summer (Rabi) – In this season 15 hectar land had been cultivated. Mainly MTU1010 and IET 9947 (Lalat ), IR 36, IR 64, Chaitali, IET 4094, GB-1, IET 4786, Khandagiri variety paddy seeds were cultivated in the season. Raw seeds received from farmers were 59.65 tons. In this year, after processing 176 ton seeds were ready for market. 23 varieties have gone to the market with RDA Brand. The Brand name is RDA SEEDS. Varieties were MTU7029, MTU1010, IET9947 (Lalat), IET4786 (Shankar), Shyamashree, IET-4555 (IR-36), GB-1 (IET17430), Sahabhi dhan, CR- 1017, CR- 1018, Super Shyamali, Bullet, Khandagiri, Gobinda Bhog, Chaitali etc.

Market - Market have been developed in Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purulia District and in the nearest market of Jharkhand and Orissa state. Approximately 176 ton seeds were sold in this year.

### Stock of Raw seeds in Godown

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### 2. Project: Food Security, Sustainable Livelihoods and Empowerment of Mahila Kisan through Sustainable Agriculture and their own Institution under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Partyojana (MKSP)

**Supported by**: MoRD, GoI, GoJ and JSLPS (Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society)

RDA worked on promotion of non-chemical based sustainable agriculture practices and goat and backyard poultry rearing with 2060 Mahila Kisans of 6 panchayats and 41 villages of Ghatilsa and Dhalbhumagrh blocks, Jharkhand. 35 Krishi Sakhi and Pasu Sakhi have been developed through regular training, exposure and handholding support for capacity building of Mahila Kisans in the villages through development of demonstration plots of different agri-models and mostly on-field training of farmers.

### Activities Implemented:
- Training tools and module development
- Capacity building of Krishi Sakhi and Pasu sakhi
- Capacity building of Mahila Kisan through training, exposure and handholding on sustainable agriculture following NPM and non-chemical based fertiliser and bio-pesticide application.
- Handholding support to farmers by Krishi Sakhi and Para-professionals.
- Development of village level demonstration plots in Farmers Field School mode on SRI, vegetables, machan system etc. for training and handholding of mahila kisan on sustainable agriculture;
- Development of multilayer crop cultivation model in 20 villages;
All farmers were benefited by minimum Rs 200 – 400.00/quintal from open market, ie Sri Khagendranath Mahata, Village -Barpal , Dist -Jhargram . The Barpal village is an Interior village , approximately 12 km from NH6.He Cultivated 1.68 acre lands. His production was 48 quintal. Market value is Rs- 57600 but RDA payment to the farmer was Rs -69600. He earned extra benefit of Rs. 12000 from RDA. The extra money he expended for higher education of his son.

Training – Two days’ training was organised by RDA for farmers. The training was financially supported By Govt of West Bengal. Paschim Medinipur District and Bankura Zone Seed Certification officer facilitated the programme.

Specific Objective - 3 : To ensure improved socio-economic status of SHG women through credit linkage and active participation in the village development process with a special focus on protection of child rights

39 SHGs (old 35 and newly formed 4 SHGs) organised their weekly meeting regularly. RDA organised 2 refresher training of group accountants for better maintenance of books of accounts. 5 livelihood training were organised and 97 SHG members were participated through training. Trained SHG members capacitated their group members and total 397 members prepared their crop planning for rainy season and Rabi season. Status of SHGs is given below –

- Total members of SHGs - 630
- Meeting regularity of SHG - 80%,
- Attendance regularity of members - 90%,
- Savings regularity in the weekly meeting of SHG members – 80%
- Total number of loan disbursed to the members – 603
- Total amount of loan disbursed – Rs. 15,17,600.00
- Average loan size – Rs. 2500.00
- Productive loan – 54%
This project is supported by Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) & Panchayat and Rural Development Department, (P&R&D), Govt. of WB.

The term “Usharmukti” in Bengali is self-explanatory. If any area which is dry and drought prone since long, is targeted to be free from its dryness through various measures are said to be “an approach towards usharmukti”.

This approach has been adopted through NREGA activities in 6 districts of West Bengal, namely Purulia, Bankura, Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Birbhum and Paschim Bardhaman. These districts are mainly rain-fed and agricultural activities suffer for untimely and insufficient rain. Moreover, high surface run off coupled with soil erosion in rainy season made the area less productive. The area may be characterized by rolling topography with intermittent sharp undulations or hill formations. About 23% of the total area is under forest cover. The population is predominantly rural with over 90% live in villages. Around 40% population in the region belong to scheduled categories. An overwhelming majority of the population earn their living from Agriculture. This is supplemented by earnings from NTFP (Non-timber Forest Products). Farming is predominantly rain-fed with only 16% of the Net Sown Area under irrigation. About 45% of rural households in the region belong to BPL category with high incidences of poverty among ST and SC communities. Overall, the region is identified as the poorest part of West Bengal, characterized by high concentration of tribal population, high proportion of forested villages and Low counts across all parameters of HDI. Ground water is also depleting very fast leading to very low surface flow in the local streams and rivulets which is again contributing to less water flow in large rivers.

In this context, state MNREGA cell has adopted a set of activities for soil and water conservation through various approaches where technical grounds are taken care of. It is expected that these in situ soil and moisture conservation measures will finally rejuvenate some of the important rivers flowing on those districts, namely, Ajoy, Mayurakshi, Damodar, Darakeswar, Kangsabati, Shilabati and Subarnarekha. We, the CSO (Civic Society Organisation) partners are supposed to provide technical help to district, block and GP functionaries for grounding all these activities. RDA has been entrusted to look after Jhargram, Gopalpurtharup and Sankrail block of Jhargram district and Sabloni and Kashiary block of West Midnapur district.

Main objectives of the project:
1. Conservation of land and water resources in watershed area,
2. Turning barren land and unproductive soil into productive one,
3. Conservation of water through water conservation and recharge,
4. Re-establishment of bio diversity,
5. Increasing adoptability towards climate change,
6. Reclamation of degraded land,
7. Gainful employment in NREGA activity,
8. Sustainable income through creation of productive asset,
9. Creation of strong network between Government and Non Government

Usharmukti 2017: A journey since August

Parents are the main stakeholder in creating children friendly atmosphere in their home and protection of their rights. 21 nos. of parents meeting were organised at quarterly basis in 7 child club villages for orientation of parents and for updating their children’s activities.

248 children (60% girls) of Child club (8-14 years) and Children Group (15-18 years) members have been capacitated through training and discussion with children on Child Rights particularly on child participation. 35% of the trained children (60% girls) can explain about child rights, role of community and children in protection of child rights and issues affecting them. Internal exposure visit of 100 children was organised at Dimna Lake and Zoological Park of Tata Steel, Jamshedpur in the month of December. Children were divided in groups and visited different eco-system, birds, animals, flower and plants. After the visit they prepared drawing of different eco-system and presented.

For awareness generation of more and more school children on child rights, RDA organised awareness camp of children on child rights and UNCRC in 5 schools Mahisadhar Middle schools, Sirisboni Middle School, Bordih Middle School, Basajhore Middle School and Leda school. Total 535 children and 15 teachers were participated in these awareness camps.

6 numbers of child led initiatives were planned and organised by children with the help of RDA, facilitators, their parents, PRI members and SHG. Children initiatives were observation of Environment Day on 5th June, Plantation week in July, world literacy day, children’s day on 14th November, Human Rights day and Annual sports of children. Children were prepared programme plan, shared responsibilities among them, invited guests and anchored the programme.
Women farmers prepared organic fertilisers like Azolla and NADEP compost as supplement of chemical fertilisers. They were also prepared around 400 litres of bio-pesticides like Beejamrita, Neemasta, Agniasta, Brahmshta, Garlic-Chilli solution etc. and they used it in seed treatment and plant protection. Azolla is used for supplement of nitrogen in low land paddy field and it is also very good nutritive food for animals.

10 new goat rearing units have been developed in village Sirisboni of Asna panchayat, Ghatasila. In this reporting period 120 old goat farmers earned income on an average Rs.6000 from selling of two to three adult goats.

Through our plantation programme, 11 farmers of village Dhakpather developed 11.20 acres as timber plant (Acacia) plot on their fallow upland. Through government scheme MGNREGA, another 3 farmers of village Sirisboni and Chororgora have been developed good quality (Amrapali & Mallika) grafted mango garden on 3.15 acres of land with inter-cropping of vegetables. Total investment from MGNREGA was Rs. 3,40,000.

Annual Farmers fair was organised in village Baboida in December in collaboration with Information and Broadcasting department of Govt. of India and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Daraisai, Janshehpur. Around 400 women farmers; District Coordinator of Information and Broadcasting department, 4 scientists from KVK; Sri Sanjay Panda, BDO, Ghatasila, Smt. Himanoni Murmu, Pramukh; Smt. Debjani Murmu, Zila Parahad, Ghatasila; President of 20 point programme committee; Panchayat head and other PRI representatives, Gram Pradhans, school teachers, representatives of child club and children group, youth and villagers were participated in this event. Information and Broadcasting department supported pandal and gave prizes to good farmers who answered correctly on agriculture related questions. Programme was started with awareness rally in the village. Farmers of the villages displayed organic vegetables, bio-pesticides and fertilisers. All guests visited organic stalls and appreciated to farmers for production of safe food. Print media of Ghatasila covered the programme.

Specific Objective-2 : To ensure the promotion of child rights in the community through active child participation.

RDA is running 7 children clubs in seven villages of age group 8-14 years and 4 children group of 15-18 years. Total number children members in children club and children group are respectively 275 and 75.
1. IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE TRIBAL CHILDREN AND WOMEN IN 10 VILLAGES OF EAST SINGHBHUM DISTRICT, JHARKHAND.

Supported by: Terre des Hommes, Suisse.

Specific Objective 1: To ensure food security for the children and their families.

RDA organised 10 village level orientation programme on organic farming and organised 15 training of farmers on livelihood planning, organic PoP (package of practice) of different crops like paddy, oilseed and vegetables. Through Livelihood planning exercise, 397 farmers prepared their season wise crop planning and contingency planning. 57 farmers got exposure at nearby villages on cropping system and crop cultivation for income enhancement. RDA was also developed different models crop cultivation models like system of rice intensification, machan in creepers, multi-layer vegetable cultivation etc. 319 farmers cultivated paddy through SRI technique on total 98.6 acres of land and per farmer 0.31 acre of land. We had a target of coverage on an average at least 0.40 acre per family but due to one month late rain, coverage of land and production has not been achieved by the farmers. Average productivity of paddy has been increased from 3.5 MT per hectare in traditional practices to 5.5 MT per hectare in SRI.

Total 272 farmers cultivated different vegetables and mustard on 51 acres of land. Average annual income of 180 families increased from Rs.18000 to Rs.21,000 and rest 92 farmers’ income increased from 10,000 to 14,000.

56 families developed organic based multi-layer kitchen garden for ensuring round the year safe food (vegetables) for their family.

Family Counseling & legal Aid: HO of RDA

RDA has been running a Family Counselling Centre since 1987. The project is sponsored by Ministry of Women & Child Development via Central Social Welfare Board. The FCC is located in the HO of RDA at Mirzabazar, Midnapore.

Main objective of the project is amicable settlement of the family disputes, taking necessary steps to stop violence on women in the family and render legal help as and when necessary. FCC also organised awareness camps on various social issues, laws for protecting women from injustice and violence and support services available in the district and also in the state.

FCC Counselors work in close association with District Administration, Police, District Legal Aid Services (DLSA) and District Social Welfare office.

During the reporting period 145 cases have been dealt with (64 new and 81 from previous year. In this year 23 cases of dispute between couples were reconciled and other 12 cases of problems on other issues were settled.

5 nos of Legal Awareness Camps were organised in the villages.

International Women’s Day was celebrated in the Block office of Debra Block. More than 200 young girls attended the event. Block level Office and PRI representatives attended the event.

Vigilance Awareness Week was observed at Vidyasagar University on 14.11.2017.

More than 100 Professors of different colleges under VU attended the event.

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