



Annual Report

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PRERAK

Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh



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Message from Director.....



Dear Colleagues and Friends,
I have the pleasure of providing a brief message to you all for this year's Annual Report based on the activities of PRERAK organisation for the financial year 2019-20. I am proud to see that our organisation, during this financial period, has carried out an ambitious work plan and all the projects and administrative staff have worked in an outstanding manner, and I would like to thank all.

PRERAK is an established non-profit organisation that empowers community people to reach their full potentials. We believe in helping people help themselves. During the year 2019-20, the organisation has implemented different ongoing projects and the progress of interventions is described here in this report. However, our goal is to have a much greater impact in helping our targeted beneficiaries. I want to thank all who work with us in this year and looking forward to your continued support. Thank to your generous support and it gives me great pleasure to share with you an update on the performance of our team, works and all initiatives during the year.

RAMGULAM SINHA
President, PRERAK



About the Organisation.....

PRERAK was started in 1988 for promoting the social, economic, political, educational and cultural life of the under privileged and marginalized sections of the society. It was founded by a few intellectual and experienced community volunteers to empower these communities and provide them with the required skills and capacity to fight against any social injustice. At PRERAK, we focus on preparing innovative strategies to create awareness in communities about their fundamental rights and duties and help them utilize their rights to live with dignity.

PRERAK, the social development organisation was registered under Madhya Pradesh Society Registration Act 1873, Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act under the Ministry of Home Affairs of the government, PWD Act under the Department of Panchayat and Social Welfare and also 12A & 80G Income Tax Act under Government of India, Ministry of Finance.

Vision: The main vision of PRERAK is to establish concretized-structured organizational strategies for changing the lifestyle of marginalized groups of society i.e. Children with Disabilities (CwDs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), marginalized farmers and Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) etc. to be self-dependent, healthy and wealthy in the community through peaceful interaction; and avoid social violence, exploitation and injustice.

Mission: The mission of PRERAK is to empower human resources specially women's skills through trained professional guidance, to develop village level activities to make local environment survivable and sustainable through the process of by the people, of the people and for the people.

Strategy and Objectives: At PRERAK, we aim to help build self-sufficient empowered communities. Our key strategy to help achieve our goal is to build and strengthen community involvement in the process of development. By building capacity of the communities through awareness generation, community mobilization, formation of community groups to address rights based issues identified by people themselves, and creating linkages with markets and various government departments or schemes, the communities are encouraged to focus on and manage various issues collectively.

To create a lasting impact and to help the communities to self-sustain, we work with an underlying aim of empowering women by giving them opportunities to establish their rights and also work on promoting indigenous knowledge for managing and protecting their natural resources. In this regard, some of our key objectives are:

To create awareness about various issues faced by the communities, provide a common platform to think analytically and to take action, and promote collective effort for community development.

To promote people's economic condition through participatory action and sustainable development process which will include community based natural resource management and conservation for enhanced livelihood, strengthening of Gram Sabha, PRIs and other local institutions and implementation of acts and schemes set up for the benefit of indigenous people.

To empower women to demand their rights with their communities and be more involved in the decision making process.

To empower people with disabilities by promoting community based rehabilitation and mainstream children with special needs through inclusive development.

Inclusive Development of Children and Youngsters with Disabilities

PRERAK has been implementing this project in Chhura block of Gariyaband district. During the year 2019-20, the organisation worked, under the project, directly with 100 children (44 female and 56 male) with disabilities including Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Disabilities, Mental Retarded, Orthopedic, Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired children. Other youth disabled persons have received various support services during the year through field level interventions.



Initiatives carried out during the year:

INTENSIVE SERVICES:

Intensive services under the project interventions include door step services to the children with special needs. Services are provided and monitored as per the direction and suggestion of physiotherapist. Project field staff motivates and mobilizes through counseling and constant home visits. The services provided under intensive care services are physical exercise, physiotherapy, daily living skills, educational interventions, socio-cultural interventions, school enrollment and social inclusion.

(i) Physical Exercise:

During the year, 37 children with cerebral palsy have been provided with physical exercises through door to door visit by field workers on daily basis regularly with active support and guidance from the Physiotherapist from Chhura Public Health Centre. The Physiotherapist regularly visited the cerebral palsy children and provided physiotherapy which gives on the spot learning and guidance to the staff member. These children (21 male and 16 female) are receiving services at their home. Parents are being counseled to have physical exercise of their children regularly. All types of physical exercises are on the basis of inputs provided by physiotherapist.

(ii) Physiotherapist Visit:

Ms. Devshree Dhruv (Physiotherapist), Government Primary Health Centre, Churra, visited 10 times and covered all the 37 CP children in the field area during the year to conduct physical exercises of children with cerebral palsy with support of field workers. Parents/guardians supported at their level best during each visit of physiotherapist. The project field workers worked as bridge between the physiotherapist and parents/guardians for physical improvement of child. The Care givers learned and got feedback from physiotherapist each time and share the same with parents/guardians to have better physical exercises for children with cerebral palsy. Field staff provides the demo on physical exercises and advise parents to follow the same regularly to improve their children physically.

(iii) Daily Living Skills:

The daily living skills continued during the year with physical exercise of children. The care givers in their daily visit provided daily living skills to children for their better improvement and make them self-reliant in mobility and doing their own daily works by themselves. The care givers provide the techniques on mobility to the children with visually impaired like use of cane sticks, the techniques of two touch and three touch in cane stick, use of upper cross and lower cross methods for easy moving inside and outside the home. Side by side the children with visually impaired and mentally retired get the techniques of doing their own works such as bathing, brushing teeth, taking food, dress up themselves, purchasing materials from shops. 66 children with disabilities of different categories have been given daily living skills during the period in the project area.

(iv) Education Intervention:

The children with special need like visually impaired children and mentally retired children are getting the educational supports at regular interval in their home. The care givers and I.E. Facilitator visited the houses of the children with specially need and helped them mainstreaming in education with other children. They provided the study materials and supported them in their study course curriculum and make break down course curriculum in different subject like mathematics, English, Hindi, Science, Sanskrit etc. In this process the care givers and I.E. Facilitator gives counseling with teachers for the better education of children with special need. This service from the care givers and I.E. Facilitator greatly improved the standards of the children with disabilities and the children are being able to stand with the normal children in the formal schools.



(v) Socio-cultural Intervention:

In regular contact with community members, CBOs, DPOs, Parents Federation, SMC members, the care givers and I.E. Facilitator have the best efforts to mobilize the community persons and parents for social inclusion of children with special need in their community like participation in socio-cultural festivals Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, independence day republic day, games and sports and welcome the views and information of children with special need in any kind of community meeting for their welfare. Meetings were conducted during the year with DPOs, Parents Federation, SMC members, child club etc. in regular interval. The constant interaction of the community

and community groups has greatly increased the awareness of the people in general and families of the children with special needs.

(vi) School Enrollment:

The community at large is often unaware of the potential of children with special needs. In the popular mind, special needs are usually identified with very low expectations. Parent should believe in the value of educating children with special needs. The higher the expectations, the higher will be their acceptance in the family. All the children with special needs must be enrolled in primary schools. After the assessment of their disabilities by a team of medical officer, a psychologist, and a special educator, in schools, the child will be placed in appropriate educational settings. Children with mild and moderate disabilities of any kind may be integrated in normal schools, severe in special schools/ remedial schools, drop outs that have problems in availing benefits of normal schools can join open schools. All the children with learning disabilities alone are first managed in the normal schools. Open and special schools also offer vocational courses also for children with disabilities.



(vii) Adoption of innovative ideas to improve in health status of CWSN:

The new innovative ideas have been taken to make the physical exercise easier for the children with special need. The parents/guardians were worried about the physical exercise of child when they go out of their home for work. So, with their existing resources like bamboo railing, rope railing, mashing potato etc. will be applied for physical exercise of children with special need.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

(i) **Disability Certificate:** In order to receive the benefit from Government welfare schemes, facility, and reservation, during the year, 38 disabled children have received the disabilities certificates from government. This has been done through medical certification of disabled children with more than 40% disability.

(ii) **Scholarship and Pension:** 61 applications have been submitted for scholarship and pension for the children with disability during the project period.



CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS:

- ❖ **Training programs for Anganwadi workers and Mitanin** - The training programme for the Anganwadi and Mitanin were organized in Khadma, Amlor and Kansinghi villages of the project area for awareness generation on causes of disability and decreases the rate of disabilities in the project area. Discussion was held on RTE Act 2009 for Children with special needs, causes of disability, reduction of disability rate, mainstreaming the children with disability, health and sanitation of the children with special needs, protection of children with disability, provision of proper nutrition for children with disability.
- ❖ **Workshops for CBOs, DPOs, Parents Federation members, elected representatives, Anganwadi workers and village leaders:** Three workshops were organized in which participants received knowledge and information on causes of disability, reduction of disability rate, mainstreaming the children with disability, health and sanitation of the children with special needs, protection of children with disability.
- ❖ **Orientation programme on Accessibility in education, health and existing government schemes/programmes:** One Block level orientation program was organised in which 132 persons actively participated including Anganwadi Workers, ASA Workers, Local Community Leaders and PRI members. Discussion was held on fundamental rights of children, POSCO Act, sanitation and hygiene. Also discussion was held to bring awareness among people on protection of children with special need from physical, sexual, psychological abuses and accessibility of potable water.

S.No.	Village Name	No. of Participants
1	Khadma	52
2	Amlor	53
3	Kansinghi	50

S.No.	Village Name	No. of Participants
1	Mudagaon	51
2	Panduka	50
3	Karchali	50



- ❖ **Awareness programme on mainstreaming the disabled, social and education inclusive and economic rehabilitations awareness camps:** 15 awareness camps were organized in the project area during the period and the main objective was to aware the parents, teachers, PRI members and government departments to access education and mainstreaming the disabled.



- ❖ **Celebrating International Days -**

World Disabled Day: The event was celebrated on 30th November 2019 at Gariyaband district headquarter in collaboration with district Social Welfare Department. Disabled children enthusiastically participated in the sport events and cultural programs and it gave the children with disabilities more confidence and courage.

- ❖ **Voters Awareness Campaign:** During the last general election of Chhattisgarh, the government has taken special initiative to make aware and mobilize the voters with disability by organizing block level awareness camps in all the blocks of the state of Chhattisgarh. PRERAK initiated intensive voter's awareness campaign for PwDs in Churra block of the Gariaband district with an objective of building awareness for effective participation of all persons with disabilities in electoral process. 6 awareness programs were organized at different places in which 483 persons with disabilities participated and received information.

"We Ring the Bell" Campaign: PRERAK organized campaigns in 9 schools under the project during the month of March 2019 with the following objectives:

- ✓ Increase enrolment and retention of children with disabilities in mainstream schools.
- ✓ Gain community and parents' commitment to ensure inclusive education.
- ✓ Ensure children with disabilities in schools are learning with their peers.
- ✓ Make the school accessible (Child with disability should be able to access every part of the school) and child friendly.
- ✓ Reduce dropouts of children with disabilities in the regular schools
- ✓ Create awareness on inclusive education created among school authorities, teachers, students and the communities.
- ✓ Mobilize government to initiate the process for appointing special educators in the formal schools.

The students, teachers, parents, SMC members and elected representatives actively participated in the campaigns.

SUSTAINABLE TRIBAL LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM - GARIYABAND

This is a continued project being supported by SWISSAID India and PRERAK has worked under this project during the year 2019-20 with 546 direct and 2535 indirect beneficiaries in 20 selected villages of Gariyaband district of Chhattisgarh State. During the year, second phase of implementation was run till the month of June 2019 and then after final evaluation process conducted by the donor agency for Second Phase Implementation, new proposal was developed for the next three years with new strategic plan for implementation of programs/activities at field level. The major achievements, interventions and impacts during the financial year 2019-20 are stated below:



Capacity building of project staff, cadres and farmers on climate change adaption strategies and practices in agriculture:

Project orientation and planning meeting for partner staff - The meeting was organized on 10th and 11th December 2019 at Hotel Mayura Raipur in which Mr. Pramod Pradhan and Mr. Milind hardikar from SwissAid India participated as resource persons. This was a two days capacity building program and 8 staff members from PRERAK including 1 Project Director, 1 Project Coordinator, 4 Cluster Coordinators, 1 Accountant and 1 M&E Officer actively participated. The main purpose of this orientation meeting was to develop understanding of the partner's staff on project proposal and over all implementation strategies and various project components. Discussion was held on causes and effects of climate change on livelihoods of the small farmers, different components of the project, strategies, outcome, indicators and activity. Also discussion was held on project budget utilization, roles and responsibilities of project staff, various income generation activities to be adopted, about custom hiring centers and many more. Project team was called further by project director at project level to discuss and finalize the various interventions to be carried out at project field level. Project team was again oriented on their roles and responsibilities and better implementation of programs at field level. Plan was made accordingly to carry out programs/activities at field level.



Perspective building of staff of partner organizations, cadres/CBO leaders on climate change adaptation strategy and practices – Training was organized on 19th and 20th December at Bhilai, Gariyaband and it was a two days program in which Mr.Kuntal mukharjee (PRADAN organisation) and Mrs. Eshu sahu (KVK Gariaband) were the resource persons. 34 Persons (20male and 13 female) including the project staff and community members actively participated. The main objective was to understand the impacts of climate change and how to plan and prepare for those impacts in the project implementation. Discussion was held on climate change, causes of increased vulnerability, effect of increased vulnerability, strategies, adaptive agriculture strategies and off farm, farm based income generation activities also discussed. In this workshop participants shared about non timer forest produce, current era production situation and marketing system as well as value addition, Govt. schemes on agriculture and horticulture sector for small farmers.



Perspective building of staff of partner organizations, cadres/CBO leaders on climate change adaptation strategy and practices – One training program was organized in which 34 members including project staff participated and received knowledge and information. Project staffs were suggested to follow up the strategies made and for regular sensitization of community persons for different activities. Cadres were suggested to support the selected farmers day to day in the project interventions and regular discussion with farmers. Community leaders are also being motivated/sensitized for climate change adaptation strategies.

Developing IEC materials for nutrition education – IEC materials have been developed to disseminate knowledge and information. Decision has been made to print and publish a book on nutrition education. Order has been placed to print 1000 copies of books. Strategy will be made for distribution/sale and information/knowledge will be provided to community people through this on nutrition and education.



Training to project staff and cadres/CBO leaders on livestock management (Goatry, backyard poultry) – One day training was conducted on 23 December 2019 at Bhilai gariaband in which Dr. Tamesh Kanvar from Veterinary department, Gariyaband attended as the resource person and 33 Persons including project staff members actively participated and received training. Mainly, 20 women participants were capacitated on goat rearing and backyard poultry and they were given knowledge, information and technique of livestock management. Also, discussion was held on benefit of goat rearing and poultry, diseases and prevention care, vaccination, diet, breed and hut design, cleaning etc.



IEC material for (Goatry, Poultry, Fishery) – To provide knowledge and information on livestock management, a book on goatry, poultry and fishery has been published at project level. 1000 copies have been printed and kept in village information centers so that community people can access knowledge and information. This will help in promoting income generation activities adopted by different groups of beneficiaries.

Promotion of goatry through CBOs – At the initial stage of the intervention, 1 Self Help Group has been selected and provided with 11 goats with 20 goats as contribution from their own side. Now goat rearing is going on by 10 families. Follow up activities are being done for insurance, vaccination, proper shed and regular feeding. Regular follow up will be done for vaccination and feeding of livestock. Process will be carried out for insurance of livestock. Follow up will be done for proper shed construction.

Support for fishing net- After discussion with fish farmers and fishery committee members, it was finalized to support for fishing net. After market survey for fishing net, 2 types (different size) of fishing net were purchased and provided to fish farmers. The purpose is to encourage the farmers for fish cultivation.

Support for promotion for collective marketing (weighing machine packaging etc.)- To promote collective marketing, following items have been procured from market and kept at community level for their use in collective marketing:

- Weigh machines 10 nos. purchased (Capacity 150kg)
- Jute bags 700 nos. purchased (Capacity 40kg)
- Plastice bags 2000 nos. purchased (Capacity 40kg)



Establishment of Custom Hiring Centres - Custom hiring centers have been established in 10 villages like i) Jangle Dhavalpur, ii) Chindabhanta, iii) Kamepur, iv) Pariyabahara, v) Mahadula, vi) Begarpala, vii) Kurrabahara, viii) Patoradar, ix) Kasabey, x) Bhaisatara

Various farming equipments have been procured and kept in custom hiring centers to support small and marginal farmers for availing agricultural equipments. These include One multipurpose 4 stroke 34 cc engine brush cutter with 4 attachments, 1 paddy cutter (harvester) and guard, weedier and tiller. Second is one power vainer (1 HP Motor with fans and stands). Third is Diesel engine power sprayer with 300 ft pipes and fourth is hand operated manual sprayer mainly using on kitchen garden it is also useful for small land holding farmers.



PEOPLE'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ACCESSING RIGHTS ON FOREST, LAND, WATER AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PRACTICES

During the year 2019, PRERAK implemented the project 'People's empowerment through accessing right rights on land, water, forest and sustainable livelihood practices' in the project selected area in Chhattisgarh state covering 9 districts including 16 blocks, 174 villages and 18970 households through 4 partner organizations, 10 fellowships and 1 media fellow.

Our focus is on community mobilization and capacity building of forest tribal people for accessing their various rights on land, forest, water and agriculture based livelihood promotion. The detail activities undertaken during the period from January to December 2019 are as follows:



Village level orientation cum training program on CFR, IFR and PESA - Community people developed knowledge on CFR, IFR and PESA. They were motivated to submit application for CFR claims. Organized 112 village level training programs in all fellows and partner organizations project field area in which community people oriented on FRA and PESA. Community people received a basic knowledge which will help them to access their various rights.

Information collection, translation, printing and dissemination - All required information were collected and done its proper documentation. All project fellows visited at block and district level different offices and collected required information /data. All the required information/data collection was successful through filing RTIs at different offices.

Village level meetings for community awareness on natural resources, MGNREGA and gender sensitization - Awareness has increased among village people on natural resources and MGNREGA. Organized 920 meetings by fellows and partner organizations in the targeted area including 174 project villages in which community people learned about various natural resources available in their respective village area. Knowledge and information are being provided to the village people on regular basis to bring awareness among them on various resources available.



Exposure visit for village leaders, FRC & PRI members on CFR and PESA - Community leaders developed knowledge on their various rights. 9 exposure visits have been conducted for village leaders in which they acquainted with various knowledge and information. People acquired more knowledge and information on the issues by visiting other places affected by the same issues.

Workshop on strengthening Gram Sabha leaders on CFRA and PESA - Gram Sabha leaders improved knowledge on CFRA and PESA. Organised 92 workshops in project village area in which gram sabha leaders received knowledge and information CFR claims and PESA. Village leaders have developed their knowledge on CFRA and have received various information on PESA.



Training for fellows and project staff of the all 4 partners on CFR claim preparation, mapping, evidence collection and follow up - Project staff have developed their knowledge on mapping, evidence collection, follow up strategy, application preparation for CFR claims. Organized one training (3 days) for project staff in which all fellows and partner's staff oriented on CFR claim process. Being oriented, project fellows and other partner's staff are better facilitating the field level activities and helping villagers for community forest rights.

Village level meeting on preparation of CFR claim, area identification, mapping and collection all required information and documents - Village people developed their knowledge on the process documentation for CFR claims. Prepared applications for CFR claims with necessary supporting documents to be approved by Gram Sabhas. Organized 116 meetings by fellows and partner organizations in the targeted area including 174 villages in which community people learned on process documentation of CFR claims. Due to lack of education and knowledge, Tribal people's learning level is very low and it needs further to capacitate them and make them understood about process documentation of CFR claims.



Orientation program for FRC (VLC) CBO on how to take action after claim for CFR -

FRC members developed knowledge on CFR application process and Participants oriented on way forward process after submission of application for CFR. Organized 59 orientation programs for FRCs and CBOs members in the project targeted villages and they will start advocacy at block and district level after submission of applications for CFR claims. After orientation of FRCs and CBOs members, they came to know their roles and responsibilities and they are now ready to make advocacy for CFR entitlements and other government provisions.



Training of Panchayat representatives on active role of panchayats in community forest management- PRIs members developed their knowledge on community forest management. Conducted 76 training programs by fellows and partner organisation in project villages and participants have been trained on community forest management and all they received knowledge and information. Panchayat representatives will start preparing the community forest management plan with other community key persons

Training to selected youth on leadership promotion, legal provision and promotion & federating people's organisation- Village cadres developed leadership quality and improved their knowledge on various legal provisions and government schemes for facilitating village level activities. All selected village cadres in fellows' area were trained on leadership development and received knowledge and information on legal provisions. All cadres have been trained and they are supporting the fellows in facilitating all village level interventions.

Developing IEC materials and dissemination - Developed IEC materials (posters, pamphlets) for information dissemination. Posters, pamphlets being related to forest rights have been developed and are being disseminated among the community people to spread important messages and information. Forest communities are getting

important information and knowledge through posters, pamphlets and other IEC materials.



Organizing legal literacy camps - Community people developed knowledge on various legal rights and other provisions. 11 legal literacy camps have been organized in the project area and people from project villages have actively attended these programs. Community people have increased their knowledge on various legal

rights and other government provisions.



Foot march / community meeting / cluster meeting in effected villages - Increased awareness among community people. Organized 15 community meeting/cluster meeting at village level by project fellows in their respective field areas. Community people are becoming more aware about various village level issues and problems.

Workshop on gender sensitization - Developed knowledge on various gender issues and decreased in gender discrimination. Organized 26 workshops including celebration of international women's day in the project field area by partner organizations and fellows in which community persons participated and received information on various gender issues. Reduced in gender discrimination and people are being sensitized on various gender issues.

Training workshop for women leaders on group support and record keeping - Women leaders developed knowledge and skill on record keeping and group management. Organized 29 training workshops in which about 850 women leaders have been trained on record keeping and group management skills. Women leaders have been capacitated for maintaining their all records and further there is a need to improve their skills and ability through trainings and workshops.

Formation, promotion and strengthen of women's group for development work - Women are involved in village level development works and participating in decision making process also. 209 women SHGs have been promoted and strengthened by partner organizations and fellows field area. Women participation has increased in the various development processes under this project during the implementation of activities.



Preparation for nursery (species identification and selection, soil packing, day to day care for saplings) - Developed nursery including different species. Developed nursery for 20000 saplings. Plantation will be done when saplings are ready and also will be distributed among interested people for plantation in their home backyard land.

Wild/Desi seed collection, conservation and wild food festival - Community people developed their knowledge on various traditional varieties of seeds and wild foods. 7 wild food festivals were organized in the project districts facilitated by the project fellows and partner organisations in which community people from different places gathered and developed their knowledge on wild foods. New generation people are lack of knowledge and information on various wild foods which are very nutrients and good for health. So, by organizing wild food festivals, different wild foods are demonstrated and community people developed knowledge.

Regional Meeting on natural resource rights and livelihood rights - Community leaders developed their knowledge on natural resources rights and various tribal livelihood rights. 3 regional meetings were organized in the project field area in which about 125 community leaders participated and improved their knowledge. Organizing these meetings at field level are helpful to local community leaders to gather in a place and share experience to each other and discuss on rights.

Workshop on Forest Rights Act to implement in its full spirit consultation to enforce FRA, PESA - workshop on New Mining and Water Policy – People's Opinion (CBOs) - Strengthened people's capacity to raise demands for land entitlements under FRA and proper implementation of PESA and other rights and government provisions. Organized 1 state level two days workshop in which about 300 community leaders gathered in one platform and received knowledge, information and made their future plans to access their rights. Organizing such a big event is helpful to share different issues and thoughts among people coming from different places and to take common decisions for each area to influence government for accessing various rights.



'USING DIVERSITY' – CENTRAL INDIA

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

Under the Using Diversity Project, PRERAK has been working with two tribal groups of Chhattisgarh – the Kamars and the Birhors – who are classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). The project has involved 9 villages of the Kamar adivasi community in Mainpur Block of Gariaband District of Chhattisgarh and 10 villages of the Birhor adivasi community in Pali and Podi Blocks of Korba District, Chhattisgarh.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

In the context of the multitude of challenges currently being faced by the Kamar and Birhor communities the principal objectives of the UD project being implemented by PRERAK in Gariband and Korba Districts of Chhattisgarh are:



- Participatory documentation and research of traditional and prevalent agricultural practices with a focus promoting increased awareness of traditional mixed cropping practices and status of tradition crops cultivated by the project communities.
- Promoting revival of traditional agricultural practices as well as promotion of Ecological Farming, organic cultivation practices and kitchen gardens. The aim is to enable the target communities to strengthen their agricultural based livelihoods in a sustainable, ecologically viable manner.

- Ensuring availability of seeds to marginalized farmers through Community Seed Banks with a focus on traditional crops and crops that help meet the nutritional needs of the family.
- Participatory research and documentation of wild and uncultivated plant based foods of the target communities. This research will be used to promote awareness of the importance and benefits of uncultivated food as well as their revival and protection.
- Planting of selected uncultivated plants and trees to promote their regeneration
- Research on the implementation of FRA, 2006 with a focus on Individual Forest Rights (IFR) titles, Community Forest Resource (CFR) and Habitat Rights claims.
- Supporting target communities in understanding FRA, 2006 and the processes of filling and following up claims both for IFR and CFR.



TARGETED VILLAGES:

State: Chhattisgarh
 District: Gariaband
 Block: Mainpur
 No. of Villages: 09
 Community Name: "KAMAR"

S.No.	Name of village	Name of Panchayat	No. of Household
1	Kulhadighat	Kulhadighat	95
2	Katva	Kulhadighat	19
3	Besrajhar	Kulhadighat	56
4	Gavarmund	Kulhadighat	32
5	Devdongar	Kulhadighat	31
6	Bhaludighi	Kulhadighat	29
7	Matal	Kulhadighat	31
8	Tarajhar	Kulhadighat	36
9	Bhatadighi	Kulhadighat	32
TOTAL			361



COMMUNITY SEED BANK

State: Chhattisgarh
 District: Korba
 Block: Pali & Podi
 No. of Villages: 10
 Community Name: "BIRHOR"

S.No.	Name of village	Name of Panchayat	No. of Household
1	Bhandarkhol	Pali	11
2	Tadichuha	Pali	10
3	Udtaa	Pali	16
4	Mazgaona	Pali	22
5	Samelibhata	Podi	52
6	Gudumuda	Podi	36
7	Malda	Podi	15
8	Nagarmuda	Podi	10
9	Dogartarai	Podi	07
10	Nagoi	Podi	05
TOTAL			185



MAJOR ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR – PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

BIRHOR COMMUNITY (Podi and Pali Block - Korba district)

During this year, community fellow and the facilitator for the Birhor community area in Korba district carried out community meetings and consultations in all 10 targeted villages on mixed cropping systems and organic farming, collection of various traditional seeds, conservation and storage of different seeds in the seed bank, collection, consumption and demonstration of uncultivated food, nursery development and promotion of kitchen garden. The major meetings and events carried out during the year are as follows:

Activity	Date	Place	No. of Participants
Orientation on ecological agriculture and training on preparation of bio fertilizer, bio pesticides	27/05/2019	Gudrumuda	55 (22 female & 33 male)
Establishment of Community Seed Bank	20/11/2019	Udta	10 members
Orientation for community mobilise and farmers leaders on Forest Rights Act (IFR,CFR and Habitat Rights)	22/11/2019	Malda	48 members
Establishment of community nursery	May- Aug	Malda	1000 saplings were distributed to farmer families
Training to community mobilisers and farmer leaders on mixed cropping pattern and ecological practices	29/05/2019	Gudrumuda	47 community leaders
Support for kitchen garden	July month	All 10 project villages	50 farmers
Orientation of School children on uncultivated food/wild food	23/07/2019 24/07/2019 28/09/2019 17/10/2019 14/11/2019 09/12/2019 11/12/2019 12/12/2019 13/12/2019 14/12/2019	Gudrumuda Sameelibhanta Dongartarai Katorinagoi Nagarmuda Majgava Malda Tedhichua Udta Bhandarkhol	19 Children 22 Children 18 Children 18 Children 34 Children 17 Children 25 Children 20 Children 19 Children 16 Children
Organising Seed Mela	19/12/2019	Malda	350 Community people from 10 villages including MLA, PRIs
Support to farmers for mixed cropping agriculture	July month	All 10 project villages	25 farmers



KAMAR COMMUNITY (Mainpur Block, Gariaband district)

In Kamar community area of Mainpur block, the community fellow and the facilitator are working in 9 selected villages and they carried out, during the reporting period, various community village meetings, consultation meetings, trainings and other community level interventions to strengthen and empower Kamar community. The major meetings and events carried out during the year are as follows:

Activity	Date	Place	No. of Participants
Orientation on ecological agriculture and training on preparation of bio fertilizer, bio pesticides	07/07/2019	Besrajhar	54 (19 female & 35 male)
Orientation for community mobilise and farmers leaders on Forest Rights Act (IFR,CFR and Habitat Rights)	24/11/2019	Kulhadighat	46 community leaders
Establishment of community nursery	May- August	Kulhadighat	1000 saplings were distributed to farmer families
Training to community mobiliser and farmer leaders on mixed cropping pattern and ecological practices	26/06/2019	Gavarmund	52 community leaders (12 female and 40 male)
Support for kitchen garden	July month	All 10 project villages	50 farmers
Orientation of School children on uncultivated food/wild food	19/07/2019 22/07/2019 10/08/2019 15/08/2019 15/10/2019 04/11/2019 06/11/2019 06/12/2019 07/12/2019 09/12/2019	Bhatadiggi Bhaludiggi Besrajhar Kulhadighat Devdongar Gavarmund Kathwaa Tarajhar Matal Sukhapani	11 Children 17 Children 15 Children 13 Children 18 Children 13 Children 30 Children 19 Children 20 Children 15 Children
Organising Seed Mela	27/12/2019	Jidaar	About 200 community people attended this Mela (Festival)
Support to farmers for mixed cropping agriculture	July month	All 10 project villages	25 farmers



PROGRAM OUTPUTS UNDER THE PROJECT:

- 99 persons from Kamar and Birhor communities were trained on mixed cropping system.
- 100 farmers have been supported to developed kitchen garden at their household level.
- 50 farmers have been supported for mixed cropping agriculture practices.
- 379 primary school students have been oriented on various wild foods and uncultivated foods available in the forest.
- 2 nurseries have been developed in both Kamar and Birhor community areas.
- 3 community seed banks have been strengthened by supporting them for collection and storage of various traditional seeds.
- Promoted organic farming by using bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides.
- 94 persons were oriented on Forest Rights Act (FRA).
- 2000 saplings were distributed among farmers in the project area for plantation.



COMMUNITY BASED SEED SYSTEMS OF TRIBAL WOMEN

PRERAK is implementing the project 'Community Based Indigenous Seed Systems of Tribal Women" in selected villages of Chhura and Graiaband Block of Gariaband district in Chhattisgarh State with financial support by Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu.

The main purpose of this project is to provide minimum resources to individual woman as well as group seed savers so as to encourage them to conserve indigenous seeds, to enhance their capacity by strengthening and developing their skills and knowledge, aiming at supporting mobilization of seed producers into groups that will consist of women seed producers, promoting traditional seeds among small and marginal women farmers, its storage and conservation within and outside of project area. This project is based on three major components i.e. (i) Individual woman and group seed savers, (ii) Seed producers groups and (iii) Small and medium women farmers. As far as the envisaged results are concerned the project has the following achievements during this year:

- Project staff have been oriented to facilitate all field level activities by organizing one training program for staff in which project director and accountant also participated. Discussion was held on project concept, implementation strategies and how to build capacity of women seed producers.
- Three community seed banks have been updated and strengthened with necessary equipments. Seed banks have become active at village level and availing required seeds to farmers for cultivation.
- One conservation block at Bhilai, Gariyaband has been developed and 350 varieties of paddy seeds are now available out of which 200 varieties have been characterized.
- Selected women farmers have been provided with indigenous varieties of vegetable seeds for developing kitchen garden.
- Selected seed producer women farmers have been supported for quality seed production of 10 potential varieties of paddy, millets and pulses. 10 quintals of early varieties paddy seeds have been purchased to support women seed producers group.
- One seed production workshop has been organized in which seed producers basically women farmers received knowledge and techniques of various seeds production.
- Two field days were organized in which farmers visited the crops field area and improved their knowledge.



- One exposure visit was organized in which participants visited Bargarh, Odisha and developed their knowledge and information.



GENDER INCLUSION:

The organisation have integrated gender issues under this project. Seed production by women farmers, management of community seed banks by women members, supporting individual woman seed saver are the examples of gender inclusion under this project. It is neither easy nor difficult to include gender sensitivity in our current project activities. Most of the families in the project villages are male headed. Except domestic activities and seasonal NTFPs collection, tribal women are not engaged in other works. The organisation is regularly making its efforts to bring gender sensitivity through various activities. Gender inclusion is not so difficult because the organisation has been working in this project area with women groups since a long time. There are no any specific social norms prevalent in the project field area, but due to the conservative nature of men in the society, women are far from participating in any developmental works. One female worker has been engaged as project staff in this project and she has been provided with training and orientation on project implementation. Our seed producer group is consisting of women farmers, 50% of seed committee members are women. All these women stakeholders under this project are being given training and orientation for their leadership development. Women participations have been given emphasis on all our project activities. In each of the training, workshop, meeting conducted at field level, the majority of participants are women. All stock registers, distribution registers and other files/records are maintained by woman members in community seed banks. Women farmers have been selected as the main seed producer group under this project.



THE PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN RAIPUR DISTRICT

PRERAK is running academic school (from Nursery Class to Class VIII) for socially and economically backward and poor children in Abhanpur Block of Raipur district. The main purpose is to impart qualitative academic education to underprivileged rural children. Parents, those who are very poor, are not able to provide their children better education facilities. The organisation found that so many rural children are deprived from their basic education due to their various socio-economic problems. Right to Education Act provides provisions and facilities for children to study but it is seen in the area that many more poor parents engage their children in domestic works and other income generating activities. So, parents counseling is a regular process that we are following and motivating parents for their children's education. The school is named as 'Sanskaar Public School' and during the year 2018-19, there are 130 students enrolled in nursery class to 8th Class. This is a English medium school, however medium of instruction is followed by both English and Hindi language. Our committed school staffs (both teaching and non-teaching) are always making their best efforts to impart quality education to the students.



The organisation had applied to **GGP Japan in Mumbai** for grant assistance for construction of new school building and after approval, "The project for the construction of school for under-privileged children" was implemented for a period of 12 months and in the month of January 2020, construction work was fully completed. The new school building consist of separate class rooms for Nursery to Class-VIII students, library room, principal and staff rooms, clerk rooms, separate sanitation facilities for both boys and girls, potable drinking water and electricity facilities. Overall, the school provides the better environment for children to study and develop their academic education.



OLD AGED HOME (SIYAN SEVA SADAN)

INTRODUCTION:

Rehabilitation for aged and needy persons is a dire need of the hour. PRERAK organisation has established one Old Age Home at Bhilai in Gariaband Block of Gariaband district. This old age home is functioning since July 2018 in a rented building. The main purpose is to provide cares for the destitute old people who have no one else to care for them, sick and abandoned by family and those uprooted by disasters. At present, 25 old persons are living in Siyan Seva Sadan (Old Age Home) and they are being provided with shelter, food, clothing and medical care. Apart from this, all the inhabitants are receiving recreational facilities like music and watching television. The organisation is receiving financial support from Social Welfare Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.



Vision: To provide due care to the helpless and destitute and old aged persons in the society and even those aged persons neglected by the family and did not get proper care due to poverty, so that they live as valued members of the society with a peace of mind before going to their eternal home.

Purpose: To ensure access of poor helpless and destitute Old Aged Persons of Gariaband and adjoining districts of the Chhattisgarh safe accommodation, tender love, proper care, nourishment, health service and other basic needs.

Goal: To Ensure a sound and friendly environment for the poor helpless and destitute old persons towards achieving a promising peaceful conditions for them fostering their physical, mental, social and spiritual development and wellbeing as well.

Objectives:

- (i) To ensure Food, Cloth and Shelter for the targeted poor helpless, destitute and old aged persons.
- (ii) To ensure access to instant and quality health care for the poor helpless, destitute and old aged persons so that they can get awareness on health and hygienic issues.
- (iii) To create an effective old aged friendly learning and recreational environment for the poor helpless and destitute an old aged persons within the Old Aged Home, so that they can live peacefully as their own Home.



Location and Address:

The Old Age Home is situated in village - Bhilai, Post - Malgaon, Block & District – Gariaband, Chhattisgarh. It is only 2.5 km distance from Gariaband town and easily accessible to many district level government offices, other resource materials and daily needs.

Human Resources: There are about 10 staff members who are rendering their services in this Old Age Home. Staff members include Manager/Superintendent, Counselor, Nurse, Cook, Assistant Cook, Caretaker, Sweeper, Watchman and Part-time Doctor.

Major Activities/Services Carried out During the Period: The organisation has started the Old Age Home (Siyan Seva Sadan) from July 2018 and major activities during the year 2019 are as follows:

- During the month of July 2019, Chhattisgarh local festival named as 'Hariyali' was celebrated in the premises of old age home in the presence of Centre Manager Roshni Goswami, Kamli Sahu, Santoshi Dhruv, other staff members and all inhabitants. Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2019 in which village leaders and school students participated along with old men and women residing in Siyan Seva Sadan.
- Festivals like 'Krishna Janmastami', 'Rakshya Bandhan', 'Diwali', 'Kartik Purnima' were celebrated in Old Age Home to develop spiritual knowledge of inhabitants and to encourage them for social ideality factor.
- Along with New Year 2020 celebration, village festival was also held in Bhilai village in which all persons, living in Old Age Home, actively participated and celebrated the occasion.



