



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

Reviewing the Flagship Livelihood Programme Sustainable Options for Uplifting Livelihood (SOUL)

Kolkata, WestBengal: To assess the progress of SOUL programme, a review meeting was held in Kolkata. The key focus of the meeting was to analyze the programmatic activities undertaken, impact, key learning's and challenges faced under the programme since its inception in April 2013. The Management Information System (MIS) framework as well as the outcome of the baseline study of the SOUL programme was presented and discussed. Furthermore, findings of the climate change impact assessment study on the geophysical conditions of the state of Chattisgarh and Orissa (Koraput and Kendrapada) and the potential opportunities was also presented.



As a way forward, it was decided that the next phase of the programme will focus on forming strong Community Based Organisations (CBO) and also setting up of state alliances. The SOUL Programme is one of the flagship livelihood intervention of IGSSS. It focuses on building and strengthening Village Development Associations and their systematised processes for capacity development. The programme is implemented in 13 states of India in 28 districts and 305 villages through 39 partner organisations. The intervention is supported by Misereor.

Disaster Risk Reduction

Cleanliness Initiative in Phailin Affected Villages in Odisha

Mayurbhanj, Odisha: The Cyclone Phailin and the flood caused aftermath resulted in the contamination of water in the affected districts of Odisha. This led to the outbreak of water borne diseases such as viral fever, infection and diarrhea.

In a bid to address the medical emergency, IGSSS along with its partner organisation PRAVA conducted several awareness meetings on hygienic practices with the community in six villages of Mayurbhanj district. Besides the community were also trained on making water bodies disinfectant during a one day meeting. Consequently, the community practiced the learning by disinfecting 134 water bodies in five villages.



The awareness initiatives were implemented under the 'Community Livelihood Resilience and Humanitarian Support to Phailin and Flood Affected Families in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh' programme of IGSSS. It is implemented in five districts of Odisha and one district of Andhra Pradesh. The intervention is supported by Misereor.

The Cyclone Phailin made landfall in the south of Gopalpur in Odisha on October 12, 2013. It affected 18 districts of Odisha, severely impacting life and livelihood of the community.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Orienting Youth Groups in Kashmir

Srinagar, Kashmir: Sensitization meeting of the youth groups was conducted under the Youth Action for Peace (YAP) programme in Kashmir. The discussions focused on the initiatives that the youth group will take in terms of identifying and prioritizing issues within their communities and working towards achieving desired outputs. Emphasis was on interaction between youth groups so as to encourage learning and sharing experience. The trainings aimed at enhancing the understanding of the youths about the working of groups, conflicts within groups and their resolution and framing of laws aimed at group sustainability. The youth groups will work closely with the existing traditional community groups towards community development. This will help them get recognition from the community as valid, functional, groups working towards a common goal of development.



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Innovative Livelihood Approach by IGSSS Partner bags Award

Gaya, Bihar: Samagra Seva Kendra (SSK), one of the implementing partners under the Sustainable Options for Uplifting Livelihood (SOUL) programme of IGSSS was awarded by the Government of Bihar. The honour was given to the organisation for their effective implementation of lift irrigation technology in five villages of Mohanpur Block of Gaya District. This has resulted towards improved agriculture production in the villages.

SSK was one of the 18 finalists from 1761 applicants for the state level unique innovation programme to acknowledge the outstanding Innovation that resulted in positive changes in the livelihoods of community in Bihar during the year 2013-2014. The innovators also demonstrated their innovations before the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Nitish Kumar.