



ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL & HUMANIZE ACTION (Asha) Annual Report -2023-24

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"Rejuvenation of awareness on existing natural food security systems with Uncultivated Forest Food Resources (UFFR) among Internally Displaced Tribal (IDTs) youth in Chintur division of ASR District in A.P."

A. Cluster level awareness trainings to IDT youth

Through these Cluster level awareness trainings from 10 villages/ settlements totally **126** Adivasi (internally displaced Tribal (IDTs) Youth, Elders and children were aware on the Importance of uncultivated forest food resource and conservation/necessities in tribal areas.

A. Village wise interaction meetings with Elders and youth.

Through these Village wise interaction meetings between Elders and youth in **10** IDTs project villages. Totally **715** number of IDT Adivasi youth, children, Elders were educated/evaluated on the endangered Uncultivated Forest Food Resources and conservation necessity and foods cocking types, and foods available seasons and places in the nearby forests.

B. Distribution of Uncultivated forest Food Plants

C. Under this activity **384** IDT Tribal families got below UFFR plants support from our GGF funds. Totally **10,000** plants were planted in 10 settlements/ villages in the project area.

1. Amla (Usiri) – 2,000 plants
2. KODDEL KUSIR. (Wild Leafy Vegetable Plant)- 2,000 plants
3. ADDA, (its use full for Food and Income source also) - 2,000 plants
4. Chinta (tamarind) - 2,000 plants
5. Panasa (Jackfruit) - 2,000 plants

D. Traditional food and cultural festival

In the food festival with Uncultivated Forest Food Resources **51** women collected **51** types of uncultivated forest food Resources and cocked food items. From surrounding **8** villages **562** above Adivasi members attended and enjoyed the foods and festival.

E. Study on Uncultivated Forest Food Resources. From last **12** months we identified another **34** varieties of endangered Uncultivated Forest Food Resources in our Dandakaranya tribal area. Up to now from last two years we documented

111 varieties of Uncultivated Forest Food Resources in Our Dandakaranya tribal area.

F. Providing traditional seeds to IDT families.

We distributed **4** varieties of traditional seeds to **230** IDT Adivasi families in the **6** project villages. To each family we distributed below quantity of seeds.

1. Jonnalu (Jowar) - 1 Kg,
2. Kandulu (Red Gram- 1Kg.
3. Pesalu(Green gram)-1kg.
4. Bobbarlu (Red Gram) - ½ Kg.



Bridging the cultural and environmental balances between elders and young's of tribal

community through awareness, for sustainable traditional leadership building towards cultural and environmental conservation in Chintur revenue division of ASR District of A.P.

A. Formation village wise cultural conservation bodies.

Under this activity in all 10 Kondu, Porja, tribal community villages at Mothugudem Grampanchayath of Chinturu Mandal we formed village wise cultural and environmental conservation bodies (committees).

In 10 villages, 10 Village Heads (Male), 10 priests (Male), 22 tribal women, 36 Boys and 38 Boys (74 Educated tribal youth) totally 116 members were selected and trained on the cultural aspects.

B. Village level Interaction meetings between elders and young's.

We organized 10 Interaction meetings in all 10 Project villages at village level along with community members. In each meeting majorly we explained about the issues of cultural and traditions endanger in the tribal villages and its impact on for future generations in the tribal areas.

In 10 villages 254 Men 182 women 218 Boys and 181 Girls totally 835 villagers were got awareness on cultural protection importance and methodologies at village level.

C. Cultural (Kalajata) with Tribal children.

In 10 villages 351 men, 386 Women, 474 Boys and 512 Girls (Youth and Children) total 1,723 members were got awareness through Kalajata cultural programme on below things.

1. Cultural and environmental damages happening in the villages.
2. Present need of the conservation of culture and traditions in all events happening in the tribal village.
3. Responsibility of Tribal Educated Youth in the conservation and rejuvenation of endangered cultures and traditions.

At present we established a traditional cultural team with 15 (5 Girls and 10 Boys) tribal youth along with traditional musical implements.

D. Traditional food and cultural festival.

In the Month of February-2024 we organized a Traditional food and cultural festival

with endangered traditional food items Gangavada PVTG Tribal village in the Mothugudem Grampanchay of project area. From all 10 project villages' 32 tribal women, 27 Tribal man, 56 (37 Girls 19 Boys) tribal children and youth participated in the festival. From 10 villages 46 tribal women exhibited 48 types of cocked endangered traditional foods and Curries in the traditional way with wild leafy vegetables, tubers, nuts, traditional pulses, gruel, puddings, etc, the existing generation impressed and involved very much in the festival.

E. Documentation on traditional and endangered food crop seeds.

These 13 varieties of paddy seeds are a traditional source of seed for the tribal's here for generations. Each type of seed has many specialties. We documented this information for all 13 varieties 1. What is the seed? 2. For what type of soil it's suitable. 3. In how many months it grows. 4. What is the yield? 5. What kind of seed should be planted in the fields where the water is high? 6. What kind of seeds should be planted in the fields where the water is

low? 7. Which type of seed is available by which farmer? 8. How to prevent pests in natural ways?

F. Identification and Meeting with traditional herbal practitioners.

From last one year from 32 villages in Chinturu Mandal we have identified 56 traditional herbal practitioners for different illnesses at primary level in the tribal villages. After the identification first time we gathered them in one place and oriented them on the importance and greatness of their services and knowledge. 17 tribal women Herbal practitioners 39 men Tribal Herbal practitioners were Identified and aware to continue the practice in the 32 villages.

We organized an exposure visit to 23 (2 Women and 21 Men) tribal herbal practitioners to LAYA, Herbal Based Health Care training center in Addatigala village. At the training center they learnt about these things. 1. Promoting Herbal Based Health Care at local level. 2. Facilitating 'Herbal Gardens'. 3. Developing medicinal plant nurseries.

G. Traditional workshop with Tribal Sanghas and tribal leaders with traditional process on cultural issues.

We organized two traditional workshops along with local tribal group (Sanghas) leaders

and village heads (patels), priests and educated tribal youth in the project area from 10 villages. In first meeting 43 tribal leaders and in 2nd meeting 48 tribal leaders were participated and discussed about conservation methods to be taken for tribal culture protection in the villages. In two meetings 19 tribal women 29 tribal men leaders were triggered through above meetings.



Ensure rights and entitlements for marginalized internally displaced and migrant

kond tribal groups in 20 neglected settlements in 2 different clusters of Chinturu Division in newly established Alluriseetaramaraju District in A.P.

Tangible out comes in the KONDS and PORJA Migrants Tribal Areas.

1. Cast certificates is a major issue to the Konds and other Tribal communities how are living in the reserved forest areas and migrated from nearby districts from 5th scheduled areas from last 50 Years to the project area. With our negotiations and community efforts our transferred collector supported well after a major struggle with target communities. Finally as per District collector Orders government started to issue the cast certificates to KONDU, PORJA, PARANGIPORJA, GOWDA neglected tribal communities in the project area up to know in 23 KONDU and other Migrant tribal settlements (in project area and out of Project area also) 132 educated tribal children were got cast certificates and continuing education in different government institutions. It's a very big

achievement for this these tribal are fighting from last 35 years. From last 35 years many children stopped education because lack of cast certificates in the area. After the stopping education 50% above youth were became as GANJA smugglers and jailed.

2. In 23 KONDU Migrant settlements (in project area and out of Project area) **86** Elders also got ST status certificates after 50 years, through these certificates out of them **28** tribal youth got Temporary daily wage works in the nearby Government water power generation project. Now they are earning Rs. 500/- Per day.

3. After the getting of cast certificates through online up to now we joined **24** Migrant tribal Girls and **36 Boys** in the Nearest APRJCs, EKALAVYAs and Government collages for 12th standards from 7 settlements in Konds area.

Tangible out comes IDP Migrant Tribal area.

4. In all 10 IDP project Settlements after the many negotiations with local Grampanchayath in 2 IDP settlements 69 IDP

families are got access to NREGS work in the nearest Revenue villages in Kunavaram and Yettapaka Mandals of Chinturu Division. From two settlements 72% of families were completed 100 days of work in 2023-2024. Work still under progress. As per calculations each neglected IDP family in these two settlements was earn Rs. **16,320/-** as per 2023 -24 rate Rs. 272 per day. So in two settlements 69 IDP families got Rs. **11, 26,080/-** for 2023 to 2024 financial year. From 2024-25 Government increased the rate per day Rs. 272 to 300/-for NREGS work.

5. With our efforts this year (from 2023-24) a Neglected IDP tribal Youth Mr. Madakam Rakesh from Kamentogu settlement appointed as "MATE" in MNREGS work for Kamentogu settlement.

6. We got **9** New Adhar cards for 6 to 14 age IDP children from 4 settlements.

7. From 4 IDP settlements we enrolled **18 (B-14 G-4)** in the 6 to 14 age group IDP from 6th to 8th classes in Chattishghar state Government schools with hostel

facility now they are continuing education in Hindi language. These children will be getting all entitlements/ Rights like cast certificates in CG in future.

8. We got 1 new ration card for **1** IDP family in Kamentogu settlement.
9. We activated 47 IDPs in operative bank accounts (from inoperative status to Active status) through EKYC and NPCI links. 47 individual bank accounts are now eligible for any DBT transactions. For **47** IDP individuals from 3 settlements in different banks. Now these are all eligible for receiving money from government for any DBT schemes like AMMA VODI, MNREGS payments etc.



Cloths for Work programme

Through this activity we established community village assets in 10 Kondu tribal villages. 6 Internal roads were repaired, constructed 4 mini irrigation tanks, re-established 7 drinking water structures etc. instead of community labour contribution we distributed Goonj commodity kits to community as incentive.

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We provided lighting facility to 32 families through individual house hold solar lights in two most needy electricity less tribal villages in Chinturu Mandal. In the same villages we provided lighting facility through solar street lights.

Madhu decorticator

This machine designed by us in 2014 for reducing the drudgery of work Tribal women. Children and old women facing in removing the rind of Mohva Seed (Minor Forest Produce). This machine designed to operate without extra power like electricity. This year we distributed 7 machines in 7 settlements in Chintur mandal.

Adivasi's Day Celebrations

On 0.0.2023 we celebrated Adivasis's Day along with Kondu, Porja and Tarangiporja neglected indigenes tribal communities in Intuluruvalu settlement. From nearby settlements 107

Adivasi leaders were

participated in the celebrations.

