

Case Study.....

Sunil, a successful traveler from margin to mainstream.....

Out of total 13 Blocks of Keonjhar District, Patna Block is considered to be the most backward area and home to most neglected and deprived tribal people of the state with extreme climatic conditions. The total population of the block is 93,577 where 51,438 Scheduled Tribes are and 7407 Scheduled Caste population. As per, the tribals constitute 55% of the total population. The Block with massive Hills and vast forests lacks adequate and proper communication facilities.



Bhulda, is one of the tribal dominated small village of Baunsuli Grampanchayat in Patna Block. It is 28 km away from the district head quarter. Most of the area is covered by forests of Northern tropical moist deciduous type and contains Sal, Asan, Piasal, etc. Mostly inhabited by ST community like "Ganda, Pata, Kolha & Munda", this village also has people of the other backward class (OBC) like Mahants. About 60% of the population depends on agriculture and nearly 35% are daily wage labourers. Very few people are busy in business and other activities.

PECUC has intervened in this village to mainstream the socially excluded children. PECUC with its initiative formed one child club in this village named Netaji Child Club. The child club member prepared a social exclusion mapping of this village from which they found that out three are 31 excluded children and Sunil Patra was one among them. When the child club member came to know about him, they started their process to counsel to Sunil and his parents. His father was Gopal Patra and mother was Mina Patra. Sunil was a drop out from class six because of discrimination in the school and assigned with home work by family members. Time and again Child club members counseled to his parents but failed to motivate them. Also they failed to bring Sunil to school as he had suffered a lot by social exclusion in school for coming from a Schedule Tribe and very poor family. Then Child Club finalized to coordinate with CPC. Finally, Child club along with CPC visited to Sunil's home and counseled their parents and Sunil. After repeated interaction, discussion and counseling, and his parents agreed to send Sunil to school and the boy came. Now, Sunil is into class 7th, attending school regularly and reading happily.

"I am happy and enjoying my school days" Sunil says with a cute smile. "I want to be a Manager in a Company," the boy retreated with a sparkling hope in his eyes.