



**ORGANISATION PROFILE
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MISSION STATEMENT**

**ARASMIN,
AT/POST: G.Udayagiri,
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PROFILE-CUM-MISSION STATEMENT OF ARASMIN
FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017.

SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT-SAVE THE LIFE

ADVANTAGES / OPPORTUNITIES

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GENESIS:

“ARASMIN”, the **Environmental Community Organization** takes birth in a Tribal belt of **Orissa State** in **INDIA** during the year 1992 at the village Gressingia, adorning the villages and hamlets of Tribal and Schedule Caste Communities under **G.Udayagiri Block of Kandhamal District**. The initiative was taken by a group of Qualified, Experienced and Service-oriented Social workers from different parts of the State. The major aims and objects of this Environmental Community Organization are to render persistent services to save the **Nature, Environment, Wildlife** and to promote the **Landscape Restoration, Blue Economy** and to save the lives of the **Poor Indigenous people**. Since then, the organization is running smoothly creating fruitful streams to join the main stream of the Society.

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RECOGNITION:

“ARASMIN” is accredited to **United Nations** with **Special Consultative Status (ECOSOC) on Forest**. Moreover, it is a life member of **United Nations Global Compact Network-India**. It is Registered under Societies Registration Act'1860 bearing **Registration No-19358/77 of 1992-93**, FCRA Registration Act' 1976 bearing **Registration No-105010021**, Income Tax Act' 1961 under **Section 12AA** bearing **No-71/2005-06**, Pollution Control Act' 1977 by Pollution Control Board bearing **No-CPCB/18-06/0-1/154** and by **Niti Aayog**, Government of India, bearing the Membership Unique **Id-OR/2012/0048557**. It has got the permanent Tax Exemption approval under **section 80G** bearing **No-80G-01/2013-14/3309**, Dated 28th June' 2013 and **Section 10(23C)(vi)** bearing **No-10(23C)/8/2007-08/14764-813**, Dated 9th October'2007. It has also obtained the PAN Card bearing **No: AAAAAA4918J** and TAN Card bearing **No-BBNA00865R** provided by the **Govt of India, Income Tax Department**.

OUR VISION AND MISSION:

A bird-eye-view that “ARASMIN” always locates the bare necessities to Lively-hood Empowerment, Socio-Economic Revolutions, Conservation of Nature, Protection of Forest and Environment, Wildlife Conservation, Climate change, Human Rights, Gender equality, Health Care, Improvement in Education, and Issue-based entangles those have been hammering the backbone of the present society. We believe that Health, Wealth and Education are the baseline elements of Development. Unless all these three tracks are implemented simultaneously, our goals and objects will never be fulfilled. In this connection, we prefer to take-up the projects prioritizing on the development of base line Elements.

ARASMIN is also committed to the principle that all creatures have an enduring claim to sustainable space on this planet. It believes that today's human beings have the responsibility to share Earth's resources with other creatures and future generations by limiting their adverse impact on the planet, and by enriching and protecting Earth's wild life and the places they inhabit.

The missionary zeal of our team claims to have a projection so called our ultimate mission. Our educative Community Organizations are to protect the standing elements counter parting the accelerations. Hence, inceptions of development replace it with fruitful streams to join the mainstream.

OUR ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

ARASMIN, from the inception has been working with Community participation on **Food Security, Financial Security, Human Rights, “Conservation of Nature, Protection of Forest, Environment, Wildlife, Women Empowerment (Gender Equalization) and Child Education”** etc. We also feel it like a **Global priority and prioritizing on the Top Ten social values of the Community Organizations. Community Organization** is the most splendid weapon and precious wealth of **ARASMIN**.

FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT:

Environmental degradation during these present days has become a **Global Issue**. **Degradation of Forest, Extinction of Wild Animals, diminishing Biological diversity and Raise of Temperature** are the acute problems and the vital cause of **Environmental degradation**. It is a broad concept which includes pollution of various biological and physical components of the planet as a result of which the entire world is going to be destroyed.

In this juncture, we have thought it wise and gainful to work on the endangered species and trying for acceleration and restoration of Forest, Conservation of Nature, Biodiversity, Control of Pollution, Restoration of Environment and Climate Change. On the other hand, the lives of all Wild Animals like Tigers, Elephants, Bears, Deer, Monkeys and Wild Bores can be saved. All the village Forests are being developed which will generate fresh Air, clean Water and create a congenial atmosphere for the lives of all. Hence, vigorous awareness campaigns with appropriate actions are being taken in a regular manner on Restoration of Forest, protection of Environment and conservation of Biodiversity.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION:

ARASMIN is an active member of the “**Wildlife Institute of India**” and as such we are trying our level best to protect the Wild Animals, Wild Birds and migrated Birds so as to avoid different type of Natural Calamities, en-hazards and different diseases like Cancer, Asthma and Tuberculosis etc in order to accelerate the human life-cycle. A regular awareness program is being conducted to stop Tiger poaching, Deer poaching and hunting of different Animals and Birds. We are also getting much more support from the Officers and Staff of the Forest Department of the Government of Orissa. In view of the above phenomenon, some of the activities undertaken by us are mentioned hereunder.

01. We have formed Forest and Wildlife protection Committees in 360 villages in our Area of operation and having regular interactions with the stakeholders periodically to protect the Nature.
02. Awareness campaigns are being done for restoration of Forests and not to fire the forests during summer season in order to save the carnivorous animals, insects, herbal plants and sprouts so as to promote the lively-hoods of all creatures.
03. Awareness campaigns are being conducted on the value of Forests, Environment and Wild animals and how to protect them from the endangered situations with cultural link.
04. Special attention and awareness programmes are being done at the Elephant Corridor in Kalahandi District and Kandhamal District to save the lives of the Elephants.
05. Our community members are watching regularly to save a rare species of big animal called “**Gaur**” (seems like wild buffalo) only seen in Kalahandi District of Orissa State.

06. Awareness campaigns are done at Kalinga Ghat in conjunction with the local people and the Forest personnel to save the lives of the Monkeys and Apes coming to the Road for food given by the Travelers.

ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN ECONOMY:

We have observed that lack of Lively-hood alternatives is another major reason of degradation of natural resources. Ecology works to promote sustainable agriculture, non-timber forest products and community enterprise. We are working to provide these alternative opportunities that improve the individuals and poor Community well-being. Hence, we are encouraging our Community members to have the subsistence Agricultural production that saves the lives of the Tribal people as well as the Planet. The details of the advantages of the subsistence Agricultural farming and production are mentioned hereunder:

- ❖ Practices of Land use: The Land use practice is generally horizontal and sometimes it is Vertical for the purpose of Subsistence Agricultural cultivation.
- ❖ Crop Coverage: Suan Rice, Boro-Rice, Raggi, Maize, Black gram, Beans, Pea, Cowpea, Turmeric, Zinger etc. which are totally grown in Forest Area without more care and more labour.
- ❖ Duration of the Crops: The duration of the crops are very less i.e. before 60 days except the Turmeric and Zinger.

ADVANTAGES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- ❖ No need of more water and No need of fertilizer.
- ❖ Nutritional contents are more and Medicinal value is also there.
- ❖ Economic for cultivation and_Easy to harvest.
- ❖ No Possibility of infection and_Palatable for consumption.
- ❖ Freedom pattern of cropping and_Market demand is very high.
- ❖ Fertility of soil will not be destroyed.
- ❖ The best practice for **Climate Change**.
- ❖ Over all, the cultivation is **Eco-friendly, Climate-friendly, Climate -resilient, Climate smart, Carbon smart, Water smart and Energy smart**.

MARINE ECOSYSTEM AND BLUE ECONOMY:

Awareness campaigns are being done at **Rushikulya River mouth** and **Astarang Sea-shore area of Bay of Bengal** to save and protect the **Marine Mammals** like Shark, Whales, Dolphins, Migratory Birds and other endangered fish species and **Marine Ecosystem**. The idea of blue economy, it's relation to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, local context of Odisha as world's largest bay, and needs of locally led effort for blue growth are being discussed that the idea Blue Economy is the new approach of sustainability, in which the world acknowledged the role of our Ocean as the carbon sink, stabilizer of global climate, water cycle regulator, and the catalyst of economic progress and human well-being. Discussions are being done on **UN Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15** which are very important .that, **only**

a healthy Marine Ecosystem can offer ecosystem goods and services to increasing rate of population.

CONSERVATION OF OLIVERIDLEY TURTLES:

Since last two years, we have extended our activity to the **Bay of Bengal** and involved in Conservation and protection of **Olive Ridley Turtles** at the **Rushikulya River Mouth** with awareness programs at the villages **Purunabandha, Gokharkud, Podampeta, Kantiagad, Pallibandha and Binchanapalii** and working pleasantly in conjunction with our Community Organizations.

Awareness campaigns are also done in the villages **Suhan, Gundalaba, Daluakani, Anakana, Chhenu, Tandaghar, Udayakani, Musapada, Nadiamatha and Chhuriana** near **Ramchandi River mouth** and **Keluni River mouth** to save the **Olive Ridley Turtles**.

FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH SECURITY:

All the poor Tribal people are the victims of severe exploitation. Though, they strive hard from morning to evening in the Forest for their daily bread, the entire benefits go to the businessmen. They are also exploited in different sectors of life by the village Touts, Government Officers, Contractors, Financial Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations and some exterminatory creatures as a result of which they do not get a peace meal per day. Hence, in order to provide **Food Security** and **Health Security** we have taken the best strategy.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND GENDER EQUALIZATION:

We are also providing Leadership Trainings to the men and women of different villages in our area of operation so as to promote their Leadership quality in order to raise their voice against **Exploitation** and **Social Injustice** and to face the anti-social elements of the society. The people are also being educated on protection and preservation of their Social Rights, Land Rights, Common property resources and to raise their voice against the severe exploitations and sheer injustice they are facing in their daily life.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT:

The Community members are in practice of cash savings in the form of Cash Saving Groups and have established the **Grain Banks** and **Rice Banks** so as to face the Disaster situations like **Draughts, Floods, Cyclones** and other **Natural Calamities**.

FINANCIAL SECURITY:

ARASMIN is not in support of the “**Linkage Programme**” and “**Micro-Finance**” which spoils the lively-hood of the poor Tribal People. Hence, we have provided matching grants to the hilly-dwelling poor Tribal women through their Sanghs to go for different income generating

programmes in order to strengthen their socio-economic condition which can be told as **Economic Revolution.**

LIVELYHOOD EMPOWERMENT:

The Tribal Lively-hood is based upon three basic elements called LAND, FOREST and CULTURE. Land provides food for three to four months a year where as the Forest provides food for eight months. Culture is the life of the Tribal people which plays a vital role on the life situation of the Tribal people. But in present position they are staying far away from their ancient culture. Hence, the lives of the Tribal people are not in a stable position which invites their misery. In this juncture, we are initiating them to preserve their ancient culture, be involved with different lifesaving activities and be reconnected with spiritualism in order to save their lives and save their community from the unprecedented situations.

HEALTH CARE AND HIV/AIDS:

- ❖ We are providing Medical service assistance to the poor people in distress like Delivery Cases and Other Emergency Cases in our Area of operation by means of providing Ambulance service assistance.
- ❖ Distribution of Vitamin-A and Albendazole tablets are in continuation by the help of VitaAngel, USA.
- ❖ Periodical awareness campaigns are being done on Contagious Diseases, specifically on Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and Malaria Fever which are very common in this Tribal belt.
- ❖ We have been taking a dynamic role at Regional level and National level for Care, Control and Eradication of Tuberculosis.
- ❖ Awareness campaigns are being conducted for the Children suffering from lungs disease by taking Cigarettes, Alcohol and Tobacco are advised to leave up that habit.
- ❖ We are activating the Health Care activities undertaken by the Government of Odisha and providing our support and assistance where ever necessary.
- ❖ The people are being taught for Herbal Plantation and take the highest advantages of indigenous medicines. Some Health tips are being given by the Village Vaidyas (Medicine Experts) to the Tribal people.

HUMAN RIGHTS:

- ❖ Periodical meetings and awareness campaigns are being conducted so as to educate the people on their Social Rights, Human Rights Legal-aid aspects and checking the seasonal Migration, Displacement and contagious diseases like Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS etc.
- ❖ We are also activating the Government welfare projects in order to assist the people for availing the opportunity of Drinking Water facility, Indira Awas houses, Ration Cards, Old-age Pension and widow pensions etc., very fast.

- ❖ The Tribal people possessing the forest lands since 50 years back are not in receipt of the Record of Rights. Hence, all the Community Organizations in our area of operation are taking combined effort at official level to acquire the Record of Rights.

EDUCATION:

- ❖ We have established two permanent Educational Institutions to provide better educational facilities to the Tribal Boys and Girls in our area of operation. Now, the Institutions getting Grant-in-Aid from the Government of Odisha are running smoothly.
- ❖ Regular Awareness campaigns are being done on child education, dropout students and a large number of Tribal Children have been benefited by this exertion.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

Trafficking of women in different manner in this Tribal belt is a very common issue. The Socio-economic condition of the family is told to be the vital cause of the fact, but derivation of culture is another vital cause of the same. Hence, we are having regular Awareness programmes and interactions with the women mass for Women Empowerment, Gender equalization and Girl trafficking etc. so as to avoid such unpredictable situations.

CULTURE AND SPIRITUALISM:

Culture is the most important aspect of Human Life cycle. The ancient people were abided by the law of their culture and tradition which was very economic, scientific and based upon spiritualism and were getting lot of benefits out of the same. In view of this fact, we are having regular inter-action with the people and inspiring them to preserve their culture and be acquainted with spiritualism so as to take the best advantages of the same.

REGIONAL NETWORKS:

The Regional Networks are formed since long and functioning smoothly. All the Office bearers and village activists of all concerned V.D.S. and M.S. are attending the meetings regularly and sharing the problems and situations of their own villages and having meticulous discussion. Culture is the most important aspect of Human Life cycle. The ancient people were abided by the law of their culture and tradition which was very economic, scientific and based upon spiritualism and were getting lot of benefits out of the same. In view of this fact, we are having regular inter-action with the people and inspiring them to preserve their culture and be acquainted with spiritualism so as to take the best advantages of the same.

CHALLENGES:

We are facing so many challenges at field level to perform our activities which have become a routine work. Hence, keeping in view, the vision, mission, objectives and the goals of our Project we are on progress overcoming all critical situations, all hindrances and all barriers faced on the way only with the support of our stakeholder community.

GRATIFICATIONS:

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SECRETARY, ARASMIN.