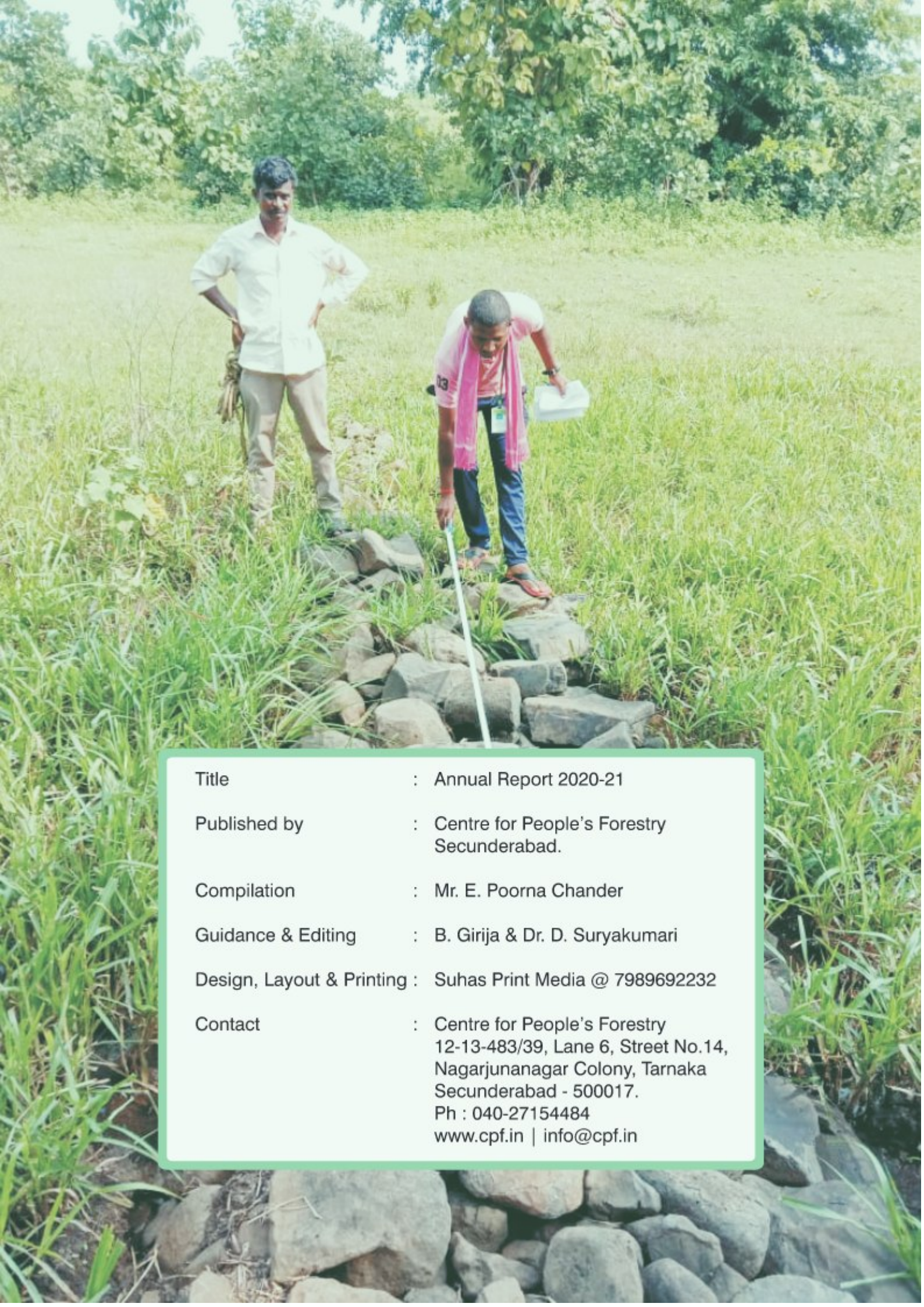




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# I. ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

## Centre for People's Forestry (CPF)

CPF is a Civil Society Organisation established on 6th August 2002. It is a non-profit, non-political and secular organisation, working for the development of forest, rural communities and other resource poor people, especially the deprived and marginalised sections.



## The Approach

CPF follows a constructive, critical and collaborative approach for all its activities and projects. On one hand, it forms and/or works with a network of local NGOs and Community based organisations (CBOs) and on the other, it liaisons with the State and National Governments to deliver the best service to the communities.

Before planning an intervention, CPF carries out action research to understand the situation at all levels, identify gaps and define the role to be played by CPF and other stakeholders in it. It disseminates learning and data through documentation and workshops. A policy of transparency in all activities has helped CPF to create a healthy work environment which makes it easy for the organisation to enlist support from Government, NGOs and academic institutions to realise various project goals.

### VISION

The marginalised sections (women, tribals & dalits) among forest and rural communities will manage and utilise forest and other resources sustainably, with due regard to conservation of biodiversity and attain livelihood security.

### MISSION

Promoting capacities, diversifying skills and enhancing livelihood security of the marginalised sections among the forest and rural communities



# Values

## Participation

Participation at all levels is central to the way CPF functions. The organisational structure of CPF is non-hierarchical and thus has a built-in mechanism to encourage both team spirit and participation of all staff members. The philosophy and central goal of CPF encourages the participation of other stakeholders and thus ensures the flow in of different points of view.

## Transparency

CPF maintains openness in its functioning by proactively making information easily accessible through reports, organisation website and open presentations at the Annual Meetings. Thus all stakeholders have automatic access to both programme and financial information in the annual reports of CPF. The organisation strives to ensure this practice among NGOs and various CBOs with whom it partners with.



## Accountability

Accountability is reflected in how CPF collects and uses data, organises multi-stakeholder platform meetings, produces reports taking independent views on contentious issues, derives mandate from the annual meetings and shares information including that of finances with all concerned. CPF staff is present at Board of Trustees (BoT) meetings held twice a year. Here both the Director and the staff are accountable for their functioning to the independent board.



## Equity & Equality

CPF always strives to ensure equity and fairness in its functioning. This includes equality in gender relations. CPF also strives to ensure that the changes it proposes to bring at the community level are equitable. The selection of project locations is done with positive discrimination to the vulnerable and marginalised sections.

Gender: Gender sensitivity and correction of wider social disparities are an integral part of CPF's workplace ethics' policy. It aims at mitigating concerns of Gender in all its programmes. It achieves this through building capacities of CPF staff, partner NGOs and target communities.

### STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & LEGAL COMPLAINTS

2002: CPF registered under Indian Trust Act 1882 on 6th August, 2002

2003: Registration under 12A (a) of the I.T. Act, 1961

2006: Registration under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 1976

2016: FCRA Renewal till 2021

2020: Tax exemption recognition under section 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961

## FCRA

New FCRA designated Bank Account opened in New Delhi Branch

## Approvals

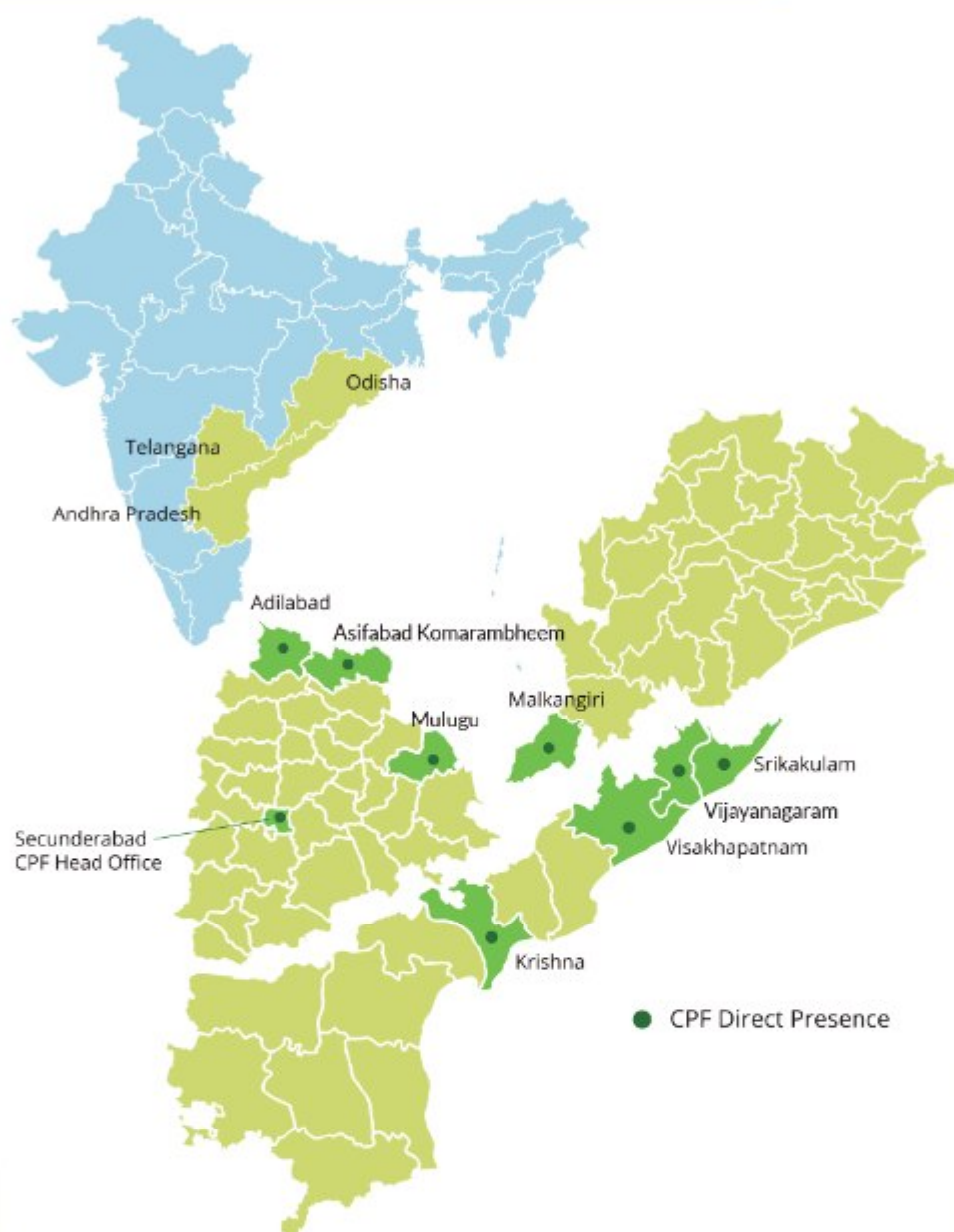
Renewal of 12A & 80G has been granted for three years (2021 - 24)

## CSR Registration

Received approval letter from Ministry of Corporate Affairs for Undertaking CSR Activities



# Operational Areas



S.No.	Name of the State	No. of Districts	No. of Villages
1	Andhra Pradesh	4 - Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and Krishna	152
2	Telangana	4 – Adilabad, Asifabad, Mulugu and Nagarkurnool	161
3	Odisha	1-Malkangiri	12
	<b>3 States</b>	<b>9 districts</b>	<b>325 Villages</b>

**Additional operational areas:** Facilitation of CFR Claim submission and management plan preparation in 1738 (325 Villages ongoing project villages) in 6 districts of three states



## II. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021)

### FOREST COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

1. Rights and Entitlements
2. Action Research and Policy Advocacy
3. Participatory SNRM and Livelihoods
4. Adaptation to Climate Change



Key accomplishments of Forest Communities Programme are briefly narrated below.

### OUT REACH

Name of the Core Area	Number of People reached			Number of HHS Reached	Number of villages Reached out	Name of the States	Names of the Districts
	Male	Female	Total				
Rights & Entitlements	11127	5992	17119			Telangana, Andhra Pradesh & Odisha	Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Adilabad, Asifabad, Mulugu and Nagarkurnool districts of Telangana and Malkangiri district of Odisha states
Participatory SNRM & Sustainable Livelihoods	6143	2790	8933	16491	234		
Adaptation to Climate Change	6361	1832	8193				

Rs. 3.89 crores were the grants received from donors and Rs. 57.63 lakhs were leveraged from various Government Departments like Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Rural Water Supply, Forest Department and Rural Development, Education Departments.







# 1. Rights and Entitlements

## Community Forest Resource Rights (CFRs)

Forest communities should have the right to ownership of the forests they live and depend on. It enables them to effectively conserve and manage the forests, utilize their resources, and have security of livelihood. CPF has been working on securing Community Forest Resource rights since its inception through JFM program and later through the provisions of Forest Rights Act. Though IFR (Individual Forest rights) settlement took place, CFRs settlement did not take off due to unwillingness of Governments.

During the year, CPF facilitated formation of Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) at Gram Sabha level in 1305 villages for submitting claims for Community Forest Rights (CFRs) & Community Forest Resource Rights. 120 (100 Male, 20 Female) volunteers were identified to facilitate the CFR claim preparation. Trainings are given to FR committees on the process of claim submission including joint verification system. Along with this training, Volunteers are trained on collection & verification of old records, facilitation of Gram Sabha meetings and how claims need to be submitted to Sub Divisional Level Committee (SDLC). Due to Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown situation in the villages this process slowed down and claim submission got delayed. Villages were facilitated with drafting the community forest resources management plan and 75 villages drafted MGNREGS work plan in forest fringe areas.

## Entitlements

An entitlement is a welfare benefit to which a person has a lawful right if they meet certain eligibility requirements; and it plays a very important role in development, pertaining to equitable distribution of goods and services. As most of the Tribal/ Forest dwelling communities are in the hilltop and remote areas; government is also facing difficulties in ensuring its services to reach them. To address this problem since 2015, CPF initiated Village Coordination Groups (VCGs) by selecting members from existing committee members in the village formed through various government orders/schemes and other community based organization in the village. They are strengthened to access available government schemes and entitlements. During the period 2020-2021, VCGs are functioning effectively in 100 tribal villages of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha. They discuss the issues in these meetings and submit the petitions to the concerned officials and follow it up regularly.

**Social Security:** VCG's efforts gave benefits to 91 percent (2001 out of 2109) of eligible persons under social security programs, i.e., old age pensions, widow pensions, and physically challenged pensions etc.,

**Health:** VCG is monitoring the Mothers Committee, thus strengthening it to avail Anganwadi facilities. The outcome of this capacity building is that 99 % (2018 out of 2048) eligible beneficiaries received

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*Since 2007, CPF facilitated Recognition of Forest Rights under 2006 (RoFR act). Around 9460 forest dependent and dwelling households received IFR (Individual Forest Rights) title for the agriculture land (20045 acres) in the forest area of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha.*



regular and quality services from Anganwadi centers. Another impact has been that five Anganwadi centers got renovated.

**Education:** School Management Committees (SMCs) are capacitated through VCGs. SMCs got involved in monitoring punctuality of teacher and strived to make teachers attend school regularly. In 14 villages, applications are submitted for new/ renovation of existing school

**Agriculture:** Farmers are eligible for accessing crop loans, input subsidies, technical and farm machinery support etc. CPF supported farmers in its operational area by helping them to establish Tribal Farmers Service Centre (TFSCs) to guide and facilitate farmers to avail these benefits. In the current reporting period, 3229 farmers out of 4059 TFSC members have received sanction for at least one support from Agriculture Department and ITDA with the facilitation of TFSC.

Further 9932 Farmers benefitted out of total 11580 farmers in all CPF operational villages by availing Government schemes in various project locations through CPF interventions.





# CASE STORY

## Rations and Road to village during COVID time!

Tomguda village with 25 tribal households is in deep forests and with poor road connectivity. Proper road ended at Maranpalli village which is 9 kms away from their village. People faced immense hardships during COVID 19 pandemic times. They almost starved as neither PDS shops, weekly shandies functioned due to lockdown and nor the government's dry ration relief reached them.

CPF has initiated the federation of the habitation level Village Coordination Groups (VCGs) to lobby for better services with government. 6 villages in Telarai Gram Panchayat, Malkangiri District namely Mangipalli, Singavaram, Tomguda, Telarai, Jakalkundi, and Maranpalli were federated with 15 members in the month of January 2020.

The food crisis pushed the VCG Federation members to gherao Block Development Officer and leave his office only after ensuring PDS supplies to Tomguda. Further their petition for 9 km road got sanctioned in the forest area connecting Tomguda to Maranpalli.

The federation was quite active and created awareness among community on COVID precautionary measures. It facilitated linkages of NTFP collector with traders through block office. The VCG federation work received appreciation from the Block officials in their social networking sites.





## 2. Action Research and Policy Advocacy

Since inception, CPF has been regularly carrying out Participatory Action Research for analysis of forestry related policies and practices, livelihood enhancement needs and opportunities and biodiversity. The results are used for policy advocacy and for formulating appropriate interventions.

Grass root governance of Andhra Pradesh: Grama Sachivalayam

The Government of Andhra Pradesh initiated new administrative system "Grama Sachivalayam" or "Village Secretariat" for speedy and transparent delivery of government services at the doorstep for all eligible households (GOMs.No.110, July 2019). The panchayat office will function as Village Secretariat with the support of Functional Assistants and Volunteers and all line department officials will work in co-ordination with the Secretariat. Each volunteer would be responsible for 50 households and 100 households in municipalities. Around 4 lakh people were recruited as Village Volunteers and Functional Assistants.

CPF undertook a study (post 1st wave of Covid-19 between July-September 2020) on the functioning of Grama Sachivalayam. The study was conducted in its operational villages covering 18 Grama Sachivalayams (10 Mandals in 4 Districts namely Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Krishna and Kadapa) and interviews were conducted with 127 functionaries and 77 community persons.

### Findings of the study:

- 97% of the community persons opined that Sachivalayam is a better system and they were able to access information on schemes and delivery at their homes.
- Post covid the government was able to reach out to each household with messages regarding the prevention and spread of COVID 19 and could deliver groceries and medicines during lock down to the needy through volunteers. They became frontline workers for government.
- Distribution of Pensions and PDS became efficient and awareness and enrolment for other welfare schemes like fee reimbursement, rythu bharosa were being streamlined.
- More than 70% said for accessing caste, land, Aadhar certificates they are going to Mandal offices even now. Government needs to focus on this as this was the primary objective of village secretariat system.

### Ongoing Study:

Understanding the impact of CPF intervention towards holistic development of Tribal Communities (Adilabad, Telangana). The primary data collection got completed. Data analysis is under process.



### 3. Participatory SNRM and Livelihoods

The livelihood security of the people living in and around forests depends on sustainable management of natural resources and CPF has concentrated its interventions on this crucial aspect. There is a direct link between the quality of a forest or natural resource managed on a sustainable basis and the sustainability of livelihoods of the community.

#### Promoting Sustainable Farmer Institutions (Tribal Farmer Service Centre & Water User groups) for Agro-ecological Practices and Organic Farming.

##### Formation of Sustainable Farmers Institutions

As part of the livelihood promotion and food security enhancement activities, Tribal Farmer Service Centres were established in 148 villages where the small farmer groups are its members. Each TFSC has a committee with representatives from small farmer groups. The committee members discuss and share new methods or sustainable agriculture practices in agriculture to other farmers in village level meetings and in small farmers groups. In this manner farmers are being encouraged to practice Agro-ecological methods and organic farming.

##### Procuring agriculture equipment

100 TFSCs have procured agriculture implements as per their needs. These implements are given on rental basis to TFSC member farmers (rents and modalities of use are decided by members). They procure these agriculture implements through project support, government subsidy and few with TFSC's own fund. To manage these transactions and to make TFSCs self-sustained institutions, Bank accounts are being opened and 146 TFSCs have accounts in 5 locations. Location wise TFSC equipment and beneficiaries' details are given below.

The details of TFSC equipment and beneficiaries					
S.No	Name of the Location	Number of Equipment	Number of Male farmers benefitted	Number of Female farmers benefitted	Number of farmers benefitted
1	Adilabad	90	526	129	655
2	Malkangiri	392	328	131	459
3	Nagarkurnool	337	247	81	328
4	Srikakulam	163	474	168	642
5	Visakhapatnam	81	170	24	194
Total			1745	533	2278



# Tribal Farmers Service centres

## TFSC a place for services and knowledge hub

Tribal Farmers Service centres are being developed by CPF as a place of service and knowledge hub. 138 such centres have been started this year in government buildings (community halls, panchayat office, schools) and some of them are in private houses with minimal rents being borne by the committee.

## Maintenance of records, registers and resource material

For making TSFCs as accountable and transparent institutions members are being trained on maintaining different records in the villages. TFSC resolution register, stock register, rental details register, agro-ecological practices register, farmers list, groups list, implements rental rate chart, Bank pass book are some of the records and registers that they need to maintain. It also has booklets and posters related to agro ecological practices. A flexi banner with displaying the names of the TFSC members is also kept outside the centre.

## Formation of Village level Mawadi Development Committees and it's functions:

Number of Villages	Names of the Villages	Total Members		
		Male	Female	Total
17	Salpalaguda, Pendurguda, Geetanagar, Rajuguda, Parchakiguda, Purkaguda, Wadiguda, Markaguda, Thatimadara, Buggaguda, Bheemjiguda, Mandaguda, Kolamguda, Gudipeta, Ginnedari, Pangidi and Laxmipur	126	85	221

- A village level committee with 10 to 15 farmers was formed with 2 to 5 active farmers from the small groups, two leaders (one female and one male) were elected to the committee and its account opened in local banks.
- Village level Mawadi Development Committees organize their monthly meeting on a fixed date to discuss the status of the orchards of the Mawadi farmers in the village.
- In monthly meetings they discuss about sanctioned works, progress and what needs to be done and it is conveyed to the Mawadi farmers through small groups.





### Formation of Mandal Mawadi Development Committee:

- During this period, One Mandal level Mawadi committee has been formed for implementation of Integrated Tribal Development Programme in Tiryani mandal of Kumurambheem Asifabad District to ensure accountability and transparency of monetary transaction and dissemination of information
- The committee has been formed with 34 leaders from 17 village level Mawadi Development committees (2 members from each village level committee). Payments are being done for project activities for each individual farmer through village level Mawadi Development Committees, only. The cheques are prepared in Mandal Mawadi Development Committee on the name of the respective village Mawadi development committees.

### Water Resource Development; SMC works in Watershed approach

Name of the water resource activity	Number of Units	Amount Incurred in INR			Benefits
		Project Grant	Community Contribution	Total	
Digging of Open wells	11	165000.00	77000.00	242000.00	These 11 open wells are being utilized by 120 farmers for their orchards and inter crop cultivation. One open well irrigates around 15 acres of land and these 11open wells will irrigate nearly 165 acres of land.
Water Troughs	120	172800.00	43200.00	216000.00	
Diesel Engines	19	563000.00	130500.00	693500.00	
Water Carrying Pipes	14400 (RMTS)	1258900.00	314725.00	1573625.00	

### Convergence

- The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Bellampalli has given 5 Sheeps (Rs.25,000) with full subsidy for 1 farmer.
- Rajashree chicks were given for 28 farmers (Each farmer 15 chicks)  $63000/28 \times 2250 = 63000$
- Facilitated to distribute Tarpaulin Sheets for 95 farmers with an amount of Rs. 2,37,500/-  $(95 \times 2500)$
- Facilitated to distribute Vegetable seeds mini kits of 12 varieties to 120 farmers with an amount of Rs. 36,000/-  $(120 \times 300)$ .





### Agro Forestry Activities:

- Conducted orientation and gave guidance to Agro Forestry farmers especially on basin preparation, Support sticks arrangement, watering and fertilizers application.
- 4 demonstration plots have been established as per CRIDA suggestions with Mango, Guava, Custard apple, Teak and Bamboo saplings on watering, basin preparation, mulching, fertilizer application, and pruning activities.
- District Horticulture and Sericulture Officer Mr. Sanjeevarao, Horticulture officer Mr. Venugopal participated in FFS programme and educated farmers on Agro Forestry cultivation and importance of pruning. 206 farmers participated in FFS programmes.

### BCI Activities

- Reached out to 3502 farmers (2885-M, 617-F) on Better Cotton Initiatives in 52 villages covering the extent of 2054 ha

### Promoting Traditional Seed Conservation

In the last one-decade tribal agricultural practices have shifted from diversified crop cultivation to mono crop or cash crop cultivation. As a result, many varieties of seed that are highly nutritious and eco-friendly are on verge of extinct. While striving towards food security and sustainable agricultural practices, the major challenge faced by the farmers is lack of quality seed. In this context CPF is promoting diversified crop cultivation and establishment of seed bank at TFSC for seed conservation. Seed exchange mela was organized in various location where 45 varieties of traditional seeds were exchanged amongst 1077 farmers.

### Promotion of Balanced Food Nutrition

A nutrition diet awareness event was conducted in Nagarkurnool and Utnoor operational areas by mobilising women of various age groups to bring awareness on calcium, iron and mineral rich recipes and its nutritional benefits. 334 women participated actively in the event. Some women prepared different types of recipes with locally available food grains such as pulses, millets and cereals. prizes were given to 3 best recipes and appreciation prizes were given to them.

Small interactive meetings were held with the mother committee members in Anganwadi centre along with Health workers and ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) workers to build awareness among the tribal mothers about the balance nutrition

Further Kitchen Gardens were established in the Anganwadi centres based on community need i.e., Papaya, lemon, drumstick, Pomegranate, Banana, Sapota.



# CASE STORY

## Processing of grains at Tribal Farmer Service Centre

One of the common sights around Paderu area is tribals carrying paddy or other grains and walking miles for processing them. Panasapally cluster villages are no exception to this! The farmers walk almost 10 kms to mills for processing grains. They not only lose their daily wages but also it is physically exhausting drudgery. If they hire autos, it would cost them. Their costs and labor would be reduced if mills were available in the villages only. The aim of CPF initiated TSFCs is to provide these kinds of services only. They discussed about this and decided to buy paddy pulverizer. It grinds 60 to 70 Kgs of grains in a day. The TSFC President is managing the pulverizer and takes 1Kg from one farmer per day towards labour charges. It is benefitting 90 farmers with



reduction in costs and drudgery and TSFC could earn around Rs. 9,000 in this process. The equipment costed Rs. 35500 and farmers contributed Rs.3550 (10% of the total price) and project contribution was Rs. 31950. The economics of this purchase was worked out after calculating the yields from 4 villages (Panasapalli, Nereduvalasa, Gabbangi and Dalimputtu) as mentioned below.

S. No.	Name of the Village	PADDY				LITTLE MILLETES			
		Number of Farmers	Number of Acres	Average yield in Kgs	Total yield in Kgs	Number of Farmers	Number of Acres	Average yield per acre in Kgs	Total yield in Kgs
01.	Panasapalli	59	184	950	174900	25	20	80	1600
02.	Nereduvalasa	24	90	935	84150	15	25	70	1750
03.	Gabbangi	32	140	1000	140000	20	30	70	2100
04.	Dalimputtu	22	70	850	59500	10	13	60	780
	<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>458550</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>6230</b>



# CASE STORY

## No more pests!

Ramnagar village with 40 households cultivate paddy, cotton and maize but pests were damaging their crops resulting in low yields. After CPF intervention TSFC was started in the village. Awareness was created on agro-ecological practices and Bio-pesticides. But the farmers do not have sprayers and hired sprayers from outside at higher costs were impinging their costs.

After discussions the committee arrived at following decisions regarding the purchase and rents.

S.No	Name of the Equipment	Number of Equipment	Rent per day within the Village in Rs.	Rent per day for other villages in Rs.
01.	Battery Sprayers	4	50	100
02.	Tywan Sprayers	2	100	200
03.	3-Tyned Plough	3	100	200
04.	Drums	2	20	40
05.	Diesel Engine	1	100	200
06.	5 Pipes(73 mts each)	5	5	10

Their fields are now free from pests and costs have come down with low rentals. The TFSC also earned income (around Rs.4000) rather than giving profits to traders





## 4. Adaptation to Climate Change

It was clear that climate change would impact forests and the communities living in forests. CPF has been promoting climate resilient agriculture and other adaptation practices in its project villages. The temperature in the forest areas is also increasing along with plain areas. The increased gradual temperature year after year is affecting the survival of the crops and yield in quantity.

### Promoting Agro ecological practices in Farming:

To promote diversified food crop cultivation for food security, TFSCs were established in all 148 habitations. TFSCs support the tribal farmers with small farm equipment on minimal rental basis. Further it is the knowledge hub and plays a role in building awareness among farmers on crop diversification, agro ecological practice of cultivation, preparation of bio fertilizers and pesticides, through farmer field schools and also about various agricultural schemes and programmes of government.

Name of the Agro ecological practice	Number of farmers identified	Number of farmers completed	Percentage (%)	Remarks
SMC Works	3570	2375	67	218 number of soil samples tested during the year at Paderu. The details need to be come from rest of the locations
Seed Treatment	2963	2901	98	
Seed Storage	4412	2851	65	
Organic Fertilizer Application	4412	2996	68	
Weeding	4412	3811	86	
Organic Pesticides Application	4412	2958	67	

### Demo plot establishment

During this period, 65 Demo plots were established (22 in Paderu and 43 in Adilabad). We have facilitated supply of Finger Millet, Foxtail Millet and Little Millet, Beans, Maize and vegetable seeds to farmers.

### Farmer Field School

In this period, cluster wise (2-3 village one cluster) 40 Farmer Field School (FFS) were conducted for 148 TFSCs. In each FFS three sessions (Pre-sowing, sowing, and post sowing) have been conducted to train the TFSC members on agro ecological practices.

### Training on preparation of Organic pesticide and fertilizers

During this period, CPF facilitated to organize training on preparation of Bio-Pesticides and Fertilizers in all project locations and 2390 farmers got trained.

### Plantation

S. No.	Particulars	Type of Core Plants	Number of Core Plants	Total No. of Core Plants	Type of border Plants	No. of border Plants	Total No. of border Plants	Total Expenditure incurred in lakhs
01	Facilitated to do the plantation in 120 acres	Mango and Guava	42 and 28	5040 and 3360	Custard Apple and Agave	200 and 600	2400 and 69000	14.08



Further Plantation has been done in 1131.5 acres covering 1049 farmers. The varieties are Mango, Neem, Guava, Jamun, Custard Apple etc in Mulugu district

100250 saplings viz., Neem, Tamarind, Pongamiya, Gulmohar, Jamun have been planted in the common and forest lands covering 8 villages.

### Convergence

Vermi Compost beds for 15 farmers with an amount of Rs. 45000/- (15x3000) and Battery sprayers for 15 Farmers with an amount of Rs. 45000/-

Under the scheme of Tribal sub plan, KVK-Bellampalli has provided Jowar seed to 120 farmers (each farmer with 4 Kgs at Rs. 100/-). amount leveraged is Rs. 48,000/-









# RURAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

This work is being carried out as an implementing partner to Tata Trusts for the following project.

## 1. Skill Development

### OUT REACH

During the project period (June 2017 to May 2021), 6687 Households from 127 villages belonging to Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh were reached out. Among these households, 6687 people (2932 Male & 3755 Female) were benefitted under Skill Development programme which is being implemented in Rural Communities Programme.

Besides an amount of Rs. 2.61 from donor support, CPF leveraged Rs. 5.08 crores from various local training institutes through Skill Development Trainings.





The Informal Sectors Workers' initiative (ISWI) project otherwise known as Skill Development Project is a Tata Trusts supported initiative aimed towards creating a well-trained skilled workforce in Vijayawada area of Andhra Pradesh state to realize aspirations of youth for sustainable livelihoods. The overall objective of the project is to mobilize the unemployed youth and counsel them for choosing a desired skill based training under various categories like "on job training", "Entrepreneurship mode job oriented skill training", "Partnership led job oriented skill training and information and technology support". The project was implemented in seven Mandals viz., Ibrahimpatnam, Jaggayyapeta, Nandigama, Tiruvuru, G.Konduru, Mylavaram and Vatsavai of Vijayawada Parliamentary Constituency.

The Informal Sectors Workers' initiative was in its final year of project implementation and has successfully achieved the major milestones of the project. In these 4 years CPF team has reached out to 16299 youth for registration at the village/community for job/training opportunities, amongst them 10309 were counselled, 6976 were enrolled for various skill-based trainings, 6687 completed their training and 4268 were placed in various jobs or have become self-employed.

### Social and Gender wise profiles of 5 top trainings are given below:

Women's Top 5 Trainings	Gen	OBC	SC	ST
Tailoring	4.80%	65.01%	28.53%	1.66%
Computer	4.67%	58.00%	34.67%	2.67%
Maggam (embroidery) work	19.65%	53.22%	23.30%	3.83%
Candle Making	5.56%	31.48%	56.79%	6.17%
BPO	0.67%	56.38%	40.94%	2.01%

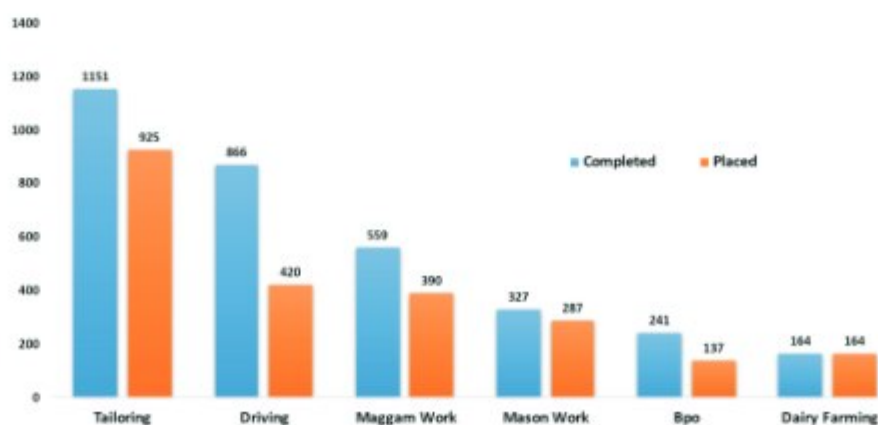
  

Men's Top 5 Trainings	Gen	OBC	SC	ST
Driving	9.03%	49.31%	36.81%	4.86%
Computer	5.74%	62.47%	29.58%	2.21%
Mason	4.92%	64.75%	28.42%	1.91%
Agriculture Integrated Farming System	6.25%	69.53%	22.66%	1.56%
Dairy Farming	4.90%	64.71%	24.51%	5.88%

Around 4,000 youth job placements or self employed is only in economic terms but socially also otherwise it would have resulted in social exclusion and unrest. These marginalised youth could negotiate the larger significant economic society through CPF Interventions.

### Placement Comparison

Training Completed V Placed / Self employed (Top 6 Trades)

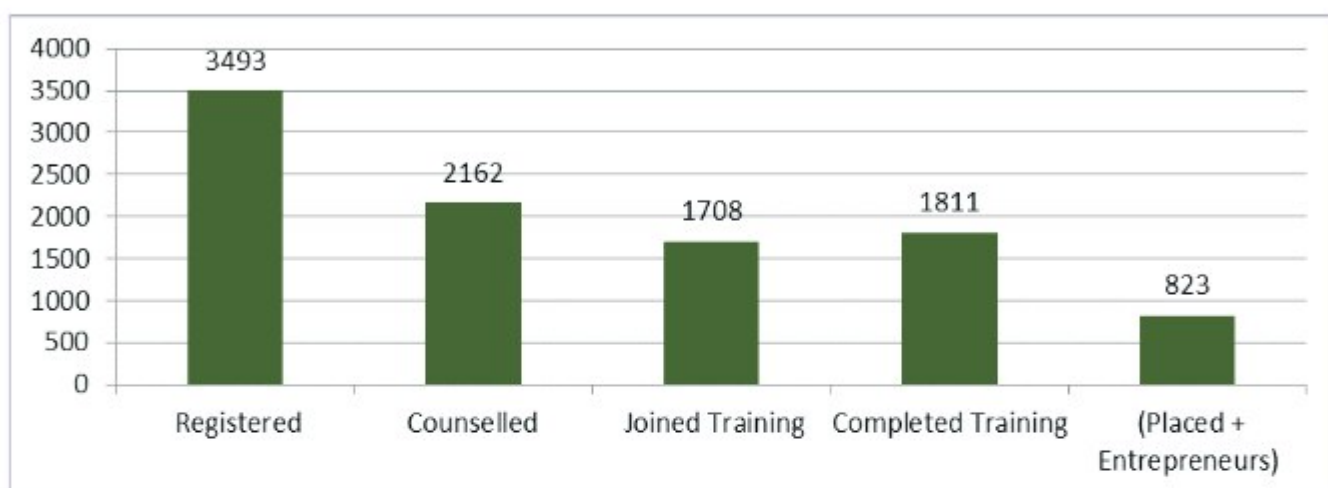




## Major milestones of the year 2020-2021:

The year started with COVID 19 pandemic situation still the ISWI team with guidance from CPF core team and Tata Trusts overcame those hurdles while relentlessly pursuing the goal of reaching out to youth, providing skills and linking them with employment by changing its strategies.

During the reporting period 3493 registrations were done, 2162 students were counselled, 1708 students were enrolled for training, 1811 completed their training and 823 got placed.



- Due to the COVID situation the established Training Institutes (Day and Residential) closed their institutes, the local trainers/ Institutes (20) were identified by the CPF team and they were closely monitored to ensure quality and also to link the trainees with jobs.
- Even when the COVID situation was at its peak in May-June last year, the ISWI team worked with trainee/learned tailors to prepare masks (nearly 6,000) and distributed the same.
- Similarly, CPF -ISWI team was involved in creating awareness about the COVID 19 precautions at the community level. The team has taken the initiation and registered in the India Co-Win Action Network(ICAN) through their website <https://cowinactionnetwork.in/>
- Standardization of Skill Mitra Udyog Mitra pilot was initiated at Jaggayyapeta block for three trades (Tailoring, Beautician and Electrician) for 45 days. Daily training schedule was developed whilst taking feedback from Udyog mitra on the trainees. A structured training module has been evolved in this process.
- Kalike-NSE team from Ramanathpuram of Tamilnadu state has visited CPF's project area for exposure of Skill Mitra Udyog Mitra project on 21st and 22nd of January 2021.
- Follow up mechanism was developed for placed/self-employed /training completed beneficiaries and they are being tracked on monthly basis. Regular documentation process with updating of trainee profiles, case studies, reports were completed on timely basis.
- Two studies were conducted by the ISWI team on Reverse Migration due to COVID 19 pandemic and the functioning of Sachivalyam (village secretariat) system in the project area.



# CASE STORY

## Daily wage earner to Entrepreneur

Mr.Kota Anand Kumar (25) is young person with ambitions and aspirations to grow big in life. He studied Intermediate but could not get hold foothold in the organized sector with his qualifications so started working as agriculture labour in his village (Dasulapalem, Pulluru Panchayat, Mylavaram Mandal).

He joined in Computer Training at Pulluru conducted under CPF ISWI Program. He attended classes regularly and had completed training successfully and received certificate.

After completion of computer training, he started his own business "Anand communications". Got linked with Mee Seva services (online payment portal) and recharges for Mobile phones. He has good rapport in village and they started utilizing his services. He is earning minimum Rs.20, 000 per month. He is very happy with his earnings and he has a plan to increase his business and provide livelihood to some unemployed youth.





### III. DONATION UTILIZATION

#### Donation Utilization Report for the period April 2020 to March 2021

CPF has been working for the rights and livelihoods of Tribal Communities along with conservation of natural resources including the surrounding forests on which they depend and/or in habit. The organisation has been working currently in 235 remote tribal villages in the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha covering 16491 households, through various donor supported projects.

While working at the community level certain emergent needs to be addressed to build rapport or strengthen the communities & the needs cannot become part of donor agencies proposals. Some individuals are also willing to support CPF in a small way. To bridge this gap CPF decided to raise donations & spend them on small equipments, play material and sports equipment, Dry ration relief for project communities.

During the period, CPF received an amount of Rs.2,05,600/- in the form of donations from individual donors. Of which Rs. 2,23,584/- have been spent for purchasing various items like School Bags, Carrom boards, Tennicoit sets, Volley Ball+nets, Spades, Crow Bars, Rangampara, Borige and Dry Ration. The details are provided in the below table.

S.No.	Category	Local Institutions and No. Benefitted	Items Purchased
1	Educational Aids – Children	Primary Schools -11 ; Children -594	594 School Bags
2	Games & Sports Material – Youth	Youth Clubs – 7; Youth – 154	7 Volley Ball & Nets
3	Recreation Material – Women	Anganwadi Centres -18 Women – 125 ; Children – 426	18 Carrom Boards + 18 sets Tennicoits ( 5 in one set and total 90 nos)
4	Organic Farming & Implements	TFSCs – 20; Farmers – 825 (Female -352, Male -473)	Spades – 20, Iron Crow Bars -20, Rangampara - 20, Borige -20
5	Relief for Project Communities	Distributed Dry Ration 5 Villages; 60 individuals	Rice , Flour , Red Gram, Oil, Salt, Sugar, Tea Powder, Turmeric powder, Chilli Powder etc.,

A total of 56 villages covered in Four districts (Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Adilabad and Malkangiri) belonging to 3 States (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha).





## IV. ONGOING PROJECTS

Project Title	Resource Agency	Project Duration
<b>Forest Communities Programme</b>		
Enhancing and sustaining returns from agriculture and enabling access to government schemes for tribal communities of forest fringe watershed project locations in Adilabad district of Telangana state	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI)	June 2020 – June 2023
Integrated Tribal Development Programme for Tiryani Mandal of Kumurambheem district Telangana State	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	March 2020 – March 2025
Sustainable livelihoods and empowerment to Adivasi communities in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha	Bread for the World (BfdW)	April 2021–March 2024
Empowering Gram Sabha's and Panchayats for accessing and managing forest and common resources in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha States	Foundation for Ecological Security (FES)	December 2018 to June 2021
Integrated Watershed Management Programme – Pedda Sunnapuram Mega Watershed	Department of Rural Development –AP	December 2013- September 2021
<b>Rural Communities Programme</b>		
Informal Sector Workers Initiative	TATA TRUSTS	June 2017 - May 2021



# V. ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE INCEPTION

(Till March, 2021)

## Forest Communities Programme

### I. Securing Forest Rights (IFR & CFR)

Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts in Andhra Pradesh, Adilabad and Nagarkurnool districts in Telangana, Malkangiri district in Odisha covering 700 Villages. Period: 2008 onwards

#### a. Individual Forest Rights (IFR)

- 9460 Titles received (20045 acres) through CPF facilitation covering 535 villages belonging to Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts of Andhra Pradesh, Adilabad and Nagarkurnool districts of Telangana, Malkangiri district in Odisha.
- Discrepancies could be addressed in 986 titles belonging to 42 habitations. These titles were reissued, after pursuing with officials relentlessly.
- 198 people whose titles have discrepancies of land extent claimed and the extent in the title issued have been resurveyed and titles were reissued as per the GPS coordinates submitted by community. In this process 164 of acres additional extent of land was secured with each person getting 0.8 acre.

#### b. Community Forest Rights (CFR)

##### Facilitation of CFR Claim Submission

- 860 CFR claims have been submitted in the States of AP, Telangana and Odisha. In Odisha (where 69 claims have been submitted), though the process is slow the Government is willing to process the claims. Recently they communicated that digital maps of the area for which title is claimed has to be submitted. This is being pursued currently by training the community members on use of GPS. 1240 claims are in various stages of submission process viz., Stage III – 338, Stage II-195, Stage I-165 and in 542 villages it has been initiated.

##### Facilitation of CFR Management Plan Preparation

- Between 2017-2020, 372 claims have been submitted, which have been taken up for management plan preparation. Andhra Pradesh (Srikakulam-100, Vizianagaram-50 & Visakhapatnam-150), Telangana (Adilabad-32) and Odisha (Malkangiri-40). Out of which 183 plans are prepared.
- In the above mentioned habitations, special MGNREGS plans have been completed in 75 habitations and submitted to Forest Department, ITDA-Paderu and Seethampeta for leveraging funds



## II. Promotion of Agro ecological practices

Facilitating convergence and agro ecological practices in IFR title lands: IFR title lands were not issued by government earlier as they were seen as encroachments. Once the title is issued, bringing in convergence with the government agencies like MGNREGA, agriculture department and horticulture department and also involving the scientists of KVKs to provide guidance on Agro-ecological practices.

### a. In IFR title lands

Chenchu Community in NSTR (Nagarjuna Sagar Tiger Reserve): 96 Villages, 725 Farmers, Period: 2009-13

Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts in Andhra Pradesh, Adilabad and Nagarkurnool districts in Telangana, Malkangiri district in Odisha: 100 Villages, 4982 HHs, Period: 2012 onwards

- 18701 acres of IFR title land has been treated by leveraging funds from MNREGA for land development. 3586 farmers could avail benefits and there is 28% net increase in income.

### b. Rejuvenation of existing Cashew plantation - 14 villages in Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh, 658 HHs, Period: 2015 Onwards

- 658 tribal farmers cultivating cashew on 658 acres land could be benefitted with an increase of 35% in the net income. This amounts to INR 6020/ acre/farmer/annum
- On seeing our work, the PO-ITDA of Seethampet developed a project on Cashew rejuvenation for the entire ITDA area and its being implemented..

### c. Promotion of horticulture plantations in IFR title lands - 22 Villages in Utnoor Mandal, Adilabad district, Telangana

- 500 Farmers (500 acres) benefitted through Horticulture plantation of Mango
- 321 farmers initiated cultivation of vegetables and pulses as intercrop in Mango plantations.



### III. Water resource development through Watershed development projects in forest fringe areas - 3 Projects in 2 locations (Adilabad and Srikakulam): 71 Villages, 7588 HHs, Period: 2010-21

- 16569 acres land treated. Increase in the extent of land under cultivation is 11%. 9.3% decrease in extent of rainfed agriculture land, increase in ground water availability by 66% and increase in moisture index by 166%.
- The IWMP Khandow project was appreciated by the District administration and the project officer was given an appreciation letter. The social audit team also noted that the project was implemented as per guidelines and in a participatory way.

### IV. Value addition to Forest & Agri produce

- Cashew nut processing** - 14 Villages in Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh, 605 farmers, Period: 2015 onwards
  - 294 cashew producers benefitted with raise in annual income to the tune of 11.3%.
  - One unintended benefit is people started keeping some of the Cashew nuts processed, for their own consumption & improving their nutritional status.
- Long Pepper** - 15 Villages in Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh, 676 farmers, Period: 2015 onwards
  - 135 people who regularly collect long pepper were benefitted. Additional income of Rs.39/kg. Women took up the activity after lot of persuasion. After seeing the returns they got convinced.
- Turmeric Processing** - 15 Villages in Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh, 676 farmers, Period: 2015 onwards
  - 162 farmers benefitted as the processing has been made easier. Processing time reduced along with reduction in drudgery and shelf life of turmeric enhanced.
  - Additional income is Rs. 3/kg.
- Adda leaf plate Making** - 262 Villages in Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh, 7780 HHs, Period-2005-08
  - 7780 HHs benefitted through this activity
  - Average Annual income increased up to Rs. 3000/- per family
  - Contribution of this activity to the annual HH income is 22%
- Safe and Sustainable Rock Bee Honey Harvesting** - 126 Villages in NSTR, 1534 Honey Harvesters, Period: 2006-11
  - After the training, the members used protective gear and harvested the combs twice in a season (80 Per cent)
  - Reduced the drudgery involved in honey harvesting
  - Honey price increased from Rs. 80/- to Rs. 158/-
  - The average rate at which honey was sold recorded a 45% increase in the case of trainees and just 11 % in the case of non trainees
  - There is a 53% increase in income per annum per HH



## V. Access to Entitlements to tribal communities

### a. Individual level Entitlements

**Health Service (Ananganwadi):** 5523 lactating mothers, pregnant women and 1120 children (0-5 years) and accessing Anganwadi services.

Current Year 2020-21: 2018

**Social Security:** 3611 individuals accessed government schemes like widow pensions, Old age pensions, Physically challenged pensions, IAY, NTR Gruhakalpa.

Current Year 2020-21: 2100

**Livelihoods:** 7709 individuals accessed various livelihoods schemes viz., selling NTFP to GCC, Livestock and Fisheries

Current Year 2020-21: 3304

**Agriculture:** 6640 individual benefitted through Crop loans, farm machineries, and subsidies.

Current Year 2020-21: 3559

**MGNREGS:** 8357 Job card holders are receiving work

Current Year 2020-21: 4338

### b. Community level Entitlements

**Health and Sanitation:** Construction and renovation of Anganwadi centres, Drainage for the village, Construction of ISL, Drinking open wells and bore wells etc.,

Leverage amount: Rs. 7541100

**Education:** Construction and renovation of Primary schools, construction of school compound walls and kitchen rooms and toilets

Leverage amount: Rs. 7305000

**Livelihoods:** Irrigation canals, construction of mini tanks, common threshing yard, common platform for crop storage

Leverage amount: Rs. 5628650

**MGNREGS:** Farm Ponds

Leverage amount: Rs. 787196

**Infrastructure development:** Community meeting halls, CC & Metal roads, solar street lights, rural electrification, culvert construction

Leverage amount: Rs. 29404700

**RWS:** Construction and repair of drinking water pipelines, bore wells, construction of bore well platforms

Leverage amount: 3737000

An amount of INR 5.44 crores leveraged in 72 habitations during the past six years (2015-21)







## Rural Communities Programme

### I. Health

#### I.1 Swastha Kutumbam Health Insurance : 265 Villages, Period: 2016-19

- 207416 Swastha Kutumbam Health Insurance cards issued to rural communities
- 37980 (24255 Female + 13725 Male) Patients availed treatment services in various empanelled hospitals in Vijayawada parliamentary constituency, Krishna district.

#### I.2 Sanitation – Projects: SVM, ICEBERG, ICEBERG-Enhance & ICEBERG-RF: 265 Villages, Period: 2016 -18

- Total 7058 IHHLs were fully constructed
- 100 toilets along with 97 Hand wash platforms were constructed for Schools
- 84 toilets were constructed for Anganwadi centers.
- 184 soak pits were completed in schools and Anganwadi centers.
- Provided water pipe lines of 10000 meters for 80 Gps.
- Constructed 39 mini water storage tanks in 39 GPs for Drinking and Domestic water purpose.
- Distribution of 1010 TATA Swachh water filters for Anganwadi centers in all the 16 mandals of Vijayawada Parliamentary Constituency.

### II. Implementation of Village Development Plans: 265 Villages, Period: 2016 – 19

- 265 Village Development Plans prepared and implemented in 265 Grampanchayaths (Gps).
- 264 Village Development Committees formed
- 5500 households got benefitted through installation of 34490 meters of drinking water pipe lines in 100 villages.
- Constructed 133 mini water storage tanks in 39 GPs for both domestic and drinking water purpose.
- Installed 39 animal traveces in 39 GPs for the usage at the time of medical camps
- Provided 1010 TATA Swachh water filters in 1010 Angnwadi centers in 16 mandals
- District collector sanctioned an amount of Rs.10 lakhs for digging of percolation tank at Munagalapalli GP of Nandigama mandal, where 320 HHs suffered with lack of domestic drinking water facility.
- 10 Burial grounds have been renovated and 5 Village parks have been developed in convergence with MGNREGS



### III. Digital Initiatives:

#### Digital Literacy Programme in Andhra Pradesh: 14582 Villages, Period: 2016-17

- 31,05,388 SHG members, 54619 Men and 12272 High School children were trained by 4454 Saathis

#### Digital Livelihoods Programme in Andhra Pradesh: 8812 Villages, Period: 2017-19

- 2,888 Saathis were benefitted through internet safety & security and other digital livelihood initiatives
- 2,77,037 women beneficiaries were trained by Saathis

#### Digital Livelihoods Programme in Andhra Pradesh: 686 Villages, Period: 2019-20

- 750 Saathis were benefitted through various digital livelihood initiatives

#### Digital Literacy Programme in Telangana: 3907 Villages, Period: 2018-19

- 9,74,490 Rural Women were trained by 967 Saathis

### IV. Informal Sectors Workers Initiative: 76 Villages, Period: 2017-21

- 16299 (Female 9541 and 6758 Male) beneficiaries were mobilized and registered
- 10309 (Female 6154 and 4155 Male) beneficiaries were counselled
- 6976 (Female 3903 and 3073 Male) candidates were enrolled for training
- 6687 (Female 3755 and 2932 Male) candidates completed training
- 4268 (Female 2396 and 1872 Male) beneficiaries were placed in various business establishments





## VI. Impact of COVID in the project villages and CPF Team

The second wave of COVID has affected the project villages and CPF team. Lockdown was imposed in the 3 states where CPF is operating and before the government declared some villages had self-declared lockdowns. CPF had to work innovatively to reach out to the community during the lockdown period. Whatsapp groups were created with farmers /committee members, google forms were used to gather requisite information and team members being trained on the same. Voice recording machines were used to convey the messages regarding the COVID precautions as well project related activities. Many of our team members were affected with COVID but other colleagues supported in completion of the works.





# CPF Anti-sexual Harassment Measures

CPF strives to have a workforce which reflects diversity and gender balance, and applies an equal opportunities approach. In order to safe guard and provide cordial environment in the work place to its women employees a committee for preventing and addressing sexual harassment at workplace was formed in the year 2005.(Based on Supreme court Guideline, popularly known as Vishakha guidelines)

In the year 2017-18, "Anti sexual harassment policy" has been developed and approved by the Board of Trustees, to spread the message of Zero tolerance for sexual harassment and to be included as part of induction kit to be given to new recruits..

During the period (2020-21), no issues were brought to Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). Ms.Geeta Goti has been taken as the third party member in the Internal Committee as Ms. Girija Devi (the earlier third party member) joined in CPF as employee.





## VII. FINANCE



### SAMPATH & RAMESH

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

(Regd. No. (FRN) 005947S)

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To  
The Managing Trustee  
CENTRE FOR PEOPLE'S FORESTRY  
SECUNDERABAD.

##### **Report on the Financial Statements:**

We have audited accompanying **CONSOLIDATED** financial statements of **CENTRE FOR PEOPLE'S FORESTRY ("the Trust")** H. No. 12-13-483/39, 1st Floor, Lane 6, Street No.14, Nagarjuna Nagar, Colony, Tarnaka, Secunderabad -500017 Telangana which comprise **Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021** and annexed Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

##### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements:**

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with the Trust Act and accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

##### **Auditor's Responsibility:**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance *with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India*. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Trust preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion:**

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give the information required by *the TrustAct in* the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- (a) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the *Trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021*;
- (b) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account of the *excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date*.
- (c) In the case of Receipts & Payments Account, of the cash Flows for the period ended on that date.

**For SAMPATH & RAMESH**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**(FRN 005947S)**



**(CA. KRISHNA REDDY)**  
**Partner M.No:204755**  
**UDIN: 21204755AAAADF9866**

**Place: Hyderabad.**

**Date: 31.07.2021**





**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2021**

PARTICULARS	Schedule	AS ON	AS ON
	No	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
		(₹)	(₹)
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			
Corpus Fund	1	4,000	4,000
<b>Reserves &amp; Surplus</b>			
Specific Reserves	2	1,12,49,638	1,36,69,711
Core fund	3	23,00,000	22,00,000
		<b>1,35,53,638</b>	<b>1,58,73,711</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	4		
Gross Block		22,33,389	23,19,511
Less: Depreciation		4,10,883	5,52,083
Write off			
Net Block		<b>18,22,506</b>	<b>17,67,429</b>
<b>Current Assets, Loans &amp; Advances</b>			
Deposits and Advances	5	22,35,960	44,94,195
Cash and Bank Balances	6	1,16,10,097	1,46,01,990
		<b>1,38,46,057</b>	<b>1,90,96,185</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities &amp; Provisions</b>			
Current Liabilities	7	21,14,925	49,89,903
Net Current Assets		<b>1,17,31,132</b>	<b>1,41,06,282</b>
		<b>1,35,53,638</b>	<b>1,58,73,711</b>

As per our report of even date attached  
for **SAMPATH & RAMESH**  
Chartered Accountants  
FRNo.005947S



**(A.KRISHNA REDDY)**  
Partner  
M.No: 204755  
PLACE : HYDERABAD  
DATE : 31.07.2021

for **CENTRE FOR PEOPLE'S FORESTRY**

**(DR.D.SURYAKUMARI)**  
Director

**(DR.K.KAMESWARA RAO)**  
Managing Trustee



## VIII. RESOURCE AGENCIES

Income and Expenditure from the Financial Year 2003-04 to 2020-21

Bread for the World (BfdW)

**Brot**  
für die Welt



**FES**

FOUNDATION FOR ECOLOGICAL SECURITY



**WWF**



Azim Premji  
Foundation

**TATA TRUSTS**

National Bank for  
Agriculture and Rural  
Development



NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**NABARD**

Department of Rural  
Development  
Govt. of AP





## IX. BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Dr. Kameswara Rao (Managing Trustee since 2017)** holds a **Ph.D in Environmental Science** and retired as **Professor of Environmental Sciences in Andhra University**. His professional experience is immense, and includes more than 40 years in teaching, research, and scientific consultations and 10 years in administration. He has more than 62 researches, three books, and 21 technical reports to his credit and has guided 38 scholars for their doctoral degrees. He has been a member of Board of Studies of various universities, and served as guest/visiting faculty at eight different universities. He has held many other honorary positions previously as a member of the Thematic Expert Group on Wildlife Research, MoEFCC,

Kolleru Committee of MoEFCC, World Bank Supervision Mission on APCFM; AP State Pollution Control Board; AP State Wildlife Advisory Board, and currently serves the AP State Expert Appraisal Committee, MoEFCC.



**Dr. Urmila Pingle (Trustee since 2005)** has a **dual degree in Medicine (Osmania Medical College, OU, Hyderabad)** and a **doctoral degree in Population Genetics/Statistics from Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta**.

She has had more than four decades of research experience involving a diversity of subjects ranging from Public health, nutrition, dietary practices, socio cultural and economic status of a number of tribal populations of Central India. She has published more than 25 papers and published two books on Anthropological aspects of these tribal groups. Her varied research experience led her to be involved in formulating natural resource

development policies as well as Tribal development policies in the country. Her involvement with state and Central governments as well as her collaboration and networking with a wide variety of NGOs (Health, Community forestry, Tribal development and Education) helped support and assist them in more successful implementation of policies and programs. She has been consultant for many projects and studies of international and national organisations as well as for governments at state and national level. She has also documented the impact of successful programs that have incorporated a participatory approach that have truly empowered tribal women self her groups in Adilabad district, Telengana state. She was awarded the Indian Council of Medical Research Prize for contributions to "Bio-medical Research in under developed areas, 1989".



**Dr. Sheela Prasad (Trustee since 2002)** is currently a **Professor at Centre for Regional Studies, University of Hyderabad**. She holds a **PhD in Geography from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**. Her research interests include urban and regional geography, health, gender and environment issues. She has a number of research articles and three books to her credit. She has been part of various teaching/research assignments abroad, at University of Nottingham (UK), University of Pittsburgh (USA), Dartmouth College (USA) and National University of Singapore. She is a Member of Ethics Committee in CDFD, Hyderabad and IIT Hyderabad and a Member of the Women's Complaint Committee of CCMB, Hyderabad. She is

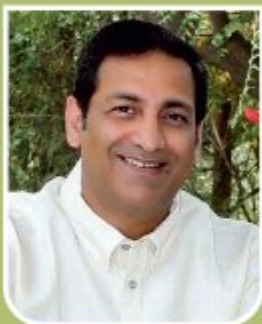
a member of the Executive Committee of Anveshi Research Centre for Women, Hyderabad and was on the Board of Mahila Abhirudhi Society and COVA, Hyderabad.





**Dr. Manmohan Yadav (Trustee since 2005) is Associate Professor of Marketing at Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal.** He is Marketing Area Chair and Coordinator of the Centre for Sustainable Forest Management & Forest Certification at IIFM. Dr Yadav is a Ph.D. in International Marketing. He has worked in Dairy and Food Industry for ten years. He is in academics for last 24 years, first in a University and now at a National Institute. While working in the Industry, Dr Yadav contributed in development of traditional dairy products and long-life milk processing and packaging system. His academic contributions include publications of research articles

in international and national peer reviewed journals, books, teaching cases, conference papers; undertaking research and consulting assignments for international organizations, national and state governments; conducting conferences and capacity building training for professionals in the forestry sector; and teaching courses at PG and Ph.D. level in the area of international business, sustainability, green marketing, sustainable natural resource management and forest certification.



**Sanjay Upadhyay (Trustee since 2004), Advocate, Supreme Court of India,** is the founder and managing partner of the India's first environmental law firm, Enviro Legal Defence Firm. Sanjay has been practicing environment and development law since 1993. An India Visiting Fellow at the Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley (Fall 1996) and a legal intern to the Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund, San Francisco, a Global Fellow in Marine Policy at the Duke University, North Carolina, he started his professional career at the World Wide Fund for Nature- India at the Centre for Environmental Law. Sanjay has served as an environmental and

development law expert to most well known International, Multilateral, national and state Institutions including the World Bank, ADB, IUCN, DFID, AFD, FAO, UNDP, IIED, ODI to name a few. He has been in the drafting Committees of several laws in India and abroad including Wildlife Act, Forest Rights Act, Nagaland Biodiversity Rules, Land Acquisition law of Afghanistan, Forest Sector Policy of Himachal Pradesh, Medicinal Plant Policies of Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand among others. Sanjay practices in the Supreme Court of India and particularly in the National Green Tribunal.



**Dr. N.H. Ravindranath (Trustee since 2005), Professor (Retd.) – Centre for Sustainable Technologies, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, India.**

Areas of Research, Development and Policy Advocacy include: **Climate Change, Forests, Bioenergy and Ecosystem Services.**

Prof. Ravindranath has focused his research, advocacy and publications on various dimensions of Climate Change -Mitigation Assessment, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory in Land Use Sectors, Impact of Climate Change and Vulnerability Assessment in Forest and Agro-ecosystems, Adaptation and

Climate Resilience, Forest Ecology, CDM and REDD+ Projects. He has also worked on Bioenergy, Biofuels and Biomass Production, Environmental / Ecosystem Services, and Citizen Science.

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**Ms A. Kalamani (Trustee since 2012), Post-graduated in Economics, she did her M.Phil in Micro Level Planning and stood as Topper of the Gandhigram University; Tamil Nadu in 1986.** She began her career as an academican and worked in Madurai and Hyderabad colleges for seven years. Later she was attracted by the Development sector and provided her services as Socio-Economist to Netherlands Aided Projects and thereafter to an NGO called 'Action for Integrated Rural Development Society' (AIRDS), Hyderabad for nearly three years. And henceforth she had long association with another NGO called 'Center for World Solidarity' (CWS), headquartered in

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She was involved in advancement of women's rights and supported especially women headed organisations and networks to play a vital role in promotion of gender equality and in mainstreaming gender concerns in development programmes. Further involved in governance, HIV and AIDS, democratization and conflict resolution, poverty eradication, children's education, livelihoods programmes specially focusing on women and small landholders, besides projects designing, monitoring and evaluation, and organizational development. She has undertaken many consulting assignments for the international and national NGOs and CSR Foundations. She has travelled extensively and gained exposure through visits to other countries on official capacities for workshops, seminars and meetings for creating linkages, and mutual learning. She has been on the Boards of AP Mahila Samatha Society, Hyderabad; SACI Waters (South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies), AP Permaculture Association of India and currently on the Board of APMAS.





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**Dr. Suryakumari** (a Gold Medalist in M.Sc ), with a PhD in Botany and Post-doctoral work to her credit, is the accomplished Founder-Director of Centre for Peoples Forestry since inception in 2002 and has worked in many capacities prior to her current position. She is an expert in social, livelihoods (including micro-enterprises), and policy issues of community-based forest management and has been associated with the communities since 1991 through farm forestry, women's self-help groups, participatory irrigation

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Her pioneering efforts of working in critical collaboration mode with Forest Department, and her leadership for several multi stakeholder collaboration initiatives – involving NGOs, Forest Department, Tribal Welfare Department, Girijan Cooperative Corporation and Rural development departments – which helped in overcoming field level bottle necks, were much acclaimed.





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