

# CPF - 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

6<sup>th</sup> August, 2018



The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of Centre for People's Forestry (CPF) has brought the entire CPF network under one roof which includes Partner NGOs, Community representatives and field facilitators from various ongoing projects to share, cross learn and to discuss various programmes. The meeting held at St. Ann's Generalate, Tarnaka, Secunderabad on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. A total of 109 (79 Male and 30 Female) representatives from 3 states i.e Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Odisha have participated in the meeting.

## Welcome Session



Mr. E Poorna Chander, Convener of Annual Meeting, CPF; initiated the meeting with a warm welcome to all participants and a briefed about the agenda and the meetings schedules for next 2 days, it followed by a round of self-introduction of all the participants in this gathering.

Mr. Khaleel, Admin & HR Officer; shared overview of CPF Vision, Mission and Approach of the organization. Further he has explained core values of CPF i.e Participation, Transparency, Accountability, Equity & Equality and

functioning of organisation with the help of various policies and manuals. The areas of work under Forest communities programme are Rights & Entitlements, Action Research & Policy Advocacy, Participatory SNRM & Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change. Similarly, the areas of work under Rural Communities Programme are Health (Health Insurance & Sanitation), Village Development, Digital Initiative and Skill development.



Later the annual achievements were presented thematically by the concerned Programme/Project Officers along with the team. The brief description of the presentations are as follows.

## **Forest Communities Programme by Mr. P Rajanikanth, SPO & team**

The Forest Communities Programme is core thematic area of CPF. Under this thematic area 10 projects are in implementation with 54 field personnels across 5 districts of 3 states covering 649 villages.



The broader theme of Forest Communities Programme working on some of the specific sub-themes such as Rights & Entitlements, Action Research & Policy Advocacy, Participatory SNRM & Livelihoods and Adaption to Climate change.

Among these sub themes Rights & Entitlements, Participatory SNRM & Livelihoods were presented by Mr.Srinivasulu, Programme Officer, and Forest Communities.

He presented consolidated field activities of the team, where the programme have formed various committees in villages like Vanasamarakshana Samithi (VSS) , Mothers' committee, School Management Committee, Village Youth Committee, Forest Rights Committee, Village Farmers' Clubs, Water Utilization Committee and Sarpanch / Ward Members' committee. All of these committees are formed under the umbrella of the Village Coordination Group (VCG), it functions for overall development of the village.



Under the rights and entitlements activity the field team followed up 106 applications for various development schemes through Village Coordination Groups (VCG). Out of which 7 are sanctioned, 2 are under process and 3 are completed. As part of this activity, in health facilities the team have facilitated in construction of Anganwadi buildings, compound walls, kitchen sheds, toilets and water pipelines. Total applications received 92 out of which 11 got sanctions and, 3 are in process and 5 completed. Similarly the data was collected from school management committee, Agriculture and mothers committee also.

Participatory SNRM & Livelihood activities like animal health, providing cattle in subsidy, agriculture related issues were addressed. Team prepared standard plan in 10 villages on ownership of forest protection. Further, team pursued adaptation to climate change as part of water shed programme along with implementation of new technology in recharging wells.



A study was conducted entitled 'Tribal agriculture methods of pulses and vegetables cultivation at Malkangiri', Odisha State.



## **Rural Communities Programme by Mr. K. Satyanarayana, SPO & Mr. Devan Kumar, SPO and the team**



CPF implementing Health Insurance, Sanitation, implementation of Village Development Plans, Digital Initiatives and Skill development Initiatives. Brief programme details of the initiatives of the reporting period was presented by the Project officers is given below.



## **Health Insurance Project presented by Project Officer Mr. Eswar Reddy**



"Implementation of Health insurance Program in Vijayawada, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh" focusing on providing health insurance access at community level to demonstrate provision of universal health coverage & providing possibility of hassle free access of health care. A total of 10,950 patients (7530 F & 3420 M) availed services In the year 2017-18 and a total of 3,20,288 households are availed services from Star Health insurance Network hospitals till date through this programme.

## **Sanitation Initiative, presented by Project Officer Mr. Allabakshu Shaik**

Under the sanitation project during the period 2017-18, constructed 3766 IHHLs in 200 Gram Panchayat, where approximately 30,000 peoples benefitted, who use these IHHLs. Further to promote good hygiene practices among children, constructed 100 school urinals and toilets for both GIRLS and BOYS, and 97 Hand Wash platforms were constructed in both of the Primary, Upper Primary and high schools in project area, Approximately 20000 students deriving benefits with the usage of these toilets. To provide a healthy environment in Anganwadi centres, team facilitated in constructing 84 toilets with western basins for pregnant women and rural basins for kids. This initiative benefits a total of 2000 women and kids.



## **Implementation of Village Development Plans-presented by Mandal Coordinators Mr. S. Bala Saida & Mr. P. Rajasekhar**

Under the VDP project, mobilization and participatory activities are carried out along with government convergence to facilitate in creating various infrastructure activities as follows

- Facilitated in providing 10,000 metres of Water pipeline in 80 GPs for domestic purpose, each pipeline averagely benefits 30 to 35 families.
- Facilitated in construction of 39 water storage tanks in 39 GPs for both Domestic and drinking water purpose, each tank benefits 20 families.
- Developed 4 Burial ground in 4GPs



- Provided 980 TATA SWACHH WATER FILTERS in 980 Anganwadi centres in 16 mandals of Vijayawada parliament constituency
- Facilitated in providing drainage cleaning material to 80 Villages, and conducted clean drive activities to inculcate the villagers drainage cleaning habit to reduce mosquito breeding,
- Initiated Solid waste management program, provided 44 try cycles for collection of dry and wet waste from households
- Facilitated avenue plantations and demonstrated provision of 12000 Tree guards to each of the sapling and water drum try cycle in 80GPs

## AP Internet Saathi – Digital Livelihoods by Project Officer Mr. P. Vinod Kumar



This project covered 14,900 villages in Andhra Pradesh and provided training to 45,00, 000 women on internet & its applications. As part of Digital Livelihoods programme, “Haqdarshak” pilot project, G-Suite App installation, Kantar Survey, NITI Aayog survey and Printer Aajeevika Yojana were done. Further, G-Suite trainings were conducted to install G-Suite APP in Saathis devices across 13 districts. ZCs and CCs planned to bring all the devices for G-Suite trainings. Kantar survey was conducted in all 13 districts by ZCs and CCs in Kadapa and Krishna districts. Later ZCs and CCs conducted cluster wise trainings to Saathis.

## Informal Sector Workers Initiative (ISWI) by Mr. Srinivas

The main objective of the program is to mobilize unemployed youth under the age group of 18-35 and train them through Job oriented skills and Entrepreneurship mode of training and provide placement in companies and business establishments with salary or honorarium is adequate to meet their basic living standards. The skill development project is operational in Ibrahimpatnam, Jaggayyapeta and Tiruvuru blocks of the Vijayawada Rural Parliamentary constituency.



Under this project, in the year 2017-18, the project team mobilized on providing training to 815 candidates in employable skill trades with partnership led training centres and 286 candidates were provided training under on job training mode. First and second category put together a total 1101 candidates were provided training, out of these trained beneficiaries, 635 were provided placements based employment and self-employment.

## Interactive Session



Dr. D Suryakumari, Director-CPF started the session by explaining the organizational structure of CPF. The organization structure starts from **Managing Trustee, Board of Trustees and Director, Board level sub-committees (including Director), Managing Committee (Headed by Director) and Staff Committees.**

It was clarified to gathering about the reporting lines seniority differentiating the hierarchical structure. Further, discussed about the interpersonal skills format

and its confidentiality and necessary for its implementation to run the activities of the organization in hassle free. Further, director asked the team to fill the interpersonal skills format then and there and requested to drop the filled form in the box.

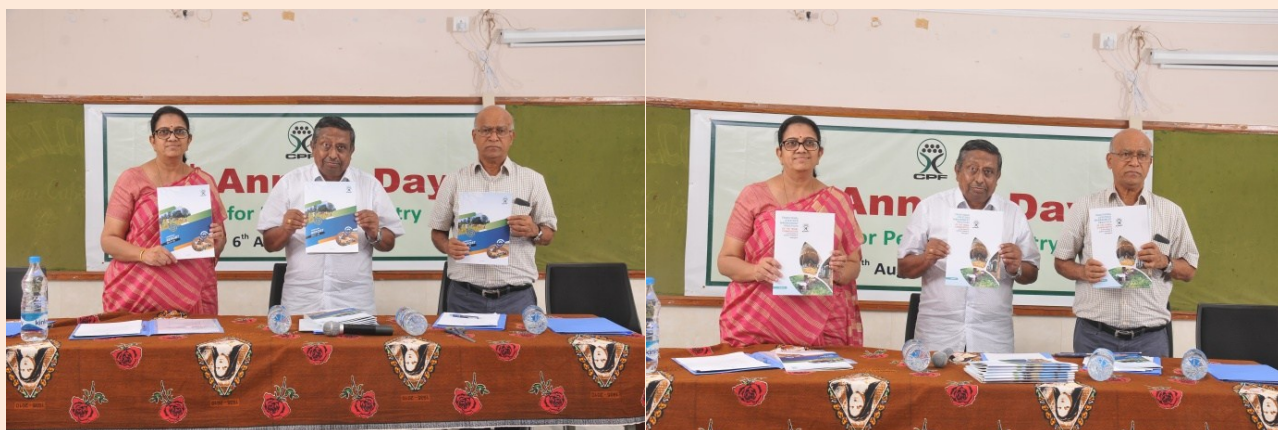
This platform is the opportunity to learn the reflection of community on the work taken up and done in the operational areas and to understand the need of the community. Taking this opportunity Dr. D. Suryakumari welcomed to take new ideas from the participants to promote new initiatives which contributes enhancing the social and economic benefits for the community. In response, the participants shared various activities which are identified in their respective field locations such as career guidance to school children (Class 8 & above) to have a better idea on future education, implementation of Sanitation and Health insurance projects in tribal areas, motivation to be generated to the community for contribution in CPF activities. Further the participants suggested to take initiatives of de-silting activities in open wells, nutrition and food security activities, awareness on control of child marriages etc. ,

## 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DAY EVENT

Mr. P Rajanikanth, Senior Programme Officer welcomed Dr. Subhash Chandra, DGM-NABARD and CPF Managing Trustee Dr. K. Kameswara Rao and Trustee Dr. Ravindranath, and Director Dr. D Suryakumari and requested them to occupy the Dais. Director Dr. D Suryakumari further welcomed the dignitaries in dais and requested Dr. K Kameswara Rao to chair the meeting.

Further, Annual report and Annual Audited statements of accounts were presented by Director Dr.Suryakumari and finance officer Mr. Balraj Gupta during the meeting.

### *Release of Publications*



- Annual Report 2017 – 18
- Traditional Livestock Management Practices of the tribal communities in the states of Andhrapradesh & Telangana



## Messages from Guests:



**Dr. Subhash Chandra, DGM, NABARD:** CPF made lot of efforts to bring the community members from three different states into a common platform. This platform gives good opportunity to the funding agencies to hear the project implementation process and its achievements. He appreciated the FPO facilitation activity of CPF and suggested to increase the Membership and Share capital contribution from farmers for effective implementation of the activities to get more benefit out of it. He suggested to address challenges of information and technology

inputs reach of the farmers, citing examples organic farming, ZBNF which could effectively reduce the input cost and increases the income of the farmers. In this context, he suggested to take initiation of organic farming in rain fed areas. He emphasized the FPO activities and suggested to bring convergence mode with government and other related agencies for initiation of multiple field based activities for betterment of farmers, he also shared information on similar projects such as Credit Guarantee Fund, Green Climate Fund, ITDA, NABARD, Banks, CSR etc.,

**Dr. NH Ravindranath, Trustee – CPF:** He appreciated the activities of CPF both in Forest and Rural Communities Programme and dedication of Dr. D. Suryakumari, Director-CPF.

As an Environmental and Climate Change expert, he shared the climate change vulnerabilities of global scenario and its effects in everyday human life, mentioning India is also one of the climate vulnerable countries in the world. In this context he suggested to work for water conservation, forest conservation, and climate change adaptation activities in agriculture. Further he suggested to educate the farmers by providing weather and agro-met advisories to take informed decisions in agricultural activities. He expressed his happiness by seeing the community participation and seriousness of the team who is reaching out to the community with multiple initiatives at field level to contribute climate change mitigation activities. He expressed his best wishes to the CPF to qualify several such projects which would contribute for the development of community.



**Dr. K. Kameswara Rao, Managing Trustee – CPF:** He congratulated Dr. Suryakumari, Director-CPF for leading this institution for more than 15 years which is incredible contribution in implementation of various developmental activities in the field which benefits Tribals, resource poor and marginalized sections of the society. He suggested CPF team to take initiative on organic farming, seed production, traditional livestock management practices, ZBNF etc. As an Environmental Science expert, he also suggested to contribute in mitigating climate change and global warming issues which are effecting Agriculture and Livestock through various field level activities.



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