



# ***PEOPLE'S CULTURAL CENTRE***

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## FOREWORD

The overriding theme of PECUC has been inclusive growth. One of the crucial instruments for achieving this was support from partner agencies. In order to achieve optimum outcomes in terms of balanced development with convergence of resources and enforcement of inter-sectoral priorities, PECUC seeks to improve the process of service delivery and the overall objective of inclusive growth and empowerment of communities in selected few districts of Orissa.

The systems functioning in a top-down manner tend to lose out on significant amounts of local expertise and information. PECUC has made efforts to ensure optimum utilization of the local wealth of knowledge and expertise, and at the same time hone the existing skills of community, in order to capacitate them become self reliant.

PECUC works incessantly in the areas of promoting and capacitating Women Self Help Groups and make them the catalysts of change. Realization of the fact that Women and Children are rendered the most vulnerable in any situation of distress, Right based issues of Women and Children takes the utmost significance. Rights issues of Children related to education in particular and Child rights in general have formed the core of PECUC's interventions.

Aged population is yet another vulnerable group Elder Self help Groups is an innovative approach initiated in the project area. Health, Education and livelihood related interventions are a multi tier approach of looking at today and creating opportunities for a better tomorrow.

PECUC has strategized its interventions around the indicators of Eleventh Plan and Millennium Development Goals. Our interventions focus to alleviate poverty and raise health and nutrition levels of children, synchronising with the MDG goal No. 1. Universalizing Education and improving the quality of education corresponds to the MDG goal No. 2. Health interventions and synergy with Governments Health Program compliment the efforts of reducing Infant and Maternal Mortality, which are the biggest MDG challenge in the country. Our Efforts to prevent and stop the spread of Malaria feeds into the MDG goals as well. In short, PECUC has made its effort in complementing the efforts of Government through its programmatic interventions and also taken to advocacy measures aiming at improvement in services and proposing changes in policy, thereby doing People and Policy centred advocacy as well.

I take this opportunity to thank our partners in development Save the Children, UNICEF, TDH (G) & BMZ, TDH (G) AEI, DIK, The Hunger Project, Help Age India, Canara Bank, Apolo Infraprojects limited, Tata Steel, Rotary Heritage, Government Departments especially Education, Labour., Health, Women and Child Development, Department of Agriculture, Department of Rural Development, Department of SC AND ST Corporation, Department of Revenue and not to forget the beautiful people of Orissa to have accepted us a part of their family and allowing us with a congenial and homely atmosphere to work with and learn from.

The vehicle to transport PECUC's goods to be delivered in communities, our field level works and office staff cannot be left without a special mention. Without their incessant and untiring hard work, PECUC would be just a body of thoughts, and we all understand, good thoughts without proper translation into action will have no value in the context of Orissa.

I must thank the Executive board and the General Body who have been a constant guiding force and source of our inspiration. Without the food for thought, aptly served by them at appropriate times, PECUC would have lost the edge.

Last but the most important, I convey my heartfelt appreciation to the fraternity of voluntary organization operating in Orissa for being mentors and advisors to the growth and development of our state. I am sure, our tireless efforts will one day yield results and Orissa would be a true representation of what inclusive development means.

**Ranjan Mohanty**  
**Secretary**  
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## **People's Cultural Centre (PECUC)**

Peoples' Cultural Centre (PECUC) is a non-government development organization formally registered in 1990, with the purpose to empower the weaker sections of the society, promotion and protection of human rights. Our focus is to work with children, women, the aged, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other socio-economically backward and marginalized communities in the state of Odisha.

PECUC was initiated in late 1980s by a group of social activists, professionals, artists and National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers to help the children of different slums and outlying villages of Bhubaneswar to provide a platform for the children to explore their potential.

Over the last two decades PECUC has diversified its programmes and operations to cover the state of Odisha and India and has made significant contribution to the protection and promotion of human rights and dignity at the state and national level.

### **THEME /CORE ISSUES for PECUC'S Intervention:**

- Child Rights Protection and Promotion
- Rights of the Aged
- Livelihood & Household Food Security
- Environment
- Deepening Democracy
- Community Health Management
- Women Empowerment
- Emergency Management

### **Organization's Vision**

A world in which Peace, Justice and equality prevails. Individuals and community, live in dignity and harmony respecting cultural and natural diversity. A world in which, people participate and have a say in their social and economic well being prosperity and exercise their rights to a life of dignity.

### **Organization's Mission**

Our mission is to empower and enable people especially children, women, the aged and others disadvantaged in society, to participate powerfully in their holistic development. Our mission is to create and strengthen peoples' institutions that sustain, promote and fulfill their development needs and rights to a life of dignity.

### **Vision 2020**

PECUC VISION 2020 is our strategic plan for the period 2010 to 2019 and has been drawn based on the past experiences, lessons learnt, organizational visions, mission, values, strength, weakness, challenges and opportunities. The plan emphasizes right based sustainable development, a concept that visualizes greater capacities of social systems, structures, institutions and policies to utilize resources for achieving favorable levels of living standards with desirable value systems, better distribution of income, wealth and opportunities and above all ecological balance.

PECUC would continue to focus primarily on child rights and develop a human rights culture where each and every individual can enjoy their right to a life of dignity. Hence PECUC has prioritized to focus on the issues relating to democracy and human rights, women empowerment, health, environment, livelihood, governance, gender justice, active ageing, emergency management and disaster mitigation too during these years.

The year 2011-12 has been an eventful and significant one for PECUC. While the regular activities left no stones unturned in promoting Child Rights, Women Empowerment, and Rights of the Aged, Livelihood, and Governance etc. in continuation to last year activities, response to the flood, reaching out to affected population, liaising with Government and non government agencies to ensure relief and rehabilitation took lion's share of the PECUC's attention. The emergency like situation led by the disaster further strengthened our commitment for holistic development; moreover it also made us ponder over our disaster preparedness and response. Overwhelming People's participation in relief and development work reaffirmed our bonds and deepened our roots with the community.

PECUC's has its operations in the grassroot intervention in the districts of Keonjhar, Khurda, Balasore, Kendrapara and Cuttack

and for advocacy throughout the state

## Interventions in Keonjhar

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH** project supported by DIK, Germany in Patna Block of Keonjhar district has turned out to be a showcase for variety of interventions.

PECUC has promoted village level child friendly Resource centers popularly known as **Shradha Bhawans** in the Project intervention villages to ensure children's right to Education, Protection, Development and Participation. These centers have been creating an atmosphere for the non-school going, working children & dropout children to access education and for the school going children an additional platform to develop. In the Shradha Bhawans, children not only learn in a joyful environment but also acquire knowledge on personal hygiene and cleanliness.

In 20 such centers, a total of 563 Children including 276 boys and 287 girls are enrolled, majority of them belonging to the excluded caste groups. Teaching & Learning Materials supported to the centre i.e play materials, reading materials etc. Few examples of community participation and achievement that highlighted the Shradha Bhawan are as follows –

- In 9 villages SB centers have been white washed by the community, Repair work initiated by community in 4 SB centers, 3 villages donated mats for children to sit on in SB Centers.
- 33 Children from 20 villages Participated in forums like Pallisabha and Grama Sabha to raise pertinent issues related to enrollment, rescuing child labour, provisioning of health facilities for the children etc.
- 113 (48 Boys and 65 Girls) students enrolled in Shradha Bhawan and 118 (Boy-57 & Girl-61) students mainstreamed in Schools.
- 11 students from SB centre passed 10<sup>th</sup> board examination this year. They are, Sabita Nayak, Chandramohan Tudu, Sanjaya Kumar Mahanta, Blswanath Majhi, Jagabandhu Munda, Somanath Munda, Sadasiv Mahanta, Bipin Bihari Das, Sabita Das, Fagu Majhi and Narayan Nayak.



**Formal School Support by MPV** continued and the teaching process in formal schools got strengthened. On an average, 2 hours every day was spent in teaching children in play way method in local languages. They not only took classes in absence of teachers but also invited by the teachers to take class with special focus on readmitted drop out children.

**Strengthening of Different Committees.** Project team members facilitated the formation of School Management Committee (SMC) in all the project intervention villages with participation of Children as members. To strengthen the SMC the project staffs facilitated the Monthly SMC Meeting, where the members were oriented on Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act and Child Rights. The PTA members were also oriented on similar lines. PTA Members, PRIs and CBOs regularly attend meetings and monitor mid-day meal, ensure quality, monitor school's functioning and attendance of teachers and children.



**Child Rights Club (Sisu Sabha) -** In all the 20 intervention villages Child Right Club (Sisu Sabha) is active and are meeting on a weekly basis. The Sisu Sabha members discussed the issues on Reduction in dropout and Child Labour cases, Rights of Children for Free and Compulsory Education, Representation of children in all SMC, Regularity of children attending SB Centre, Motivating parents especially their fathers to leave alcohol, Motivating parents to attend PTA meetings, Create awareness about common diseases, Discussion held on social Issues especially on Child abuse, child trafficking and child marriage. Discussion held to promote Kitchen garden and medicinal plants. In the reporting annum total 80 weekly meetings held with participation of 1538 (boys: 821 & girls: 717) children.

### Achievements:

- The children with the support of the health coordinator created awareness in the community on preventive measures for skin diseases, Malaria, cold fever & scabies.
- Parents of 2 children migrating along with were counseled and children were left with their grandparents to attend school.
- The Sisu Sabha children have successfully stopped the child marriage in 2 villages

### Child Right Protection Committee (CRPC)

The project facilitated formation of 20 Child Right Protection Committees (CRPC) in all the 20 project villages with total membership of 160 members (male-73 & female-87). All CRPCs have been empowered to hold their regular monthly meetings. Total 240 monthly meetings were conducted

### Achievements:

- During the year CRPC Members succeeded in admitting 118 children (boy-57 & girl-61) into the SB Centers. Total 131 (boy-65 & girl-66) children were enrolled in formal Schools.
- CRPC Members gave initiated action and got the RWSS to undertake repairing of 4 tube wells
- CRPC Members rescued Mana Munda, a 12 year child of Nadanabheda village who was engaged as a maid servant and enrolled him in Pichhalabheda U.P. School.
- CRPC Members stopped child marriage of Saraswati Mundari, a 14 year girl of Badajamapasi.

- With the intervention of the CRPC Members 4 children engaged as Cow care taker are now able to attend the Formal School

## Health

- In the reporting period total 2039 (Boys: 671 & Girls: 1068) children have been immunized.
- With the regular intervention, orientation and information to the community on pregnancy control, villagers are opting to have fewer children and institutional delivery. The Medical officer of the project counselled the pregnant mothers to take iron, folic acid and TT immunization regularly. Pregnant women are now going for 3 to 5 ante natal checkups.
- During the year in the project area, 80% of babies took birth in hospital. A total of 85(B- 42 & G – 43) babies were Born in Dumuria PH and Patna CH and Keonjhar Govt. Hospital. The rest 20 % of babies were born in home. These are the families that would be targeted for counselling in the days to come.

## Village Education Fund (VEF) / (SBF):

The Village Education Fund is a sum of donations collected from parents, PRI, mothers' SHG and other village leaders which utilized for children's education. Till now all total Rs 43,375/-has been saved in bank.

## Mother SHG Meeting

The project staff also focuses on Mother SHGs and conducts meetings and discusses ways to promote the group activities as well as take initiatives to enroll non-school going children and regularize the irregular children to school. In this annum

- Four SHGs got credit from Vana Suraksha Samiti (VSS).
- Nine SHGs financed from Bank under SGSY Scheme
- Three SHGs are graded.

**Staff Capacity Building Training**-2 days staff capacity building training was organized at Dumuria field office, Keonjhar. 23 staffs capacitated on child rights, child protection and mechanisms, SMC role, Sisu Sabha ,

**Training on Leadership** was conducted at ODM Public School, Bhubaneswar from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 with participation of 22 participants from different organizations, 8 Participant from PECUC, 3 days training on RTE Act and SMC formation process, structure and function organized at CYSD, Bhubaneswar, 3 day Training on ICPS and Child Participation was organized at Panthanivas, Keonjhar. The community organizer, medical officer and the project coordinator participated in the said training.

## Advocacy

The project coordinator, the medical officer and the community organizer met the block level officials on a continuous basis. As a result the project team facilitates the community people to access the certain Govt. schemes and Programmes. These are 42 elder persons got old age pension, 40 persons got widow pension, 637 persons newly linked to MGNREGS, 487 persons got work under PMGSY, 50 families got IAY houses, 15 women Mamata Yojana, 8 persons Mo Kudia, 40 persons Forest Work, 15 persons Agricultural ATMA, 10 persons Vermin Compost

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**PARTICIPATORY ACTION FOR ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR** project aims at "Complete elimination of child labour from 24 villages of Patna (Swam patna) Block of Keonjhar District – The community development Block in keonjhar dist in collaboration with TDH [G]-IP & AEI. The project also strives to ensure education for all children and develop sustainable protection mechanism for children with participation of duty bearers/stakeholders, local self governance, etc. with emphasis on child participation in every sphere of development initiatives.

**Sradha Bhavan [Motivational center]** are in place and run by trained multipurpose volunteers in 24 target villages. At present there are 651 children (322 boys and 309 girls) enrolled in the SB centers and receive day to day education guidance, thus preventing them from getting dropped out. Minimum level of learning ensured at appropriate levels while children also develop to maintain personal hygiene.

There are instances where children of these centers raised the issue of road and drinking water in Gram Sabha and the same is heard and addressed by the Gram Panchayat. 184 (boys-93 & girls-91) child labourers returned to formal schooling through facilitation of SB centre activities.

**Child Rights club [Sisusava]** provides a platform for both school going children and non-school going children to share their knowledge, experience and skills and voice their concerns in favour of their rights. 20 functional Child Clubs are in place and facilitated regularly by trained multipurpose volunteers in 20 target villages A two days training was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January with the child club leaders to orient them on RTE Act, Juvenile Justice Act, Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, Early Marriage and leadership motivation to deal with children's problems. 120 children participated in this training and went back informed on the issues.

**Child Club Federation Meeting:** As per the project initiative in each and every year the federation members are elected with a voting process .This year also the Block level Child Federation (Sishu Mahasabha) meeting was organized on dtd.

**5 child labour free villages in the project area.**

**In the year out of 974 identified child labourers, 930 have been rescued and 413 out of school children have been successfully mainstreamed in the schools. Reduction in discrimination between boys and girls**



30.09.2011 at Sadhupada Primary School. Total 38 no. of participants took part in this meeting out of which Boy-21, G-17 (representatives of Sishu Panchayat).

In Banamahulidiha the Sisu Sabha children protested against subsidiary fees in class-vi and class-vii as per guidelines of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (RCFCE ACT)

- Child Club member of Ghatabalijodi mobilized six children (Bijay Munda-7, Sumanta Munda-8, Champa Munda-10, Jharana Munda-7, Purnima Munda-7, Udaya Munda-8) who were taking care of their younger at home to Child Club and SB centre
- Sisu panchayat of Patna, participated in gram sabha on Aug.29<sup>th</sup> 2011 & demanded for two teachers and to build school boundary & Tube well & to include the families in the Govt.scheme especially those are in the below poverty line.
- Nitaigour *Sisu Sabha* of Guludipusi has mobilized three children. Namely Provakar Paidra, Hena Barik, Dilip Barik & participated in gram sabha & demanded for a teacher, playground & school boundary.
- Maa Durga Sisu Sabha of Malliposi participated in gram sabha on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2011 & demanded for the school boundary., Maa Laxmi Sisu Sabha of Bada Dhanurjaypur participated in gram sabha on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2011 & demanded for tube well & a teacher., Maa Tarini *Sisu Sabha* of Madhapur participated in gram sabha on Aug.29<sup>th</sup> 2011 and demanded for two teachers and playground
- Sibani Sisu sabha of Tikayatapatna mobilized three children, namely Lita Patra, Babita Karua, Dali Karua.
- At Badapatna and Maliposi School the MDM was of low quality so the children protested and brought it to the notice of CRPC, the CRPC members then discussed the matter with the SMC and changed the SHG preparing the MDM.
- 5 Child Club leaders represented their views in Gram Sabha held on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug in Ghatabalijodi village.

**Child Right Protection Committee** members played instrumental role in mobilizing out of school children to enroll them in formal schools. They have contributed significantly to reduce girl Child Labour and increase girl child education. During the reporting period 20 Child Rights Protection Committees (Sisu Surakhya Samiti) continue to function and have conducted 240 meetings with the active participation of members. Total participants 1992 (Female 936 and Male 996). A two days training for CRPC Members was organized from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 with participation of 60 CRPC Members followed by two days follow up training was conducted for 60 participants from 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.

- The Child Rights Protection Committee members rescued two child labourers namely Tungu Munda (8yr. boy) & Rinki Dangua (8yr. girl) and mobilized them to Child Club and SB centre in Dhanurjayapur village, Anjali Pati president of Bada Patna CRPC played an instrumental role in enrolling Parbati Naik in class II as per the RTE.
- In Bhaliadal village four tube wells were repaired and 17 wells were chlorinated from the GKS fund mobilized by the Child Rights Protection Committee.
- Application for drinking water facility in Ketanga village was sent to the District Collector by the CRPC members and village leaders.
- CRPC members of Bhaliadala sent five dropout children to school, namely Gagana Naik, Subhasri Naik, Matimala Naik, Basanta Naik and Sankhali Daladasia, CRPC members of Mirigi Khagi village sent three children to school namely Rebati Deuri, Akhila Biswal and Sumati Biswal.
- CRPC members along with the GKS of Kameswapur helped two children (Raja Dandapat & Rabi Singh) for their medical treatment.
- Appointment for one primary school teacher is approved by the District Collector, approached by the CRPC of Dhanjayapur with the support of NCPCR.
- The CRPC and the village people of Banamahulidiha submitted application to the BDO, DI and DPC-SSA and district collector for a new school at Dalakisahi for large number of children in the village. But when the concerned authorities failed then they complained the matter to the NCPCR and also it is heard by the NCPCR in Public Hearing held at Bhubaneswar on July'28<sup>th</sup> 11. The authorities now have submitted a proposal for the same.
- 5 girl children from Banamahulia, Pichalabeda, Badapatana and Ghatabalijodi villages are mainstreamed into formal residential schools at Ramachandrapur/Saharapada KGBV school.
- Raised the issue of drinking water in Dahibahali village in Gram sabha and before the BDO (a new tube well installed in the village).

**School Management Committee (SMC)** as per the RTE and state rule is in place in all the 21 target schools. Higher Participation of SMC members was registered both in SMC meetings and school level SMC interventions. They discussed issues pertaining to school management, fund utilization, and functions organized at schools. Training to 60 participants from SMC, PRI, and other Community Based Organizations on Right to free and Compulsory Elementary Education 2009 was organized on 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011. The focus was on formation of School management committees as per state rule, Powers & functions and Role & responsibility of SMC, etc.

252 SMC meetings (21 X 12) were held by 21 school management committees covering the 20 target villages. The total participants were 2645.

- ❖ Bhaliadala SMC members have made a hedge on the backside of the school.
- ❖ School beautification program in 21 schools under the project villages is completed with active participation of SMC members during different stages of the said program.
- ❖ On 14<sup>th</sup> Nov (Sisu Divas day) school uniform distributed to children in 21 schools in the presence of SMC members.

- ❖ SMC members ensured annual school examination of all children in 21 schools and the same is over now.
- ❖ In Dhanurjayapur, Ketang and Bhalughar, SMC members' intervention restored safe drinking water for children in schools.
- ❖ Construction of school campus wall completed in Mallipassi and Dhanurjayapur with participation of SMC.
- ❖ The SMC Members of Bhalughar Primary school took decision to sell the Eucalyptus tree and erected the school boundary wall thereby. The tree was causing problem for the children.
- ❖ 5 volunteer teachers were appointed in 4 schools at Ghatabalijodi, Mahuladiha, Badapatana and Bhaliadala through SMCs. The volunteer teachers are being paid Rs. 1000/- per month out of school fund.
- ❖ 15 school children from class 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> are receiving tailoring training in Bhaliadala. There is a committee for this and the president of SMC is a member of the committee.

### **Awareness Campaign**

12 meetings in each of the 20 target villages to discuss different child rights issues. Few significant focus were on School Chalo Abhiyan", Sikshya Chetana Abhijan and School Prabesa Utsav, 44 days activism against Child Labour campaign, children's day, republic day, international day for action on river, world water day, world forest day, school fees, RTE Act, CLPRA, domestic violence, etc. The community representatives also discussed enrolment of children in formal schools, enrollment in SB centre, Child labours in the village, and other problems in their village and school, livelihood issues, girl child marriage, girl child education, government programs and schemes.

Women, Children and community in 20 villages become aware about different laws under Domestic Violence Act (DV Act), and Girl Child Marriage Act and punishments in law thereof.

**Camp for Children:** A motivation camp for children was organized for 15 days from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Madhapur Primary school. 101 children of the age group from 7 to 14 years from project villages participated. The routine program for children in the camp include Morning Prayer, Yoga, Sessions for sharing among themselves and discussion on different themes as comparison between present environment and past environment, etc. In afternoon children played and mingled amongst themselves and there were cultural events in the evenings where they danced, sang, acted, etc. In thematic sessions visitors were invited to share their success stories where preliminary education played an important role to build their career. Few visitors were like- PDDRDA, BDO Patana, Chairman Patana, JE Patna, Program Director PECUC, Program manager PECUC, Editor from The Samaj, OTV correspondent; correspondent from The Dharitri, etc. On the last day special focus was laid on how these children would be mainstreamed in education system.

**Annual Event for Children:** An annual event for the child labour children organized at Bhubaneswar on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011. It was a week long program ending with 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011. 20 child labours children (Boys 8 and Girls 12) from different SB centers and child clubs in 20 project villages participated in the event. During the time the children watched different programs and participated in song, dance, drawing, debate, and cultural activities. Cultural dance program on local tribal dance was the centre of attraction during the event.

### **Need Based Skill Training:**

A need based skill training was organized for 50 young children (B-26, G-24) who were above 15, have been child workers and was not willing to go back to school. The youths choose to learn terracotta work, products which are in demand locally and in the State as well. It was conducted from 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to 28<sup>th</sup> Dec'11 under the guidance of the trainer Mr. Narahari Rana from Mallipassi village. The training comprised of orienting the children on soil preparation, shaping them into terracotta items, baking them and painting them to make them marketable.

### **Advocacy Workshops:**

**State Level:** Due to displacement for mega projects, forced migration in search of Job and rapid environment degradation children's rights to culture and biodiversity is at stake. This also increases child labour. In this context, a one day state level workshop on Children's Right to Cultural and Biodiversity was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> November at Redcross Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. The workshop was participated by different civil society organizations, youths, academics and Media. Experts, Govt officials and eminent speakers put their views in the workshop.

A study on "Issues and well being of children in proposed mittal Steel plant area of kendujhar district" has been done.

**District Level:** On the occasion of "No Child Labour Day" on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011, a Signature campaign and Human Chain was organized in front of the office of the District Collector in the presence of Keonjhar Zilla parisad President, CWC member, Media person, advocate, police and CRPC members of the project area. It was witnessed by a participation of 245 people from different groups.

**Block level:** During this period the project coordinator meet the BRCC and the CRC of PATANA Block discussed regarding enhancing the quality of education in the schools of programme villages. The BRCC of the block has visited 17 Schools along with the project coordinator, discussed with the school teachers and the Students.

The Project Coordinator met with the District labour officer regarding rescue of Child Labour from Hotels, Garage, etc. The Project Coordinator meet BDO (Block Development Officer), BRCC, discussed about the Project & its objectives, also informed the effect of project on Patana block. The Project Coordinator meet the CDPO (Child Development Programme Officer) of Patana Block, discussed on quality of nutrients provided in the Anganwadi Centers. The Cluster Organizers also meet the local PRIs (Panchayat Raj Institutions), ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) and Anganwadi workers, discussed about various Govt. schemes, to ensure the quality of food, Anganwadi centers & immunization status of children in the project villages

10 numbers of beneficiaries have applied for Job Card with the support of Kuni Sethi, the ward member from Banamahuladiha village. In Dhanurjayapur, one beneficiary has applied for farm post to the block with the cooperation of Ward Member. In Madhapur, 2 beneficiaries have allied for IAY with the support of the Ward Members. 11 persons have started getting old age pension, 19 women linked with Widow pension, 23 families have been selected for housing facilities under Indira Awas Yojna (IAY), 608 people are linked with MGNREGS, they are engaged in work, People became aware regarding the rule of applying for various Govt. Schemes, 85 People directly applied to get the benefit under different Govt. Schemes & programme such as Mo Kudia, Mo Jami Mo Diha, etc. in Panchayats Office, During the second phase 268 persons (Male 124 and Female 144) got job under MGNREGA, Jangal Jami Pata issued to 72 males and females 33, total 105, IAY to 26 beneficiaries, Old age pension to 19 persons, 40 persons have newly applied for MGNEGA job card.

#### **Legal literacy Training**

70 participants are better informed of different legal provisions pertaining to land rights and land disputes, child rights related laws and provisions which can help them to explore and make appropriate decisions and assist others too in need. Two day training was organized for 80 youth and CBO members from the project area on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011. The participants were sensitized on human rights, child rights, land rights under general condition and displacement situations etc

**Mother self Help Group** 29 Women Self Help Group regularly met and discussed IGP and children's issues. During the reporting period 327 Monthly meetings of 29 women SHG groups has been facilitated they have a total savings of Rs 385,231. SHG members participated in school level programs such as school challo abhiyan, prabesh utsava, distribution of uniform and books to children, children's day, republic day etc. apart from their regular group meetings. Support has been provided for livelihood promotion measures and opportunities in order to provide food security of child labour and their Family/parents with focus on small & marginal farmers, share croppers, agricultural wage earners, etc.



capacity building trainings were (two trainings, two days each) to SHGs on SHG formation, reformation, facilitation and strengthening, Roles & Responsibilities of SHG leaders and members, record maintenance, Linkage with financial institution / Local Bank, Concept clarity on Gender & DV Act. The trainings were organized on 25th and 26th November 2011 where 60 women participants were present in the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in the second.

Total 20 SHG consisting of 223 women benefited to start IGP through the project. 14 SHGs are engaged in group level IGP – 4 Turmeric processing, 3 Poultry, 1 Incense sticks, 1 “Badi”, 1 Leaflet making, 1 fertilizer business, 1 Tailoring, 1 Pig rearing and 1 vegetable vending. During the second half of this reporting period 6 group consisting of 73 members involved in IGP - 4 groups are engaged in goat rearing and 2 groups in rice processing.

2 bore wells covering 32 acres of farm land have been provided to (Pichhilabeda & Dhanujayapur) villages thus strengthening livelihood opportunity for 47 child labour oriented marginal & share croppers families. One day training was imparted to 60 participants on different plans, programs, and schemes of the government.

#### **Case Study-**

Village: Bhaliadala, Name: Padar Munda, Age : 15 Yrs., Father : Hari Munda, Dist: Keonjhar

Padar Munda son of Hari Munda is the 15 years old boy belongs to Bhaliadala village in Swamapatna Block of Keonjar district. Padar was taken to Goa by his relative working there as a contractor (Rainmon Munda) without the permission of his family and engaged him as a labour. Mr. Rainmon could not allow the boy to speak over the phone to his family members. As the course of time Mr. Hari Munda became the member of CRPC and shared his sufferings before the CRPC. Now, with the intervention of CRPC & MPV members the boy is back to home safe with his earning of six thousand rupees and living a happy life with his parents and also the boy is continuing his study.

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### **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES IN EDUCATION – Action in India and Overseas**

Project the area covered the school/villages covered 138 villages, 35 GPs covering 150 schools of Jhumpura, Patna, Ghatagaon block of Keonjhar district with the support of Save the Children and European Union. Information on caste, religion, sex, class wise strength, children with special need, number of out of school children (drop out & never enrolled) has been collected from 150 schools and 138 villages to help the project intensify its efforts and reach out to the most intended beneficiary.

The details of the project deliverables and strategies were shared with government counterparts in SSA and Education departments. The staffs have been oriented regarding the project implementation process, formation of SisuSabha, CRPC, SMC, RTE, and SDP.



## District Level Introductory Workshop:



Meeting held with the district level education officials and project aims, objectives and intervention area and strategies shared



## Formation of District Level Sub Committee

District level sub committee comprising of 20 members – ADM, PD DRDA, DSWO, DPC- SSA, coordinators-SSA, DI of schools, SI of schools, DIET Principal, President Zillaparisda, BRCC, CRCC, Teachers and children representatives , 4 numbers of meeting conducted , MLE teacher appointed in Kuladera primary school, PECUC joined school challo abhiyan, PECUC is a member of RTE resource team in the district , responsibility given by SSA and PECUC facilitated SMC formation in 100 project schools and other schools of the district

## Cluster Level Stakeholder Forums

5 stakeholder forums formed comprising 200 members – BRCC, CRCC, SI, Teachers, PRI Members and Child Representatives.

## Sisu Sabha

139 nos. of Sishu Sabha have been formed till the end of this reporting period covering 2189 Boys and 2027 Girls. In total 4216 children oriented on objectives, roles and responsibilities of sishu sabha members, hand washing practice by children before taking MDM , juharyatra (respect to elders) - rappo built with child right stakeholders, participating in enrollment drive campaign, participated in CRC week .



- One girl child namely Rina Munda of Nakajhari (case study was submitted in last month) who was mainstreamed by our intervention now coming school regularly and participated in the annual sports of her school and also got positioning in 3 events like Race, Puchi and Long jump competition.
- The leaders of Sishu Sabha in Nayadhanurjaypur, Sabakdhanurjayapur, Pahadpur ,Silita and the members of Little star Sishu Sabha of Ghatagaon school tracks the students attendance and motivates the irregular students to come to the school in regular basis.
- The members of Netaji Sishu Sabha of Nakajhari prepared the earthen TLM like counting balls, houses, vegetable, fruits and mobile phone etc which is being highly appreciated by the CRC, teachers and school mate.
- The Children of Singmajuni, Neulipasi, Mangalpur and Gobarabeda Schools are tracking absence of their members in the school.
- The children of Nelung and Swam School are counseling the guardians of long absence students with their teacher to mainstream them.

**Child Right Protection Committee** The members form SMC, PRI, ASHA, AWW,SHG leaders and village volunteers of each village have come together to form CRPC Child Right Protection Committee in their village level to act as a safeguard for their children to protect their rights. They review the major components violating the child rights and accordingly they will plan forward. Till March, 2011, 29 CRPCs have been formed including 222 members out of which 138 are male and 84 are female. 137 CRPC formed 824 male and 941 female became members. Oriented on objectives, roles and responsibilities of CRPC members, 24 drop out children Enrolled

## School Management committee [SMC] formation facilitation

2172 persons became members in 150 schools SMC, oriented on roles and responsibilities of SMC members and RTE ACT.,52 children included in SMC, participated in enrollment drive .

**Observation of the Child right week**, 28 rallies was organized from 14th to 20th November, 2010 where the children participated in large numbers. Drawing competition was conducted in schools. Children drew their dream of a school environment.

**Safe School Campaign** Was launched in Bhubaneswar, organized by Orissa Alliance on CRC in collaboration with UNICEF Children from project area also participated in this launching programme and presented the finally resolved 11-point Safe School Indicators. The Safe School Campaign has been completed in 121 schools. Children and the school staff are informed about the 11 point Safe School Indicators. The broad objective of the campaign is to promote the concept of child friendly schools and to prevent all forms of violence, abuse and discrimination in schools. 11 indicators of safe school campaign helped to make the schools corporal punishment free, teachers became child friendly, Tobacco given up by Teachers and suggestion box installed,28 schools are corporal punishment free , Dust bin installed and used by children in 33 Schools.

### **Participation in Head Master forum meeting:**

Mr Chidananda Mishra, FS of Ghatagaon participated in the above said meeting held on 11.02.11 at Ghatagaon Govt. UP School where he shared our project objective and discussed in the process of SMC formation.

### **Policy level Engagements–**

The Secretary of PECUC Mr. Ranjan Mohanty, attended the 5th Regional Consultation on National Policy for Children at National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) Regional Centre, Lucknow on 7th January, 2011.

Secretary of PECUC participated in the meeting organized by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on 17th January, 2011, at New Delhi to discuss setting up of National Right to Education Helpline, the roundtable meeting organized on 20th January, 2011 at New Delhi to discuss possible strategies that can be collectively adopted to bring about necessary changes in the legislation and other steps which will lead to the prevention and eventual eradication of child labour. as an expert on the issue of child labour, a “State Level Consultation on Access to Primary Education for Marginalized children in the framework of RTE 2009” as the NCPCR State Representative.

On Children Education and Protection issues PECUC officials regularly interviewed by Both Electronic and Print Media

PECUC included as member in the different committees at both district and State

Linkages of families under different poverty alleviation schemes, CRPC/SISUSAVA/SMC demanded in different forum for education and protection issues, Gram Panchayat taking initiative for school Management.

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**POVERTY REDUCTION IN ORISSA** project aims at Poverty reduction for 1108 households & an additional 114 families selected after commencement of the project from eight villages of the district Keonjhar in the State of Orissa with the support by TDH[G]- IP & BMZ .

Program implementation is into its third year. Mid Term Review was undertaken suggesting mid course correction to the project. Advocacy focus was given on strengthening relationship with the stakeholders and also mobilising resources for the villages from government fund. It was encouraging to observe that positive result have been yielded in these lines especially to improve means of irrigation, soil moisture and crop diversification.

### **Lobby and Strategy Development**

The strategy of **lobbying and Strategy Development** got a boost with a total of 84 village level meetings, dealing with issues related to health, education, livelihood and child rights with the sole objectives of developing local strategies to combat the challenges faced by the community people in the long run, and also work out sustainable strategies. Equal focus was laid on improving agriculture technologies and diversifying agriculture, while in health focus was on water borne diseases. In education stress was laid on enrolment of children to school. Community was encouraged on availing government schemes and services in different sectors and promotion of child rights.

- 5 check dams identified in 5 programme villages, 11 community ponds identified for renovation in 5 villages and 3 patches of land from 3 villages covering around 80 acres were identified for soil moisture and upland treatment under 5% model through MGNREGS of the Government. In addition 27 new farm pond sites were identified covering 8 villages to be constructed again through the MGNREGS. A big pond was constructed in Nwapara for different use under MGNREGS.
- 36 families were linked with the forest land patta in two villages (Godhirampara – 12, Kalighai – 24); 52 numbers (F-24, M-28) of people linked with MNREGS; 4 SHGs linked with SGSY, 2 families supported with vermin compost pit from ATMA project; 26 farmers from 3 villages were supported with seed sunflower cultivation over 10 acres of land through agriculture department; 13 families from 2 villages were supported with seed for maize cultivation through agriculture department.
- 2 tube wells were demanded by people and were constructed by RWSS in two schools of Kumlabahali and Rohini – Duma villages, and 1 more sanctioned in Rudhiapara.
- 56 defunct tube wells were identified by community and on demand were repaired by RWSS.
- 28 new beneficiaries linked with old age pension, 40 new beneficiaries with widow pension, 13 families received support for housing under IAY.
- 7 physically challenged children got their handicap certification and 6 more have applied for the same. Out of the 7, 1 child got artificial limb from welfare dept. and 1 child got tricycle.
- Application for electrification in Kalighai village is submitted and under process. Similarly, for running water supply application by Chinamaliposi village was done and is approved. Construction work is done under Sajal Dhara Scheme.
- 39 (25-F, 14-M) numbers of people submitted their candidature for election of PRI and 35 (23-F, 12-M) candidates qualified after scrutiny to contest in the election to be held in Feb’12.

### **Meeting with Govt. official, local bodies and CBOs**

Regular meetings were continued with the local government line department officials from the block and district level responsible for community development, education, health, water and sanitation, poverty reduction programmes, veterinary, agriculture, etc. 3 focused meetings with DRDA, 1 meeting with the District Collector, 2 meetings with SSAs, 2

meetings with ATMA, P.D., 4 meetings with Agriculture Development officers, 3 meetings with all block officials were held and 3 planning meetings were attended by the project staffs of the blocks. The team during their advocacy with the Govt. officials paid special attention to incorporate the recommendations received from the mid-term review in the livelihood section during the later part of the year.

- 2 health camps for livestock were organised by the Veterinary Surgeon from the Patna block in Kumlabahali and Kalighai villages. In Rudhiapara and Kumlabahali again be organised two health camps specially focusing on cattles.
- Govt. officials as PD-DRDA, BDO, Junior Engineer and Asst. Engineer (3times), PD – ATMA, ASSH Agriculture officer (2 times) and ABDO showed interest in the project interventions and paid visit to the target villages and also agreed on additional support wherever possible. Few development initiatives already supported with their support is mentioned in the earlier section already.
- Planning coordination of SSA also visited twice in the villages to discuss enrolling girl children to residential schools under Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya of Govt. and share about school Development Plans. S.I.s also visited the villages to share about SDPs.
- CDPO visited the villages thrice to discuss malnourishment, Dist. Prog. Manager – NRHM visited the villages twice to popularise amongst people the Govt. health services through mobile health unit.
- 4 mega health camps were organised in the month of September / October by the Govt. Health Department focusing different health issues in Rohiniduma, Kumlabahali, Rudhipara and Chinnamaliposi villages where around 500 people benefited.
- RWSS visited Rohiniduma villages to encourage people on constructing sanitary latrines and as a result 8 families have already started latrine construction, and others have showed willingness for it.
- APD-ATMA on 21st July conducted meeting in Rudhiapada and Chinamaliposi villages where he shared information of Rabi crops and integrated farming.
- DRDA organised a meeting on livelihood interventions and possible GO, NGO collaboration, where govt. plans a livelihood survey and collaborate with NGOs with specific village development plans under MNREGS, Where PECUC already submitted their plan, PECUC was also requested for social audit in these development work in future. A discussion also initiated with DRDA on Kitchen Garden in schools with convergence of Agriculture, Horticulture & DRDA to reduce malnourishment of children through improved MDM.
- PECUC is being invited by the different programmes organised by the Government in Health, Education and livelihood and often as key resource persons to share their expertise and village level experience both at state and district level. Few areas are implementation of RTE Act, eradication of Child Labour, Child Rights with focus of child protection and participation, etc.

#### **Agricultural production :**

**Enhancement of Soil fertility and crop field** Seven possible spots were located out of which one spot is identified at Kasia Nal (natural perennial water source) of Chinamaliposi village with high potentiality. 5 checkdam sites( Rudhipada,Chinamaliposi,sadngabahali,Kalighai nad rohiniduma) 12 ponds( Nuapada-2,Chinamaliposi-5,Godhirampada-1,Rudhiapada-2 and Kumulabahali-2) and 5% model in 3 villages identified and planned to incorporate in the development process.



**Erosion protection/Area structures.** One Gabion Structures with 59<sup>feet</sup> length 15feet width and 8 feet height is constructed at Kasia Nal (natural perennial water source) of Chinamaliposi and handed over to the community towards utilization and maintenance. Hundred fifty farmers' households mobilized to have sustainable agriculture in the cropping season .

**Injection Wells** In the reporting period the injection well at Rudhiapada provided irrigation facility to 6 acers of land and in the village Kumulabahali the injection well provide irrigation facility to 4.5 acres of land. Farmers cultivated cucumber, bittergourd, ladiesfinger, ridgegourd, onion, brinjal, sunflower, potato, tomato, cowpea and beans.

- Income from agriculture enhanced by 25 percentages of 25 farmers. Previously the income was Rs 80000/-per annum (only from paddy) and this year during the reporting period Rs 20000/- added to the total income.
- The community people availed green vegetables at the reach of their hand
- Practice of community people towards intake of green vegetables increased

**Surface Pond**The surface pond constructed during previous phase is utilized for its desired purpose of supportive and protective irrigation and small duration cash crops cultivated ensuring high benefits from agriculture. Vegetable cultivation initiated in 4.5 acres of land at village Kumulabahali and 6.00 acres of land at village Godhirampada around the surface pond. Income from agriculture enhanced by 30 percentages. Previously the income was Rs 60000/-per annum (only from paddy) and this year during the reporting period Rs 18000 added to the total income.

**Manufacture of organic fertilizer/Composting plant** Follow up made for processing of organic fertilizer/composting plant by trained 252 farmers from 50 groups of the 8 project villages. Waste management was possible through uses of garbage in the vermin compost pits. Organic manure readily available with the farmers for application in the agricultural field. 182 quintals of vermin compost was prepared and used in their field.

**Seed Bank:** The training provided to the farmers followed by support of vegetable seeds is used during the reporting period. Farmers cultivated vegetables and had good production during the period. 40 seed banks functional with support of 140

quintals of khandagiri paddy seeds in 8 programme villages. All the committees are in possession of necessary stock of seeds to help the farmers. Out of 1208 farmers 37 farmers did paddy cultivation in 52 acres of land in SRI method.

**Grain Bank:** 40 Women Self Help Groups in 8 programme villages in which 2 quintals of rice was supported are operating the grain banks successfully. 685 poor families benefitted from the grain banks which helped in checking exploitation by the money lenders, ensured the food security at the community level in times of crisis which in turn contributed in reducing migration to an extent in all the programme villages.

**Training Measures – Cultivation** During this period training programmes and exposures related to agriculture organized. 8 nos of training programme 2 nos of exposures visit organized on different agricultural activities. 199 farmers from 8 programme village developed skill and knowledge on intensive agriculture, vermin compost, SRI, and Seed bank.

**Income generation initiatives for landless families/setup small animal farming :**

**Meeting with SHGs:** Regular group meetings were organized with the supported groups and groups have been supported accordingly. This is intended for motivation and capacity building of women SHG members to promote and strengthen group based income generating activities.

**Training on livestock:** During this period 5 nos of poultry training programme, 2 nos of goat rearing training, one pig rearing and one sheep rearing training in total 9 numbers of livestock training organized. 133 women SHG members on poultry rearing 60 members on goat rearing, 32 members on sheep rearing and 27 members trained on pig rearing. They got knowledge to identify traditional and banraja poultry birds, shed construction and its use for livestock rearing, Vaccination and health care for the livestock, Preparation of the feeds from locally available resources for the poultry, Diseases of the livestock and its remedies.

**Goat Breeding:** Apart from the follow up activities of already supported goats, during this period 6 groups from 3 villages are identified and supported with goats. It is expected that 60 families will take care of the goats and secure their livelihoods by means of goat rearing.



**Sheep Breeding:** Apart from the follow up activities of already supported sheep, during this period 34 beneficiaries from 3 groups of Kumulabahali were identified and have been supported with sheep.

**Pig Breeding:** Apart from the follow up activities of already supported pigs, during this period 27 members from 2 groups in Godhirampada village are identified and supported with pigs.



**Poultry rearing:** Apart from the follow up activities of already supported poultry, during this period 133 beneficiaries from 11 groups of 3 villages are identified and supported with chicks.

**Carp Breeding:** From the carp breeding in the surface pond like Godhirampada and Kumulabahali income generation have been started. 84 kilograms fish from the Kumulabahali surface pond and 102 kgs of fish from the Godhirampada surface pond have been collected and sold in the market @ Rs. 100/- per kg. and the cash is distributed among the members accordingly.

**Health Campaign:** Health campaign in the eight project villages concentrated on awareness on basic health, pregnancy and linkage with government services. Other interventions continued concentration on control of communicable diseases by improving hygiene practices and inculcating access to clean drinking water. A special focus was made to influence health habits in school going children throughout the year apart from the regular interventions planned under the project.

**Health Committees (Gaon Kalyan Samiti):** The Health Communities were constructed by 2010 and in 2011 efforts were made to continuously upgrade their knowledge base and monitored their functioning. The committees meet monthly to discuss their progress future of action and address to their village specific problems.

**Training to GKS Members:** Four days training were organized in four Schools where a total of 160 (80 from GKS + 80 From SHG) persons participated. The issues discussed were: **Structure and function of GKS, identification of their village health problems and developing their Village health plan, NRHM programme & policy Implementation of different activities, Monitoring, Evaluation and reporting.** GKS in all the eight villages are active and conferring their duties with good satisfaction of the villagers. They have started taking up different health plans and actions in most cases independent of support of the project coordinator's support. GKS members have developed few common strategies and action plans in all villages. They are now motivating community for family planning, immunisation, institutional delivery, personal hygiene and sanitation. They took a special drive on mosquito breeding control through DDT spray three times during the year.

**Pregnancy Care:** The TBAs in the project area continue to contribute significantly in pregnancy care and timely referrals for institutional delivery. A team of 32 TBAs who were earlier identified were provided with a refresher training for 3 days on issues as – balanced diet, immunisation, adolescent health and hygiene, RCH, RTI, STI, HIV/ AIDS, Termination of pregnancy, family planning, childhood marriage and basic health. TBAs, ASHA, AWW and health worker thus work as a team to address to pregnancy care and RCH in the target villages. 104 pregnant women were identified in the project villages that have completed their TT vaccine and IFA tablet course on time. During the year 78 of them delivered out of which 73 were institutional deliveries. 5 home deliveries were done by the TBAs. 18 women who felt have completed their family under went permanent sterilisation, tubectomy from Kalighai, Nuapada, Sadangabahali, and Rohiniduma villages. Apart from these 111 couples adopted use of condoms, 220 contraceptive pills and 39 Intrauterine Device as temporary birth spacing methods under the counselling of the TBAs. 78 pregnant women accessed the maternity benefit scheme of support of Rs.1400 under the Janani Suraksha Yojna.

**Health Camps:** During 2011 two health camps were conducted in each of the project villages with focus on personal health, hygiene, sanitation, use of safe drinking water and preventive measures for contagious diseases. One addition mega health camp was organised on 14<sup>th</sup> January'11 which was on a local festival Makar at Bhimkund fair to reach out to large population on basic health, sanitation and hygiene. During the camps different IECs materials were used to inform people, health messages were spread through display of flex, basic first aid and referrals were also made. In addition special focus was made on health practices of school going children.

**IECs developed and used-**

During the reporting period 8 Nos. of wall writing were made in 8 project villages at ASHA 'S house. So that the people could know details about medical services delivered by ASHA like malaria drug, blood test, Paracetamol tablets, etc. posters developed and distributed on sunstroke,

**Malaria Camps:** 48 malaria camps were organised bi-monthly in each of the project villages to improve people's awareness on the disease, its vectors, prevention and cure, the area being highly prone zone for malaria. In addition 8 wall writing were done in 8 villages on messages on the disease and also 2000 posters developed and distributed. There was no malaria death reported during the period.

**Development Program Children:**

**Education:** With the introduction of the Right to Free and Compulsory Elementary Education Act 2009, enforced in April 2010, significant changes were rolled out in the state of Orissa which were not foreseen during the project formulation. The state rule to implement the Act was already in place on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and direction to form the School Management Committee to regulate & monitor the implementation of the Act was circulated by the State Education authorities in Dec 2010. So the organisation in lines with the provisions of the act improvised its strategies for its effective implementation.

**Education Committee:** In lines with the act the village Education Committees had to be reconstituted as the School Management Committees where as per the state rule total members of the committee could range between 12members to 16 members. Further to activate these committees their monthly meetings were regularised.

During the period 2 one day trainings were organised with the SMCs formed, where main focus was information on the Act, roles and responsibilities of SMCs, school infrastructure development and child rights.

Later a 5days workshop was organised from on developing School Development Plan which comprises of a key role of the SMCs for school development. focus of the workshop were on importance of SDP, and how it could be done following resource mapping and identifying gaps with the joint participation of different stakeholders as school teachers, AWWs, SMC members and other interested persons in the community. School development plans are in place in Kalighai Primary School and Sadangabahali Primary school which are referred by SMCs for school improvement.

**Establishment of participatory school monitoring:** The process of establishing participatory school monitoring mechanism was initiated in 2010 itself with the support of project staff. Feedbacks from children were taken to set the child led indicators for each of the schools. During 2011 the list was revised jointly by SMCs and children independently by April 2011. To monitor this effort Suggestion boxes were installed where children dropped in their views and complains on different aspects in their schools, which were then addressed to by school teachers and SMCs. The suggestion boxes were opened between 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of every month in presence of Suggestion Box Committee with children's representative, PTA, school Head master, and SMC members. CLI set for the year in 9 schools, Suggestion boxes were opened 5 times during the year and 248 suggestions slips were received from children.

**Child Rights team[Sisusava] :** There are eight Child rights teams (*Sisu Sabha*) in 8 project villages. Regular interaction and discussion held in the *sisu sava*. The *sisu sava* members organize their meetings on weekly basis. During the reporting period total 325 weekly meetings of the child rights teams were conducted in all the project villages and discussions were held on rights of the children, child labour, enrolment of the children, child marriage, importance of festivals like Dola purnima and Makarasankanti, participation in gram sabha, celebration of Republic Day, School management committee formation etc. Total 1851 (boys-881, girls-1010 ) SC-432 ST-724, OBC-451 and GEN-244 children regularly attended the weekly meetings.

**Training to child rights team:** A four days capacity building cum training for Sisu Sabha members was organized and another 2 days training was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011 . Issues discussed were on Child Rights, Child labour, child marriage, domestic violence, gender and laws related to child rights. 114 participants (63 boys and 51 girls) are informed on the various child rights issues, learnt about governance of Sisu Sabhas and also different legislations and provisions of the government for the children. 40 number of children participated in palli sabha and gram sabha from 8 villages and raised the following issues as to complete the school boundary wall, tube wells be in the school campus, to connect electricity in school, to provide teacher as per classes, to provide books, pens and note books, to plant trees in school campus, rescue and rehabilitate child labour, join hands to stop child trafficking and child marriage and enrol children in schools.

**Child Rights Committee:** There are 8 Child Rights Protection Committees (CRPC) in 8 Project villages. Regular meetings and discussions made with CRPC members to sensitize them on their roles & responsibilities in order to create a child friendly environment in the village. During the reporting period total 60 monthly meetings of the CRPC was organized in all project village.Total 341 (Male-144, Female-197) CRPC members attended the meeting and discussed about Child labour, how to make their respective villages child labour free, child marriage, enrolment drive, violence against women and children, participation of Sisu sabha members in gram sabha etc. A two days capacity building training was organized for Child Right Protection Committee members in the project area.

**School Enrolment and Child Rights Campaign:**



**Wall Magazine:** In order to provide scope to children to nurture their childhood and encourage them to show their creativity, a wall hanging is provided in each of the 9 schools. During the reporting period 174 articles with write ups and pictorial forms of idea presentation displayed in the Wall Magazine. Songs- 68, Story- 42, Art- 64.

**LIBRARY:** In order to develop reading habits in children and gain knowledge from books and varied skills library has been provided in each of the 9 schools. During the reporting period 166 books have been taken by 92 children in the project area

**Shradha Bhaban:** There are 8 Sradha Bhaban (Child Motivation Centre) set up in 8 project villages and running from morning 7 A.M. to 9 A.M. every day. Children learn there in joyful methods (songs, dance and other play way methods) with their best interests. Children are enjoying the atmosphere of Sradha Bhawan Centre very much. 240 (boys - 138 and girls - 102) children are coming to 8 Sradha Bhabans regularly.

Poster printed on RTE act and Girl child education and distributed ,displayed.

**Enrolment campaign:** From 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 village meetings were organized in all the programme villages and cycle rally was organized in 3 intervention panchayats. During the rally they interacted with the drop out children and distributed leaflets on RTE Act in the villages. Total 330 children (Boys-201 and girls-129) enrolled in the formal school because of enrolment campaign .

**Observation of Child Rights Week (14th November to 20<sup>th</sup> November):** From 14 November 2011 to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 was organized village in all the programme villages of PRO project. These activities were conducted to make children joyful in the school campus through speech competition, drawing competition, quiz competition, art, and story telling and song competition .

**Participation in Sikhyachetana Abhijan:** From 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 all the project team members in all the programme villages participated in the Sikhya chetana abhijan organized by School and Mass education department. On 15<sup>th</sup> in the prabesh utsav our team members participated and supported in welcoming the newly enrolled children. On 16<sup>th</sup> the team participated and oriented the PTA their role and responsibility. On 17<sup>th</sup> participating in the week long campaign supported in orienting the SMC Members. On 18<sup>th</sup> MTA Meeting, 19th Jatimahasabha, 20th village level rally and 21<sup>st</sup> Sankalpa Divas, all the team members participated and facilitated the meetings. 44 days Activism Against child labour from 30<sup>th</sup> April (No Child labour day) to 12<sup>th</sup> June (world day against child labour) was also observed in the programme villages.

**Staff Capacity Building** on RTE, TOT on agriculture, documentation, accountability towards children, ICPS conducted through out the year.

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## **STRONGER VOICE TO EXCLUDED CHILDREN IN GOVT. AND NGO POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES**

With the prime objective of ensuring improved status of the most socially excluded children in 30 villages of 5 GPs of Keonjhar district with support from Save the Children with their voices heard & recognized institutionally formal and informal structures, the **Stronger Voice to Excluded Children** project is being implemented.

**Exclusion Mapping by Children** In the reporting cycle, two days training to children on Exclusion mapping was conducted including 53 children and 22 Adults from the community and capacitated on exclusion mapping. The participants understood what Social Exclusion meant and learnt tools and techniques to conduct the exclusion mapping, data collection, analysis and formulating strategies to address the issue. As a follow up of the training, 30 exclusion mapping have been conducted in 30 villages and identified the areas around which the exclusion prevails. The mapping revealed Excluded from getting safe drinking water, Discrimination in school, Health facilities, Education, Adolescent girls are ignored by the family members, Poor accessibility to anganwadi, Discrimination in school, Excluded family- because of poor education or caste discrimination, Caste discrimination ,Govt. schemes and programmes.

The findings of the mapping exercise have been shared with CRPC, Community and PRI functionaries and teachers to formulate the strategies.

**Suggestion Box** in the reporting phase children and adults put suggestion in to the suggestion box installed in the village to make their villages exclusion and discrimination free also making way for inclusive environment within the village. Some key suggestions received revealing the shortcomings and highlighting expectations of villages are as follows -

- Delay in getting free text books, active role of BRCC and committee envisaged
- Quality food in midday meals
- Regularising Stipend to ST students
- Teacher student ratio to be maintained in school.
- Need for recording issues of Children in Gram Sabha minutes.
- Opening of Mini Anganwadi centre in excluded community.
- Parents, children and the influential people of the village should meet with the BRCC for immediate supply books.
- Block Development Officer (BDO) to monitor the quality of mid-day meals
- Adolescent girls from excluded community to be prioritized for IFA distribution at Anganwadi centres.
- Increasing the reach to children from excluded community for Kishori Balika Yojana.
- The Child Protection Committee members should take initiatives to rescue the girl children exploited by the family members



- Parents should take initiatives to stop corporal punishment in school.
- A large number of suggestions have been addressed effectively.

**Awareness generation initiatives** related to targeted children, families and communities were undertaken to combat social exclusion. The various awareness generation initiatives includes **289 Village Meetings** with participation of 10000 community people and discussed about different child protection mechanisms, RTE etc. as a result of the awareness generation programme in 25 School Mangement committees 30 number of children (B-17,G-13) were nominated to the committee as member. **Enrollment campaign and participation in Sikhya chetana abhijan from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> April** **Enrollment campaign done** through panchayat level cycle rally, Mobile van (Jagruti Ratha),Village meetings, Meeting with SMC's and participation in Sikhyachetana Abhijan. **44 days campaign against child labour at District and State level-** from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> June we observed the 44 days campaign with the objective to create awareness among the community about Child labour issues and to eradicate child labour, through village meetings, post card campaign, Signature campaign,Human chain, Walk against child labour, meeting with flatowners, dissemination of posters and stickers **World day against child labour** was observed in collaboration with the District child labour Society and other Civil society organizations, Trade unions like SUCI,AITUC,NTUCI,Auto associations,HMS etc organized a Public Meeting,signature campaign and a Human chain to create awareness . The District collector,Khurdha,District Labour Commissioner, Cine Artist,President and secretary of trade unions participated in solidarity, to make the district Child labour free.**Child Rights week** was observed from 14th to 20th November 2011 with series of activities to highlight the rights of the child. Apart from discussions and meetings various competitions like Story telling and art competition, Village level awareness meetings, Panchayat level Art Competitions, Panchayat level signature banner campaign on the day of world day for prevention of child abuse and Post card campaign were organised .

**Child Protection Committees** Meetings of the Child Protection committees were held regularly to discuss the pertinent issues related to children throughout the year and also to formulate plans on a quarterly basis. A total of such 318 meetings were held throughout the year with participation of 862 CPC Members. 60 numbers of panchayat level child protection committee members meeting held with participation of 329 panchayat level child protection committee members.

#### **Formation and Strengthening of Sisu Sabha**

A total of 30 **SISU SABHA** meetings were also held in the project villages with a total participation of over 10000 children apart from 5 Panchayat level SISU SABHA meetings. Children got an opportunity to revisit the exclusion mapping done earlier. They also succeeded in raising the prominent issues with government officials and seeking help. They also brought new perspectives to the issues affecting them directly in larger context of the RTE and provisioning of teacher, quality education, MDM, drinking water etc. **Exposure to SISU Sabhas** was provided where they got an opportunity to see and learn from other Sisu sabhas of the Panchayat. Sisu Sabha members were also provided training on topics like child rights, child protection issues, Code of conduct and election process, RTE Act and ICPS **Block Level Child Federation Workshop** was organized. As per the project initiative, every year the federation members are elected through a voting process. Total 38 participants took part in this meeting and selected their federation leaders and members. Through the voting process the General body members are elected 15 representatives for Core Committee.

#### **Orientation of Excluded community members on different Govt. schemes and Programmes.**

Total 127 number of excluded community people are identified and oriented on different Govt. schemes and programmes for 2 days facilitated by Welfare Extension officer (WEO,Patana) and Additional Block development officer (ABDO,Patana After the day long orientation the community people enhanced understanding on the process of application and the facilities available on different schemes. In the reporting year 61 People got Job Card under MGNREGA,7 women from excluded community linked with widow pension, 13 people linked with Old Age Pension.

#### **Interface of children's organizations & structures of local governance and duty bearers at Block level, District and State level.**

Total 126 children and adults interacted with different Govt. officials, Legislators, Media representatives and INGO representatives and raised issues

**raised by Children at different level**

**No quality Mid day meal problem**

**Text book supply**

**Teacher pupil ratio**

**Toll free number at labour department**

**Child labour issues in the villages**

**Discrimination at school and anganwadi centres**

**No drinking water facilities**

**Lack of infrastructures in school**

**No boundary wall in school**



**Capacity building of Child Reporter's and cases captured by child reporters.** A two days brainstorming session of the child reporters was organized with participation of 30 Child reporters at Bhubaneswar and the reporters along with the theory

sessions had a visit to Sambad office for understanding the different aspects of News and publication. **Child Reporters Meet**  
We organized two cluster wise Child Reporter's Meet. One at Kantiapada on dt 13.02.2011 & another at Khireitangiree GP on dt 20.02.2011. Total 30 no. of Child Reporters took part in these meets. In the meeting we have facilitated to linked the cases captured by child reporters with the district level media network members. In this year the Child Reporters of the Programme villages captured 168 nos. of issues.

#### **State level Media workshop**

A state level media workshop was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 at Hotel Keshari conference Hall. Total 2 media representatives and 1 child reporter along with project staff and Secretary Attended the workshop. In the workshop the child reporter Basant Nayak participated and share about the different actions taken by the team and he also share a case story. Participants enhance understanding on social exclusion and role of media

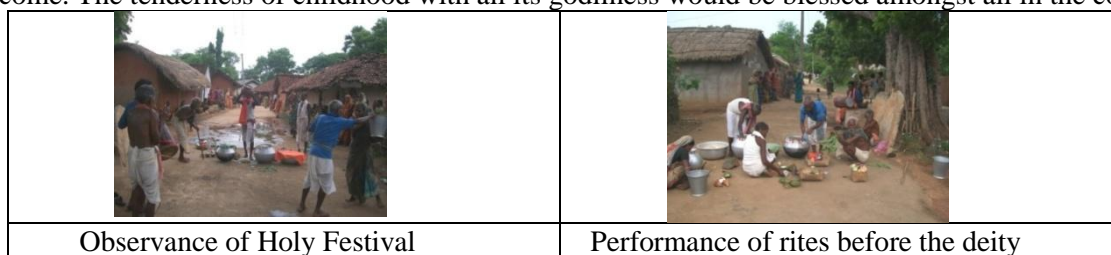
#### **Training to Children on IEC Development**

A two days training of children on video documentation organized on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Total 58 participants including children and adult participated in the training. The children were trained on video documentation.

### **INCLUSION FOR PEACE AND AMITY**

Caste based discrimination had its roots in time oblivion. So far as Jamunalia village is concerned, the community consists of the Mundas and the Kumbharas. Castism was at the behest of one to impede enjoyment of rights of other section of the community. Munda community – the backward tribal poor (ST) were on the receiving end of the practice. The Kumbharas did not allow the Mundas participate in village ceremonies to pay obeisance to the village deity. The former considered the latter as lower caste, second grade citizens. Persistence of the practice was the cause of exclusion of the Munda's from the mainstream development. It was also the prime cause for continuation of mass illiteracy, ignorance and poverty among the Mundas. The system continues to implicate the current generation of children from both the communities.

Formation and facilitation of Child Protection Committee (CPC) in the village under SVEC program by PECUC and SC was targeting different forms of exclusion in the society. The CPC were capacitated to do away with caste-based discrimination in Jamunalia village. Initially, heavy weight resistance weighed by the upper caste people, namely the Kumbharas. The issue persists unaddressed for the Mundas. However, the program continues touching everyone and covering cross section of the community. Participation at various forums was an opportunity for the community to chew and digest negative resistances and breed inclusive attitudes. In a latest development, the CPC was again in the fore front to encourage people join hands in observance of the festival in front of the village goddess. The appeal had its implications and impact on the Kumbharas and they allow opportunity to the Mundas to join them in observance of the festival and in paying their obeisance to the village goddess. The jinx was broken, an age old sectarian practice demolished and peace and amity prevailed among two sections of people. Persistent and positive community initiatives through the CPC remains to inspire people write many such things in the days to come. The tenderness of childhood with all its godliness would be blessed amongst all in the community.



## **Interventions in Khurda**

**SPONSOR A GRAND PARENT (SAGP)** project focuses Elderly people. The project is being supported by Help Age India and is operational in Khurda District of Odisha. The project aims at –

- Providing Primary and requisite health care to the needy aged
- Improving resilience through formation and strengthening of community based Organisations
- Improving resilient-micro-finance & micro-credit for improved livelihoods
- Building Responsive Community Based Age Care
- Age Demands Action (Including Rights Literacy Camps/ Campaigns, Workshop,
- Advocacy and common materials, Older Melas)

#### **Primary Health Care**

- 24 health camps were organized benefitting 197 elderly
- 29 patients got cured by the PHC intervening





- Mega Health camp was also organized, followed by a free disability health camp
- Eye check of 28 persons was undertaken out of which 16 cataract cases were identified. 8 of them have been operated and have restored their vision
- 53 older people participated in the health camp organized on the occasion of **International Day of Older Person** PECUC, Help Age India and Rotary Club Heritage Bhubaneswar had jointly organized this initiative. Doctor from **Institute of Health Science** examined 21 aged people with hearing problem.

#### Improved resilience through formation and strengthening of community based Organisations.

No Beneficiary	No of ESHG Formed	Total Savings till 31st March'12	No of Direct Beneficiary	No of Indirect Beneficiaries
148 (assisted-58, able-90) Destitute- 49	10	42755.00	470 including 91 older people, 206 Family members 173 grand children	346 including 80 older people, 130 Family members and 136 grandchildren

**Capacity Building and Management Training** – 2 days Capacity building and Management Training was organized where 22 ESHG members (Male-15 & Female-8) got training on record keeping, cash book maintenance, financial management, opening of Bank account etc. 4 Old ESHGs got Follow up Orientation Training. Graduation of all the ESHGs has been done and the older ESHGs have been rated “A”. All these groups have also been brought under a federation **Jagruiti Bayaska Swayam Sahayak Mahasangha**.

**Grain Bank.** As per the demands of the older people 4 grain banks were placed at the reach of the Elders for better accessibility. All the 4 Elder Groups had their meetings separately and resolved on the grain bank operation mechanism. A total of 53 destitute have been supported under community support to destitute grans. 28 destitutes got supports from the 3 groups (Maa jagulai, Maa Mangala & Maa Basulei) out of profit they are earning from business. Maa Garudei supported to 15 destitute out of profit gained from paddy cultivation



**Livelihood Seed capital** was also provided to the groups to start their own businesses and livelihood. All the groups have been supported in their business plans.

Sl No	Group Name	Member	Trade	Sl No	Group Name	Member	Trade
1	Maa Jagulai	17	Cattle feed	6	Nilakantheswar	12	Cattle feed
2	Maa Barunei	20	Treasurer Machine	7	Lakheswar	13	Rice
3	Maa Garudei	20	Grocery Shop	8	Duladei	13	Cold drinks
4	Maa Mangala	17	Cooking Utensil	9	Kalikei	12	Cattle feed
5	Jaychandi	12	Grocery Shop	10	Patalaxmi	12	Cattle feed

#### Advocacy

**Training on Disaster Risk Reduction** – 2 days training on Disaster Risk Reduction was held at Youth Hostel Puri. 20 older people from 10 ESHG groups and 2 project staff participated in the programme. Participants were trained on disaster risk reduction, rescue operation during flood, cyclone, earthquake and drought.

On the eve of **International Women's Day** on 8<sup>th</sup> March the 25 older people (F-15 M-10) and other women groups gathered at Pahala U.G.M.E School. The older people lighted candle in the memories of girl child, formed Human Chain and Signature Campaign.



- **Workshop on Aged Rights** was organized with support from Help Age India. 35 ESHG members from the project village participated in the workshop. Different stakeholders were sensitized on Aged Rights. Art competition was organized on the theme 'Rights of the Aged' at the schools.
- Anuradha Mohanty, Programme Director, PECUC now taken as Councillor for older people in Bhubaneswar Sub-collector's court to support in the Senior Citizens Maintenance Act.
- Secretary, PECUC nominated as member of **Task force Committee** on Older People by Women and Child Development Department govt of Odisha.
- In this reporting year 40 cases Old Age Pension were submitted in the BMC out of which 15 cases have been sanctioned.



#### CREATING OPPORTUNITY . . . , EARNING DIGNITY

**Maa Garudi Self help group** is one of the two ESHGs functioning in Gohala village under Baliana block through **PECUC** initiative with the support of **Helpage India**. The group has 20 members (Male 5 and Female 15). All the members belong to BPL families. They have passed their prime time in agriculture fields and become old and infirm to make a earning for themselves in the opinion of people in their community. The group is led by its leaders. The leaders call group meetings regularly monthly to collect monthly saving and to take decision on group initiative. The responsibility of depositing the group



saving and dealing with the bank is undertaken by rotating responsibility among members. As the group began meeting regularly and earning savings, its capacity to find engagement in agriculture is reestablished by inputs supports. 240 kg. Paddy seeds supported to 8 needy members of the group. After harvesting the crop, these 8 members returned double the seed worth Rs. 5000/-. Out of Rs. 5000, Rs. 3000 is deposited in group account and the rest of the money is utilized to build community support to the 15 needy destitute elderly people in the community. This is the second occasion in last 12 months, where the poor could able to come to the support of the poor in their community. On the other hand, the group is planning to reuse the bank deposit of Rs. 3000 in cultivation of potatoes in rabi season for regularizing support to the elderly destitute. Similarly, the group is making use of an electrically operated paddy thresher machine supported by PECUC & Helpage India. The said thresher machine has enhanced Income Opportunities for 6 months in a calendar year for the group of 20 old aged members. The group earns Rs. 100/- per day from the use of machine besides creating income generation opportunity for at least two persons per day in the locality. The functioning of the group is not confined to saving and earning activities. The group deals in providing cash credit facility to people in need at a nominal interest of 3% p.a. Last year three members including Badani Bhoi, the grand old widow took Rs. 1000 each from the group to support to their family members in farming. They have repaid the loan with interest to the group. At present, the group has credited Rs. 2000/- to two other members and earning Rs. 30/- per thousand per month regularly. The current group position is as follows:

S.L	Heads	Group Assets in INR	Liability in INR
1	Cash in Bank	8386	NIL
2	One Paddy Thresher	16000	
3	Credit to 2 members	2000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26386</b>	

In this way the group activity goes on creating *social capital* for the group, income generation opportunity for the locals and dignified life for its members. There was a situation where members like Badani Bhoi, the 70 year old widow was denied her right to food and shelter by her younger son. Now she is asserting her rights. She commands respect from her family members. She is more conscious about health, attends health camps and eye camps, use some of her earnings as pocket money to purchase daily needs. Age is no longer a burden to her. It is a kind of leisure time now. Her group is more of a compact social group promoting social and cultural wellbeing than mere economic considerations. Time may come, when some of them may not be in a position to be part of the economic activities of the group, yet their right to a life with dignity would no longer be affected. The right of the member to different social security programs and community level programs for the destitute is assured under the group activities

**STRENGTHENING WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ELECTORAL PROCESS**, supported by The Hunger Project is operated in Baliana, Bhubaneswar, Balipatana & Khordha blocks in Khurda districts with the objective Promoting & ensuring free & fair election, Promotion of Voter’s Rights, Implementation of Election commissioner rules and regulations regarding electoral Reforms & disclosure and Helping people (voters) in making an informed choice.

Individual interactions, interaction with BDO and other stakeholders, Monitoring Panchayat Meetings and gram sabhas, workshops at various levels, Potential Leadership Workshop, Village level campaign meeting and simulation camps, Development of IEC Material etc are the main activities taken up to achieve the aforesaid.

Block	Particulars	2007	2012
Baliana	No of Voters	69064	69064
	No of Voted	53897	61449
	No of Votes rejected	3117	Nil
	No of Women Nominated	148	231 (49 won uncontested)
	Women Nominated in unreserved seat	Nil	22 (3 won uncontested)

The village level interactions made the nomination process disciplined and easy and election campaign without alcohol. Interaction motivated 93% of women to participate in voting in the project area. In Pratapsasan GP out of 17 wards, women candidates got elected in 11 wards & in Bentapur GP out of 8 wards women got elected in 5 wards.

**Monitoring of Panchayat meetings ensured** patas of 2decmil land to two beneficiaries of Sarkana panchayat under Mo Ghara Mo Kudia scheme and 8 beneficiaries identified for Mo Diha Mo Kudia. Similarly, **Monitoring Gram Sabhas, made happen** 17 beneficiaries for old age pension included in Panchayat resolution

The Cluster Level **Mahila Adhikar Sammukhya**, in Baliana Block discussed and encouraged involvement of more than 50% women in elections.

**Block Level Workshops on “Strengthening Women Empowerment through Electoral Process” (SWEEP).** 5 no of Block Level Workshop were organized. A total of 300 participants including EWR, Male PRI, MAS, Media Person, NGOs, Government Officers, Staffs from PECUC, Sub-Collector, BDO, Tahsildar and other local administration participated in the workshops. The main focus was given in the workshop on the election process, nomination, voting





system etc. As a result of the workshops good rapport with the Government officers & local administrations was facilitated and enhanced the interaction among the local people with the administration. Participants got information regarding the whole election process, facilities & provisions for violence on women candidate during election process and campaign from the block administration.

**Potential Leadership Workshop-** 8 no of Potential Leadership Workshops was organized. As a result of our interventions, none of the nominations were cancelled in Baliana block. Unlike yesteryears, no violence against women reported in Baliana and Bhubaneswar Block during elections. Potential leadership workshop ensured Women to contest on unreserved seats. In Baliana block one woman Laxmipriya Samal of Jagannathpur GP contested in unreserved seat and won and in Bhubaneswar Block, one woman Anupama Maharathi elected on unreserved seat in Naput GP. In Baliana Block, 5 Women candidates won Nayab-Sarapanch uncontested and in Bhubaneswar block, 5 women candidate won uncontested as Nayab-Sarapanch.



**Village Level Campaign Meetings.** Prior to the elections, 30 numbers of village level campaign meetings were organized in 30 villages of Baliana and Bhubaneswar blocks of Khordha district. The village level meeting targeted the voters in the villages to make them aware about the election process as a whole. The village meeting encouraged more women participation in the election process and addressed the MAS members to give support to the women candidates during election campaign.

As a result of the efforts in Bhubaneswar block the voting percentage increased to 4% in 2012 (76%) as compared to 2007 PRI election which was 72%. None of the nomination forms were rejected. Increased women participation was observed in the operational area in the PRI election



**Village Level Simulation Camp.** 10 no of village level simulation camps were also organised in Baliana and Bhubaneswar blocks. A total 793 people (685 women and 108 men) participated in the village level campaign meeting. The Simulation camp aimed 'everyone's vote should be count'. For which visual TV programme demonstrating how to vote, how to use the ballot paper etc displayed before the villagers.

**Gender Panchayat Resource Centres** have been initiated in Pratapsasan Panchayat office of Baliana Block and Bhubaneswar block of the project area. It opens 4 times in a month in prefixed dates on 8th, 12th, 24th & 30th. EWRs, MAS, other women & Men members visit the centre and use the GPRC centre. The GPRC centre is well equipped with resource materials of, Sanitation, Old Age Pension, SGSY, Indira Awas Yojana, DV Act, RTE, Anganwadi guide line, School MDM guideline, Rules of Election, Booth list, Nomination Form, Withdrawal from, Leaflet, Poster, Candidate list, Leaflets on Bird flu, Book (Asa Janiba Ama Panchayat Election-2012), Uncontested elected candidate list., Agent/pooling officer application, Naib-sarpancha Elected list and Leaflet on consumer awareness

**Case Study:-** Name- Soudamini Das, Age-38, Qualification-10<sup>th</sup>, Husband's Name- Subas Ch. Das, Village- Brahmanasualo, PS-Baliana, Dist- Khordha  
Her paternal House is Bramhansuanlo. She belongs to a lower class family. As She is only daughter of her parents, after marriage she is staying in her parents' house. She has two children. Her husband is a business man. She was the former secretary of Maa Jageswari SHG. Then she became the Secretary of Panchayat SHG federation. She said, "All most all women populations are unaware about the Panchayat, its work, role and responsibility towards Panchayat". But PECUC has taken a great initiative to make underprivileged women aware about the whole election process. PECUC is providing training programmes on election process. She feels glad to attend all these with the PS member. Attend all the meetings of Mahila Adhikar Samukshya. She said, "Not only I became aware about the Panchayat election but also came to know about domestic violence on women, women & child development programme, Anganwadi Centre Management etc". What she learnt from the Mahila Adhikar Samukshya meeting she shares it in the Panchayat SHG federation. All the federation members encouraged her to nominate for Sarapanch. She talked to an older person regarding this. He told her to spend money up to 3 lakhs for this. But she don't have money. Then she talked with Upama Mohanty, Block Coordinator, PECUC. After attending the simulation camp training she found courage. She also visited the Gender Panchayat Resource Centre which opens 4 times. She has gone through all the leaflets, posters regarding election process in the Centre. She brought nomination form from Gender Resource Panchayat Centre. Then she nominated for Sarapanch. SHG federation members and MAS members supported me a lot. She didn't spend single money during campaign. Today she won leading 288 votes. She said, "I am really very much thankful to PECUC for its Endeavour which made me won the election".

**National Child Labour Project** is operational in the Kargil Basti of Bhubaneswar and Bhainchua (Veluri Hat) of Baliana block of Khurda district The Labour Department, Govt of Odisha supported this project. The NCLP Schools at kargilbasti and Bhainchua provided the much-needed



platform for the child labors of the locality by ensuring their right to education. In each NCLP school 50 child labors were covered and enrolled from class one to class fifth in the school.

Sl No.	Name of the School	No of Children enrolled in NCLP	No of children enrolled in formal school	Formal schools children got admitted
1	Velurihatt NCLP School	56	56	Biswnatha U.P School, Bainchua U.P School
2	Kargil Bast NCLP School	67	17	Kapila Prasad Govt high Schoo ,U.G.U.P school Palash palli , prakalpa U.P school Bhimatangi

Children received vocational training such as making toys out of clay, paper pots and Photo Binding etc. The Block and CDPO have been contacted and they provided rice from April 2011. The health checkup of children goes on regularly and monthly through Aganwadi Worker. Children participate in a special group activity in Sishu Sabha a monthly basis.



Each school has a **management committee** with representation of the area President, formal school head, Local club secretary, SHG Members etc. the management committee meets every quarter. Similarly, a mothers committee is also operational and monitors the proper functioning of the school as well as mid-day meal programme.

### PECUC's 22<sup>nd</sup> Sisu Mela

This year PECUC organized **22nd SISUMELA – Children's Festival 2011** from 14<sup>th</sup> November (Children's Day) to 20<sup>th</sup> November (Universal Children's Day) at Ampetheatre, Ekamra Haat, and Bhubaneswar. This week long festival included creative competitions among school going, non-school going Children, working children, Campaign on various aspects of Children's development, Seminar and Workshop on Child related issue, Cultural Programme include Children's Dance Festival, Music Festival (Pilanka Akshaya), Theatre Festival and Festival of Martial Art of Children on different days, and more over annual award and honor giving to children and adult in Valedictory function with Support from AEI, Apolo infraprojects Limited, Canara Bank, Rotary Club of Heritage Bhubaneswar, Tata Steel, Terre Dess Hommes (G) IP

		
Inauguration of 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sisumela	Cultural Programme During Sisumela	Observation of world day for prevention of child abuse

Date	Event/ Competition
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Fine Art, Quiz, Song
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>Inauguration</b> , Modern dance, Cultural programme
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Fancy Dress, <b>Dance festival</b> , Cultural programme
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Rhymes, <b>Dance Festival</b> , Cultural programme
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Talent Hunt, <b>Pilanka Akshaya</b> , Cultural programme
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Odissi Dance, <b>Festival of martial Art</b> , Cultural programme
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Baby of the year, <b>Drama Festival</b> , Cultural programme
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>Valediction</b> , Award & Cultural programme

**CAPACITY BUILDING OF GAON KALYAN SAMITIS (GKS).** 201 GKS of villages of Baliantha and Bhubaneswar blocks of Khurdha district have been covered in order to capacitate to identify local health problems & to take necessary steps for ensuring a healthy & hygienic village and enable G.K.S members to prepare a village health plan with the participation of community.

The district review meetings reviewed progress of the program from time to time and devised strategies for ensuring better results. The first meeting was the launching meeting where the project was introduced. In second meeting focused was laid on block level planning meeting with PHC to help them organize training programs for GKS members. The third meeting took stock of the progress made and difficulties encountered. Different field level issues pertaining to the implementation of the program was discussed and suggestion and feedback provided. The last and fourth meeting was to mark the completion of the program with achievements and documentation.



**A District level ToT** was organized followed by **Block level review meetings** in Bhubaneswar and Baliana blocks for planning GKS training and training date finalization with the participation of MO, BPO, BADA, BEE and the block coordinator of PECUC.

The discussion points in training of GKS members were –

- Training needs assessment prior to training to get information about the status of knowledge of GKS members. It was done through questionnaire.
- The role & responsibilities of G.K.S.
- Programme & policies of NRHM.
- To identify village health problems.
- How to prepare village health plan.
- Resource mobilization.
- Tips for a healthy village.

#### Total GKS Trained

Block	Total No of GKS	Total Member	AWW	ASHA	PRI	Others
Bhubaneswar	107	420	93	80	89	165
Baliana	94	380	80	71	86	143
Total	201	807	173	151	174	308

**CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAMME** was organized. The programme discussed about the different issues faced by the women in particular and consumers and what are the preventive measures. Provisions made by the District and State Govt. were also highlighted. The role of SHG members in consumer awareness and protection was also given due focus. The event also discussed different stages where the consumer can file their cases.

District consumer Protection cell try to sort out the case within 30 days, while the State Consumer Protection Cell has a role if case is not finalized within 30 days. This cell is also supposed to finalize the case within 30 days. if the State cell fails to finalise the case in the stipulated time, the case is then referred to National Consumer Protection Cell

It was informed that the BPL family need not pay any deposit or fee while lodging a complaint. But, it is our responsibility to collect the bill of the goods purchased. It helps to file a case if the consumer feels cheated.



Problems in PDS system were also highlighted and ways to solve the problem were also discussed.

**Project Surakshya** supported by UNICEF and OVHA aims to introduce, improve, strengthen, evaluate and sustain the key infant and young child feeding practices at the household and community level. The project spans across the entire Baliana Block and an intense implementation envisaged in 7 GPs of Baliana Block, Khurda District.

One District and 10 Block Level orientation programme on infant & young child feeding practices have been organized by People's Cultural Centre (PECUC) in collaboration with UNICEF and OVHA. The orientation program targeted participants consisting of AWW, ASHA, Women PRI, LHV, & Private Medical practitioners.

The orientation program emphasized the mother's milk as natural and complete food for the baby. Advantages of Breastfeeding were highlighted along with discouraging the use of any pre-lacteal feed. Initiation of early and exclusive breastfeeding till six months was given due emphasis. The importance of complementary feeding for children in the age group of 6-24 month was also discussed at length. It was reiterated that breast milk is sufficient for optimal growth till the

end of six months but Complementary feeding has to begin soon after the child crosses six months. The expected outputs of the project are -

- Improvement in the knowledge and health seeking behavior of the community
- Improvement in the uptake of IYCF information
- Improvement in the IYCF counseling services
- Establishment of community based monitoring system
- Strengthening of Mother Support Group
- Sensitization of women SHG

Final Outcomes of project SURASKHYA are -

- Survival growth and development of child
- Early initiation of breastfeeding within one hour of birth.
- Exclusive breastfeeding till six month of age
- Complementary feeding practices from seven months/
- Breastfeeding till two years of age

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**THE ODISHA ALLIANCE ON CHILD RIGHTS (OACRC)**, an alliance of 22 NGO-networks and over 200 state/district level leading child rights organisations and forums was formed in 2007 to create a common platform for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child within the broad framework of the UNCRC. OACRC has made an attempt to involve all concerned stakeholders, civil society groups and their networks to track progress made and ensure accountability and transparency in implementation of Government programs focused on children. OACRC has strengthened its network in 30 districts in Odisha and engaged in promotion and protection of Child Rights. It is also actively engaged in monitoring the CRC in the state. Above all it is putting its best initiatives to minimize the advocacy gap in the state.

The programmes aimed at protecting the rights of the child are implemented at the district, state and national level through appropriate institutional mechanism and monitoring. In order to achieve the aforesaid, a series of activities were taken up starting with **Core Group Meetings**. Six such meetings were held discussion for the strengthening the alliance group, sharing of the salient features of the new proposal with its budgetary provisions and National level convention on Right to Food Campaign. In the subsequent meeting various other issues also discussed such as planning of the Project **“Capacity building & Advocacy on Child Rights in Odisha” supported by UNICEF**.

**Core team meeting of Lawyer and NGO consortium on RTE** was held to discuss successful implementation & propaganda of rights and duties under RTE Act in the state of Odisha. The members also discussed the strategy to develop legal awareness among the general public and also their scope to resist violation anywhere by legal way. Consortium decided to take all necessary steps to approach courts at all levels, with the grievance with all the proofs and evidence supporting the case of violation of Right to education.

A State level Consultation for **conceptualization of safe school** was organized on 19-20, September, 2010 at RedcrossBhawan, Bhubaneswar with participation of 52 children representing different sections and categories of institution. 34 adults including teachers and child right activists participated in the consultation. The children identified an 11-point safe school environment indicators.



State level **“Launching of Safe School Campaign”** was organized on 20th November, 2010 at IDCOL House Auditorium, Bhubaneswar. Sri Pratap Kumar Jena, Hon’ble Minister, School & Mass Education, Odisha, Dr. ShanthaSinha, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Smt. Saraswati Hembrum, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), Odisha, Prof. Abani Baral, Secretary General, All Odisha Federation of Teachers’ Organisations, Mr. David Mc Lioughlin, Deputy Representative, UNICEF-India, Ms. ShairoseMawji, Chief, Field Office, UNICEF-Odisha, Smt. Kasturi Mohapatra, Chairperson, State Commission for People with Disabilities, Sri. Ranjan Mohanty, Convener, OACRC, graced the occasion. Around 400 delegates from the Core Team members and District lead agencies of OACRC, representatives of various Child Right Networks, Forums and Agencies associated with the alliance, representatives from UNICEF, other INGOs, Media, teacher association representatives, NSS programme officers, students, PRI functionaries, children and social activists were present to share their valuable thoughts. In his Presidential address, Sri Jena, Hon’ble Minister, School & Mass Education, Odisha said that herewith all the schools of the state would be declared as “Punishment Free Zone”. Hon’ble Minster and the Chairperson NCPCR along with other dignitaries uncovered the Posters portraying the 11- Indicators on Safe School Campaign and released a Brochure on the Campaign developed by OACRC.



During the **Child Rights Week**, a state-wide campaign was launched at district level to involve multiple stakeholders in safe school campaign. The district leads agencies of the alliance along with other district partners and stakeholders of school system organized district level seminars and took the safe school campaign to the schools in 29 districts of the state. The Alliance partners reiterated to promote protection policy at school level. A total number of 4000 persons took part in the district level events.

Various Thematic Trainings and workshops were organized on issues like Tight to Education, Juvenile Justice System and Child Rights Advocacy and Monitoring. Thematic Training of Frontline Workers on Juvenile Justice System and Right to Education was also organized in the context of Migration, Tribal Children and Child Labor.



One day training workshop on **legislative Advocacy for protection of Child Rights** was organized with the participation of 47 members. The workshop aimed to build awareness among the stakeholders in the state on the parliamentarian's role and responsibilities to take different issues of children in to policy forum of the state and country and how to make effective implementation of different policies in this regard through local political channels. Simultaneously the workshop also attempted to build awareness among the children, parents, civil societies and govt. functionaries how to act as a peer pressure group in acceleration the process of legislative benefit to children through different advocacy strategies.



Consultation on Child Budget Analysis was held on 9th September 2011 at UNICEF Office Bhubaneswar. The session was presided over by S.J. Panchanan Kanungo, Former Finance Minister Odisha. The consultation was organized to look into the child budgeting in the state, gather information regarding budget analysis done by different organizations, find out the gaps & develop a perspective plan for child budget analysis of last few years, to help take up advocacy for increase in budget for realization of children's rights in the state. It was decided to prepare a child budget analysis document focusing on Health aspects and simultaneously on other issues like Education, protection, development etc. A team was also constituted for preparation of document. Second meeting held at CYSD office, members discussed to prepare a synopsis of the child budget analysis. One consultant has been engaged for the preparation of summary of child budget analysis document to take further the advocacy agenda. Assembly questions on child rights for five sessions documented and analyzed.

The last Citizen's Report **on status of children in Odisha** was published in 2007 and the latest updating on the status of children has been completed. The report was disseminated at Red Cross Bhawan, Bhubaneswar by esteemed guests Smt. Saraswati Hembram, Chairperson , State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Dr. Seba Mohapatra, Former Director, Health service, Prof. Abani Boral, General Secretary, All Orissa Federation of Teacher's Organizations, Mr. Prosun Sen, communication Officer, UNICEF, Mr. Ranjan Mohanty, convener, OACRC and two child representatives. Civil Society Draft Report on Functioning of Statutory Bodies in Orissa has also been completed.



Workshop on Access to Justice for Children through Independent Human Rights Institutions, State Level Consultation on Children's Right to Education, Taking Forward the Right to Education - Role of Civil Society Alliance Meeting of CSOs, State Consultation on Govt- Civil Society Partnership in Implementing RCFC Act-2009 are some of the many high profile events that have been organized under the aegis of OACRC. Important occasions like No Child Labor Day and World Day Against Child Labour were also observed. Workshop of Lawyers & NGO Practitioners on Right to Education and State Level Consultation cum Workshop on Role of Civil Society Organizations in Implementation and Monitoring of ICPS were also some of the many events that highlighted the OACRC's effort.

On 27th & 28th July 2011 **National Commission for protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and Odisha Alliance on Convention on Rights of the Child (OACRC)** jointly organized the state level **two days public hearing on child labour**, Right to Education and other child rights issues at JaydevBhawan, Bhubaneswar. 58 cases were presented before five jury panel chaired by NCPCR Chairperson, Dr. SanthaSinha. 800 people attended the hearing spanning two days, from across all districts of the state. In addition to issuing case wise directions, the Commission also said that several policy level issues that emerged over the hearing would be taken up by the commission with the State of Odisha.



## Interventions in Balasore



The **BDR project (Block Demonstration of Rice)** supported by Central Agriculture department, Govt. of India, started with the clearly defined goal to Raise Food Production in 10 revenue villages of 3 grampanchayats in Kendrapara block by intervening directly in the production of paddy during Kharif 2011-2012 season.

The project aims at improving production and productivity of rice in 97 Non-NFSM (Rice) districts spread over 7 states of eastern and north-eastern parts of the country by demonstration of advanced package of practices in rice. Our project was however confined to 10 revenue villages of 3 grampanchayats in Kendrapara block



All the strategy and efforts were guided to ensure the reduction of gap between the actual and potential productivity of rice in the district by 50% leading to an average increase of about 0.5 tones per hector of crop yield of rice. A series of well thought and designed activities were implemented to achieve the herculean result. Identification and Selection of revenue village/spots was done followed by Identification and Selection of progressive farmers in these villages. Once this was accomplished, Capacity building of staff and Progressive Farmers on Line Transplantation

was undertaken. Beneficiary selection and raising their awareness through ICC materials and activities was taken up.

As a result of the efforts, The beneficiaries in all the project villages are using seeds and other materials for production of paddy during the current Khariff season. 197 nurseries covering 100 acres of land have been developed in all the 10 project villages. Line Transplantation technique is going on in all the project villages and 52 % 5.20 hectors of land has been completed through the project till now.



## Flood Response in Khurdha, Kendrapara, Keonjhar and Cuttack districts

While the places of historical and religious importance put Odisha on the tourism map of the world and people flood into the state to admire and appreciate the architecture of Konark, enjoy the serenity of Puri beach, bow their heads and seek blessings from lord Jagannatha to name a few, in the past abject poverty and vulnerability to natural disasters has kept the state alive in headlines.

			
<b>Community Kitchen during Flood</b>	<b>Health camp for flood victims</b>	<b>Taurpoline, Hygenic kit, blanket, , food Basket distribution</b>	<b>Boat and Net support to Fisherman Group</b>

The fury of flood plays a decisive role in continuation of mass poverty, illiteracy and violation of rights in the state. The significance of abundance of rich natural and human resources in the state becomes redundant as the flood drains away most. The gravity and intensity of recent flood in the year 2011 presents an immaculate picture of misery and suffering of hundreds of thousands of people, their families and children. The flood had its impact on environmental sustainability and natural resource base as well. As many as 21 out of 30 districts of the state were engulfed by last flood. Here is a tabular presentation of how the state was swept away with water bodies swelling and having a disastrous effect

No words would be apt to explain the severity and effect when a second spell of floods hit the state in quick succession. PECUC as a humanitarian organization is in the field of disaster management since Odisha Super Cyclone 1999. In view of the severity of recent flood and its impact on state economy; PECUC joins hands with local community and administration in disseminating early warning, carry out rescue and evacuation activities in **21 Gram Panchayat of 62 vilalges in 4 district (Khurdha, Kendrapara, Kendujhar and Cuttack districts)** as flood response initiatives by the organization, it was in close coordination with the district and state disaster management authorities. Immediate relief was also provided to the marooned right from the first day of the flood by mobilizing local human resources and boats. The misery and suffering of

people knew no bounds. The organization intensifies its flood response activities by mobilizing resources from both state and non state players - both humanitarian and non-humanitarian agencies inside and outside the state. Provision for Free Kitchen was provided from the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of flood. It was followed by flood response and restoration activities on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the flood. Both food and non food items were distributed. Integrated Cash Transfer encompassing farm and non farm sector small and marginal farmers and workers from most vulnerable and excluded households was undertaken. Health, awareness and other services were provided to revive the coping capacity of the marooned communities economically and otherwise. That was not sufficient, the possibility of flood, cyclone and other disasters looming large over the marooned. As such the organization felt the need of further capacity building of the communities to enable them better withstand, cope with and recover from the impact of future catastrophes.

The programs took a campaign mood covering critical resources and areas of concern such as - water, sanitation, health and hygiene and nutrition program at community level, school level and household level as well. Now the floods of 2011 are history. The people in the intervention districts are leading their normal life, yet trying to recover from the loss and trauma. One may visit the affected areas to see the difference the intervention created in the lives of affected communities, their families and children. Hopefully, the people would continue to take inspiration and make advancement in countering the floods to lead a life with dignity. The following are sectors in which PECUC intervened during flood 2011 with support from TDH(G) & AEI, TDH(G) & BMZ, Save the Children, Rotary Club of Heritage Bhubaneswar, APPOLOINFRA PROJECTS LTD., ECHO, USAID, SC Alliance, Students from MITTs School of Biotechnology.

SI	Sector	Coverage
1	Food item(Dry food & community Kitchen)	3300 families
2	Temporary Shelter	4119
3	Health Camp	4413
4	Hygiene kit	3325
5	Supplementary Nutrition to Children	4142
6	Kitchen garden seeds support	2200
7	Children Education	4735
8	Community Based Actuate Malnutrition	95
9	WASH ( Tube well platform raised )	38
10	Eco Sanitary Block ( Toilet )	100
11	Cash transfer programme	1000 families
12	Restoration of Traditional Occupation	100
13	Labour kit support	500 families
14	Livelihood support	3000 farmer
15	Boat net support	106 families
16	Migration Rights	19 villages
17	Child friendly Space	34 villages