

# NARRATIVE ANNUAL REPORT OF “ARASMIN”FOR THE YEAR 2012-13

## 1 Project information

Partner Organisation	<b>ARASMIN</b>
Project	<i>Socio Cultural and Spiritual Empowerment</i>
Project Number	LPE 12/317-094. 131331
Report period	April' 2012 to March' 2013.

The annual narrative report should **describe** the progress of the project activities, the results and goals achieved **in comparison to the annual or project plan**, and provide information about the impact of the project on the life of the target group.

## 2 Partner Organisation

### *Changes in the organisation*

Have there been staff or structural changes in the organisation during the report period? If yes: What impact did this have on the implementation of the project? **No.**

### *Annual turnover and funding of the organisation*

What annual turnover (in national or commonly used currency) did the organisation have in the report period and how has it been financed? **INR 13,93,364.00 (Grant from SCLF, Switzerland + Interest Rs.81,877.000)**

→ Mention of other donor organisations as well as local income - **Nil**

→ According to the *agreement on project funding*, an overall financial report of the organisation must be submitted annually to Fastenopfer (see also Fastenopfer guidelines for financial report).

## 3 Abstract of the Project work

### *Context and risks*

How has the project-relevant context changed during the report period? What positive and negative effects has this had for the implementation of the project? What risks continue/have ceased to exist?

Context & Risk Analysis	Important Changes in Context	Effect of change on project implementation (+ & -)
<p>All the poor Adivasi communities belonging to our Target group depend upon the Land Lords and debt bondage relations for their survival.</p> <p>Hence, they are extremely exploited economically and suffer from seasonal starvation, migration and debarred of their Human Rights.</p> <p>The relationship of the people with their ancestral land, culture and spirituality has become far.</p> <p>The Government is denying their Right to live in the forest by Legislation and making them out of the forest land which is only means of their subsistence.</p>	<p>Commercial exploitation is their as the Globalization has increased the state pressure on denial of forest land rights and permanent land eviction from their land and livelihood.</p> <p>The progressive Legislation like the recently enacted Forest Rights Act has become farcical on the lives of the poor Adivasi people.</p> <p>Looting the Natural Resources by State-cooperation caused the armed struggle against the justice to the Adivasi people.</p> <p>The hi-handed actions of the State-cooperation within the constitutional frame work make the people dumb and voiceless.</p>	<p>The effect of the changes in the context of the strategy and activities are having both positive and negative effects on the project implementation.</p> <p>On the negative side the visits of the human resources from outside has become restricted and highly risky full. Our Animators and our people are being harassed and terrorised by the State Revenue Officers. Hence, all actions and moments have become more critically important.</p> <p>On the positive side the revised strategy is creating the possibilities of greater capacity development and autonomous within the project teams and new elements of sustainability of the process.</p>

The circumstances force them to go on migration and invite their misery by coming with HIV/AIDS.		New tools of monitoring and follow up actions are being developed to implement the project effectively.
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### Target group

Who is the target group: names of Adivasi tribes etc.

Compared to planning: Was the planned direct and indirect target groups of the project reached?

→ At least: Number of directly reached women/men during the report period

→ Explanation of deviations compared to planning

The Target Group/ Planned reach to target group	Reaching the target group/ Actual extent	Deviation/ Explanation
The target group is about 80 % of Adivasi community belonging to "Kandha" living in the above described situations.	Within the project period of one year we have been able for initiating 59 women organisation and 60 men organisations covering two Panchayat Samities	By virtue of the long term experience of the organisation and committed Animators from among the target group, the focus of the project is trying for the survival of Adivasi life in the region.

## 4 Description of achievement of annual objectives, expected results and activities

### A) Results and Achievements

#### Core Theme *Food Sovereignty*

1	Annual results achieved in project year
<b>Programme objective 1 (DCMG1)</b>	1012 women and 939 men are engaged in saving and internal credits, as economic foundation to liberate themselves from debt bondage.
<b>Expected result 1.1 (DCMG 4.1 and 4.2)</b>	59 women groups and 60 men groups establish community saving activities (grain banks) in their village organisation
<b>Expected result 1.2 (DCMG 5)</b>	A total of 432 women and men have taken internal credits to reduce starvation
<b>Expected result 1.3 (DCMG 6c)</b>	We hope that the people will receive better wages through collective bargain
<b>Programme objective 2 (DCMG 15a)</b>	Actions are being taken to educate the people on ecological and socially responsible methods for food production
<b>Expected result 2.1 (DCMG 6d)</b>	We are trying to educate the people to secure the rights on their ancestral or encroached land or by redeeming mortgaged land
<b>Other objectives/ expected results, related to the project work of every Partner Organisation</b>	

#### Core Theme *Human Rights*

Heading	Annual objectives and expected results achieved in project year
<b>Programme objective 1 (actual)</b>	1012 women and 939 men are aware of their basic rights and can pass on their knowledge in their village communities
<b>Expected result 1.1 (DCMG 3)</b>	Under guidance of field animators, people in 60 village organisations become aware of the unjust structures responsible for their situation as bonded labourers
<b>Expected result 1.2 (DCMG 8)</b>	Men and women organise themselves in 60 village organisations to start taking collective community and political-administrative action to change their situation

<b>Expected result 1.3</b>	
<b>Programme objective 2</b>	Yes, the partner organisation is committed to work for the enforcement and long-term guarantee of the human rights of affected target groups
<b>Expected result 2.1 (DCMG 6b)</b>	The Bonded labourers are not yet freed themselves by reducing debt-dependency and ascertaining their right to freedom from slavery.
<b>Expected result 2.2 (DCMG 12a+b)</b>	No village members have been elected in the local councils
<b>Other objectives/ expected results, related to the project work of every Partner Organisation</b>	

### Strategic Guideline Religion and Culture

<b>Heading</b>	<b>Annual objectives and expected results achieved in project year</b>
<b>Strategic Guideline (DCMG 14b)</b>	No communities are reconnect to their ancestral culture and spirituality

#### B) Activities

##### *Activities and achievement of expected results*

Compared to planning: Which activities were carried out where and with whom, and which were not? Which expected results were thereby achieved and which were not?

→ Description of the activities and results using the indicators defined in the planning

→ Description of deviations from planning

→ Description of adjustments (activities, expected results) necessary in the following year

##### *Challenges and lessons learnt*

What difficulties and conflicts were encountered in the project? How were these resolved, or how were they dealt with? What was learned from them?

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deviations</b>	<b>Adjustments/ Description of Adjustments (goals/Strategies)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacting the people personally and conducting regular village meetings.</li> <li>• Identifying the persons having leadership quality and promoting them.</li> <li>• A deeper analysis of the situation of the people in their periodical meetings and educate the people.</li> <li>• Forming Educative Community Organizations and Establishment of Koth Funds and Grain Banks.</li> <li>• Conducting the basic training and the capacity building training of Animators on culture and spirituality, Land Rights, Debt-Bondage, Human Rights and Agriculture etc.</li> <li>• Promoting Networking at the Regional level through meeting interventions.</li> </ul>	<p>The project is in initial stage and no deviation is felt till today.</p>	<p>Some other related programmes to save the lives of the Poor Adivasi people like conflict management, Communal Harmony, Subsistence Agriculture, Protection of Environment, General Equality, Health Care and use of Herbal Medicines will be taken up in due course.</p>

## 5 Action plan for the next project year

### A) General Action Plan (General for Empowerment Process)

*Achievements planned*

WHAT does the project want to do?

*Activities planned*

HOW does the project want to achieve the achievements planned?

*Results expected*

WHICH are the concrete results expected?

Achievement Planned	Activities Planned	Results Expected
<p>To strengthen and promote the Community Organization in a very strategic manner.</p> <p>To make the people a deeper understanding of their own situation.</p> <p>To take collective action against the anti-social elements to acquire their social rights.</p>	<p>For the coming project year we have planned to promote the running activities by means of supervision, monitoring and evaluation.</p>	<p>Consolidation of level achieved in different define indicators and promoting the same.</p>

### B) Specific Action Plan (Feedback from Coordination Visits)

*Achievements planned*

WHAT does the project want to do?

*Activities planned*

HOW does the project want do achieve the achievements planned?

*Results expected*

WHICH are the concrete results expected?

Achievement Planned	Activities Planned	Results Expected
<p>To provide integral education to the people on their own situation, their Rights in society, how to tackle the anti-social elements and how to keep their environment favourable for all types of livelihood situations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting frequent capacity building and skill development trainings to promote the knowledge of the Animators.</li> <li>• To strengthen the Community Organizations and the Koth Funds of all villages.</li> <li>• New potential Animators to be identified also by induction of more women members.</li> <li>• Creating some new leaders out of the community organizations and promoting them for a better implementation of the project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community organizations will be active and shall be action-oriented.</li> <li>• A number of new leaders will be created in course of village meetings and network meetings.</li> <li>• The people will take aggressive steps to take appropriate action against the anti-social elements and make them out from the social environment.</li> <li>• All the people will start their drive through their community organizations and regional network meeting interventions.</li> </ul>

## 6 Annexes

**Useful annexes (to the extent possible):** Photos, stories of change etc. always indicating the name of persons on the photos, activities, date and location

### A SUCCESS STORY ON CREATION OF WATER RESOURCE

**“Kurkunipalli”** is a large village under **“Kellapada”** Gram Panchayat in our Kandhamal District of Orissa (India). More than 50 ( fifty) families reside in that village. We launched our programme in that village from April’ 2012. It is a very remote place having no communication facility to meet the minimum requirements of lively-hood. The people are very innocent by nature and illiterate too. Initially, the people of that village were reluctant to accept our programme. But, after frequent visit and regular inter-action 16 families formed into their Sanghas (Community Organisations) during the month of June’ 2012 and the Koth Funds were also started during the said month.

Regularly, they conduct their periodical meetings and discuss about their situation. During the month of January’ 2013, there was a hot discussion on scarcity of water. Actually, since inception there was no Pond, no Dug well and no Tube well in that village. People use to bring water from a “CHUAN” ( stored water of a stream, the photo is displayed below) which is about half a kilometer away from their village, for their drinking and cooking purpose. Moreover, all of them for taking bath go near the “CHUAN”. The water of the “CHUAN” is not at all hygienic because all the animals and birds were using the same water. The main topic of the discussion was how to have one Pond and one Tube well in their village. After a critical analysis of the situation, it was decided to have a resolution and meet the Block Development Officer, Phiringia and tell about their sufferings. But, some people did not dare to meet the Block Development Officer. Hence, the concerned Animator accompanied the people and met the Block Development Officer. The Block Development Officer was glad to go through the grievances of the people and assured to sanction a pond with in one month and provide a Tube well within three months. Subsequently, the Block Development Officer was requested by us for taking a flexible action as soon as possible. The Block Development Officer was pleased to sanction an amount of Rs.30,000.00( Rupees Thirty Thousand) within fifteen days which was intimated to the people of Kurkunipalli village. One poor person of that village donated a plot of land to dig the Pond and immediately the work was finished and all the people of Kurkunipalli village are enjoying the water of the pond.

The water resource was created for the first time in that village by virtue of the intervention of our Sangha which was very clear for other people of that village who have not joined our Sangha. Now, they are very much interested to join our sangha which is left to Sangha pariwar (family).



I would like to attach here under some photos of Women Organizations and Community Organizations.

**01. Women Organization :**



**02. General Meeting :**



**03. General Meeting :**



**04. KOTH FUND :**



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