

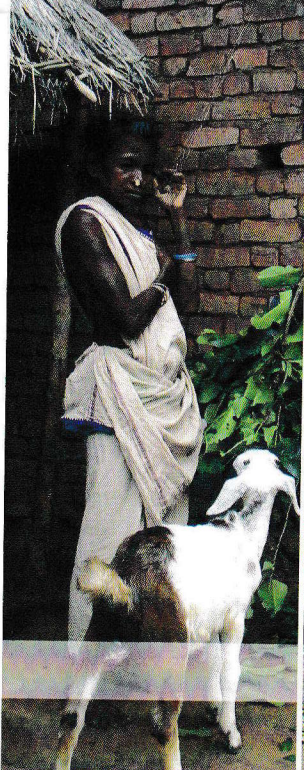


Connecting lives...

*5 Years  
in People's  
Forestry*



**Centre for People's Forestry**  
Livelihood Rights through Forestry



Title : *Connecting Lives*  
 Compiled & edited by : P. Buruslin Mento  
 Published by : Centre for People's Forestry  
 Date : 6 August 2007  
 Copies : 1000  
 Layout, Design & printing : dhruti design.com  
 Contact : Centre for People's Forestry  
 12-13-483/39, Street No. 14, Lane 6  
 Nagarjunanagar Colony, Tarnaka  
 Secunderabad - 500017, A.P., India  
 Tel/Fax: +91 - 40 - 27154484  
 Website: [www.cpf.in](http://www.cpf.in)

© Centre for People's Forestry  
 All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form without  
 the written permission of the publisher.

## Table of Contents

### III Overview

### 04 The CPF checklist

### 11 Financial Partners

### IV Acronyms

### 05 What others say ?

### 12 Team CPF

## The CPF checklist

Five years as facilitator and catalyst in issues concerning forestry in AP  
Half a decade of promoting sustainable livelihood by garnering skills and resources, lobbying and working as...

- A platform for regular interaction for communities, NGOs, government officials and other stakeholders in forestry to debate and arrive at meaningful footings on issues related to Joint/Community Forest Management

- A forum that ensures total participation of women, Dalits and other resource poor in all its project activities

- A facilitator for VSSs and grass root NGOs in creating awareness on varied issues like community forestry, micro-plan preparation, resource inventorying, equity for the oppressed, equality of gender, conflict resolution, GOs and policy documents

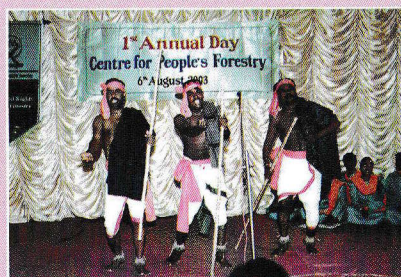
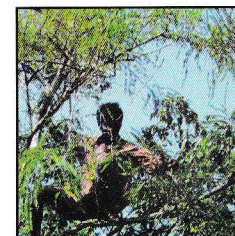
- A lever that triggers empowerment of vulnerable sections among the forest dependent/dwelling communities by forming local and state level networks

- A visionary who shares goals and funds with partner groups, VSSs and their networks for collective planning, review, monitoring and progressive actions

- A medium that communicates appropriate information to the appropriate person/group at an appropriate time in an appropriate form yielding positive results

- A professional player who supports local NGOs execute projects without occupying their space

- A critical collaborator of government with non-adversarial approach who brings to table reviews involving stakeholders across the board



**CPF day**  
CPF as a Trust was registered on 6th August 2002. The day is commemorated as Annual Day every year.



*The views given here are based on published evaluations/appraisals made by others. Care has been taken to retain the spirit and intentions of the evaluators by choosing to present views of both natures.*

"Women's empowerment has always been a central plank in CPF's work."

- Dr Margaret M. Skutsch & Dr P.K. Biswas, *Strengthening Community Forestry Management initiatives through NGOs and CBOs in Andhra Pradesh, 2005, p. 10*

"It is acknowledged that Andhra Pradesh leads the way in JFM /CFM and CPF has made a substantial contribution to its success. The fact does remain that it is well-provisioned, World Bank-driven project and it may have some bearing on the state acceptance of NGO's role, as well. However, CPF has continuously worked towards constructively utilising that space."

- Prof. B.N. Juyal, *Technical assistance to CPF, 2005, P. 9*

"The CPF programme has been working for empowerment of VSSs in two ways: firstly, to ensure that their rights are strengthened, and secondly, to increase their income, in particular from Non-Timbre Forest Produce (NTFP)."

- Dr Margaret M. Skutsch & Dr P.K. Biswas, *Strengthening Community Forestry Management initiatives through NGOs and CBOs in Andhra Pradesh, 2005, p. 21*

"One issue to be considered by CPF is whether there are too many committees, with multiple representatives and meetings, than warranted by CPF's size and funding. The effectiveness and need of the five committees is to be assessed."

- Sunanda & Sheshatri chartered Accounts, *Report on the Financial Stock taking Exercise, 2005, Point 44.6, p. 24*

"The results of the interviews show that for every stakeholder group the overall image is positive, with an average of approximately an 8 (out of 10). The CPF is regarded to be non-confronting, unique, professional, committed, information sharing and friendly. Points of critique were made on communication, the staff, funds and on the approach of CPF."

- Charlotte Van der Tak, *Image Research on the CPF, a Non Governmental Organisation, P. 2*

"The Mission (evaluation) suggests that the internal programme and financial monitoring systems of the project work well, in a highly participatory manner, but had some recommendations for improving this further."

- Dr Margaret M. Skutsch & Mr Srinivas Mudrakartha, *Promoting sustainable mechanisms in Joint Forest management through NGOs in Andhra Pradesh, 2002, P. 3*

"The impact of (CPF) initiatives resulted in improved relations between GCC, FD, NGOs and NTFP collectors. This also facilitated revision of rates by GCC."

- Dr Margaret M. Skutsch & Dr P.K. Biswas, *Strengthening Community Forestry Management initiatives through NGOs and CBOs in Andhra Pradesh, 2005, P. 24*

"CPF could think of establishing a few fellowship, which can to some extent augment the present capacity, and also prepare the kind of human resource that CPF would need in the coming phase."

- Prof. B.N. Juyal, *Technical assistance to CPF, 2005, P. 14*

"Overall responsibility and co-ordination of the Adda leaf livelihood project lies with CPF and they have facilitated each of the stakeholders, but their success lies, as with other projects, in involving both the FD and GCC."

- Kate Tomlinson, *NGOs and the State in NTFP Development, 2006, P. 35*

"There is drastically reduced chances of corruption simply because money that is to be spent on VSS activities is actually transferred to the VSS account."

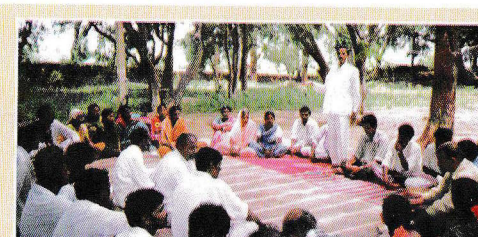
- Vasant Saberwal, *Pre-project appraisal for CPF, 2004, P. 4*

"CPF has been able to work with a large number of NGOs thereby effectively creating a grassroots cadre of development organisations that it can lean upon for its various interventions. However such an operational strategy may have an impact on the field implementation abilities of the staff themselves."

- Bhaskar Mittra, *Pre-project appraisal for people's forestry, 2006, Point 37, P.6*

"So far, the CPF and its NGO network have been actively participating in the activities of the Vanasamakhya. However, in due course of time, the CPF has to think of an appropriate withdrawal strategy, so that, Vanasamakhya becomes a fully autonomous body. It also should be able to generate enough financial resources to be a sustainable organisation."

- Dr Margaret M. Skutsch & Dr P.K. Biswas, *Strengthening Community Forestry Management initiatives through NGOs and CBOs in Andhra Pradesh, 2005 P. 19*



CPF has been recognised as a resource agency that caters to the training needs of different sectors in forestry. CPF conducts workshops and training programmes and develops resource materials in the process. It takes up exposure cum training programmes as and when favourable.

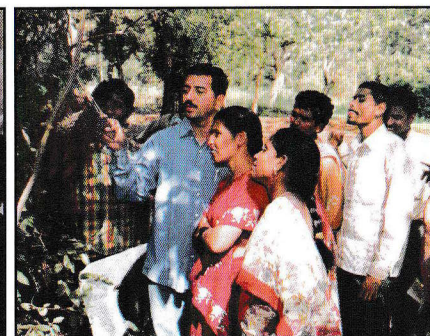
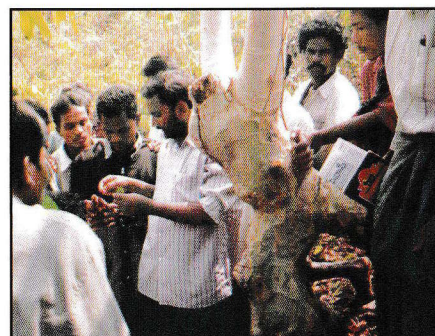
## Workshops since 2000

<b>Interaction and exposure programme to VSS State level federation representatives of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh</b>	23 to 27th February 2001
<b>State level Stakeholder Consultation on "Community Forest Management"</b>	18th July 2001
<b>Inter-State meeting on "Voices against eviction of Tribals and Dalits"</b>	3rd October 2002
<b>State level meeting on "Role of Community in Forest Biodiversity Conservation"</b>	December 2002
<b>Stakeholder Consultations on NTFP marketing in connection with CFM in Andhra Pradesh</b>	April 2003
<b>Stakeholder Consultation on "Beedi leaf Collection, Marketing and Utilization of Incentive by VSSs"</b>	16th January 2004
<b>National Conference on Dalit Concerns in Forestry (in collaboration with CWS)</b>	4-16 December 2004
<b>Workshop on "Livelihood Enhancement through Adda leaf"</b>	1st & 2nd May 2005
<b>A National level Consultation with Civil Society Organisations on NTFP Policy and Management</b>	15th & 16th September 2005
<b>10. Unsold Beedi leaf Units (in collaboration with APFA)</b>	27th & 28th January 2006
<b>Evolving Frame work for NGO association in APCFM (WB Project) in Future (in collaboration with AP NGO Committee on PFM &amp; APFD)</b>	13th and 14th February 2006

## Trainings since 2000

<b>"Microplan Trainers Training"</b> (in collaboration with Forest Department) ASRC,	16th – 21st September 2002
<b>ToTs on Facilitation skills for community Extension Workers in CFM from AP</b>	7th – 22nd May 2004
<b>Training on "Micro plan Preparation &amp; PRA Tools"</b> NGOs and Forest Officials of Assam,	2nd to 8th April 2005
<b>Orientation programmes</b> Forest Range Officers, Section officers,	28th July 2005 19th September 2005
<b>Interaction and Training</b> Himachal Pradesh Forest Department officials,	7th November 2005
<b>ToT on Collaborative Forest Management</b> (in collaboration with IIFM & APFA)	13th – 17th March 2006 in collaboration

The training programmes have been given to different stakeholders on request.



**Stakeholder consultations on Community Forest Management**

When the APFD was planning to take over to CFM from JFM, CPF organised several meetings and workshops from time to time involving different stakeholders. The book comprises details and deliberations of both regional and state level consultations along with recommendations. The 86 pages book was jointly published by CWS and CPF in September 2001.

**Forest Biodiversity Registers**

The book explains the steps in forest biodiversity register preparation along with a detailed format. Further, it comprises deliberations of various workshops conducted by CPF to facilitate forest biodiversity register preparation by VSS members. The book has got 38 pages. It was published by CPF in June 2002.

**Study on VSS Sustainability and the role of GCC (NTFP marketing) in connection with CFM in Andhra Pradesh, ISBN: 978-81-905419-0-9**

The book contains the final report of the study on VSS Sustainability and the role of GCC (NTFP marketing) in connection with CFM in AP. The study concludes that GCC as an organisation is still relevant and suggests GCC to extend support to non-tribal collectors of the VSSs as well. The book also hosts the proceedings of the stakeholder consultation on NTFP marketing in connection with CFM in AP. It has got 102 pages. It was published by CPF in June 2003.

**Bamboo in VSSs of Andhra Pradesh (Harvest, Marketing & Benefit Sharing), ISBN: 978-81-905419-1-6**

The book details the current status of bamboo in the state. It analyses the situation of the studied areas (VSSs) on the basis of benefit sharing, management, involvement of women, procedure of harvest and marketing, income sharing, livelihood, value addition, local basket makers, new avenues of market and need of bamboo cooperatives and gives some recommendations. The book concludes accounting a few comprehensive GOs on CFM. The book has got a total of 86 pages. CPF published the book in July 2003.

**Proceedings of the National Conference on Dalit Concerns in Forestry,**

ISBN: 978-81-905419-2-3

The book has covered presentations and deliberations of four broad themes: Dalit participation in JFM, status of livelihood of forest dependant Dalits, Forest policies and Dalits and perspectives of Dalits on forest management. The book with 240 pages was published by CPF in August 2005.

**Monitoring by Stakeholders, ISBN: 978-81-905419-3-0**

The book deals with several problems of Minor Forest Produce collectors and the roles of GCC in attempting to combat them. It covers the monitoring programme taken up in Bhadrachalam division of AP as regard to reviewing GCC's strategies on purchase of NTFP. Besides, it also contains chapters on women's role in collecting NTFP, few case studies and impact of monitoring exercise. The book with 86 pages was published by CPF in September 2005.

**Community Forestry Micro-plan Training manual for Facilitators, ISBN: 978-81-905419-4-7**

The book serves as a guide to micro-plan training in community forestry. The experience of CPF with network programme since 1996 has been used to design the manual. It gives step by step details from preparation formation of team to implementation and monitoring. The book was published by CPF in April 2005. It comprises 70 pages.

**Training manual on Gender Mainstreaming (Telugu), ISBN: 978-81-905419-5-4**

The book speaks about Understanding Gender, Forestry resources and Women, Management of forest by VSSs in AP, provisions for women in CFM GO and how to organise training programme and meetings at VSS level. The 42 pages book was published by CPF in 2005.

**Training manual on Conflict Resolution (Telugu), ISBN: 978-81-905419-6-1**

The book details themes like understanding conflicts, solving issues of conflict and conflicts within CFM groups. The book offers a competitive training manual for trainers on conflict resolution. The book has got 42 pages. It was published by CPF in 2005.



**Training manual on Facilitation Skills to Community Extension Workers (CEWs) (Telugu), ISBN: 978-81-905419-7-8**

The book explains the goals of CFM, decision making process in groups and nuances of facilitation. A chapter each on equity and equality concerns in livelihood, effective administration, imparting training to CEWs, training methodologies and techniques in teaching has also been dedicated. The concluding part of the book depicts a few real life situations. The 42 pages book was published by CPF in 2005.

**National Consultation with Civil Society Organisation on Non-Timber Forest Produce Policy and Management**

The book comprises deliberations of the two day national workshop on NTFP policy, management approaches and mainstream institutional processes, institution building at community level – experience of civil society organisation, sustainable harvesting and quality control and research/study/trainings on NTFP policy management. The book with 122 pages was published by CPF in 2005.

**Biodiversity Register Process (Telugu), ISBN: 978-81-905419-8-5**

The book explains the steps in forest biodiversity register preparation along with a detailed format. Further, it comprises deliberations of various workshops conducted by CPF to facilitate forest biodiversity register preparation by VSS members. The book has got 38 pages. It was translated (from English) and published by CPF in June 2005.

**Consultation on Intervention of CPF in Orissa**

The book presents the key messages given by the special guests of the consultation. It also describes the interaction of NGOs with the officials of Orissa FD. Its concluding chapter of the book carries some suggestions given by the participants. It has got 26 pages. CPF published the book in May 2007.

**Multi-stakeholder consultation for defining micro-enterprise friendly forest governance, ISBN: 978-81-905419-9-2**

The book contains the proceedings of the national consultation conducted by Forest Governance and Learning Group (FGLG) India on five specific NTFPs in three states in Central India. It presents the highlight of studies, perspectives of stakeholders on the five NTFPs and best practices in micro-enterprise. The book was published by CPF in July 2007.

**Case study series on Livelihood in forestry (Telugu)****Energia News**

(July 2001, Vol 4, issue 2, pp 13-14)

"Involvement of women in Joint Forest Management programme in Andhra Pradesh – Grassroots concerns", by Dr D. Suryakumari

**Humanscape**

(Dec. 2001, pp14-15)

"A Light shade of green", by Dr D. Suryakumari

**Inform**

(Winrock Newsletter, January – March 2006)

"Changing Forest Department - Civil Society Relationship in Andhra Pradesh", by Dr D. Suryakumari

**Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM)**

(Collaboration in NTFP based livelihood enhancement – the example of Adda Lead (Bauhinia vahlii) in Andhra Pradesh, Conference Proceedings, April 2006)

"JFM at a Crossroads: Future Strategy and Action Programme for Institutionalizing Community Forestry", by Dr D. Suryakumari, Mr Solomon Raj and Mr Balraj Gupta

**Overseas Development Institute (ODI)**

(Policy brief – draft)

"Making NTFP Markets Work For The Poor: The Case Of Andhra Pradesh, India", by Dr D. Suryakumari & Dr Priya Deshingkar

**Regional Community Forestry Training Centre (RECOFTC)**

(The role of forests (and forest based activities/reforms) in reducing poverty – Drafts)

"Establishing linkages with other players towards sustainable livelihoods in community forestry initiatives – The CPF experience", by Dr D. Suryakumari, Ms Bhavana Rao and Mr Vasu.C

**Winrock International India**

(Draft narrative report, July 2005)

"Understanding the Role of Networks as Connectors in Bridging the Research Policy Gap in Participatory Forest Policy Development in India."

**Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS)**

(Working paper No. 62, October 2006)

"Participatory forest management in Andhra Pradesh: A review", by V. Ratna Reddy

**Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM)**

(Collaboration for sustainable natural resource management, 2006, pp 9-39)

"Collaboration in forestry in Andhra Pradesh", by Harsh Verma

The objective of CPF project activities is to realise simultaneous positive changes in forest policies and implementation in order to meet the real needs of forest dependent/dwelling communities under JFM/CFM. CPF aims to achieve this objective through working closely with forest dependent communities, especially the marginalised groups and influencing policies and implementation of the APFD with coordinated efforts based on the network

programme with NGOs and the networks of VSSs. Around 1,60,532 members belonging to 80,632 households in 680 VSSs have benefited directly from CPF projects, whereas the indirect beneficiaries belonging to VSS in AP is estimated to be 1.7 million.

## Project wise budget

Project	Period	Resource Agency	Budget (in INR)
Promoting sustainable mechanism in JFM through NGOs in AP	2000 - 2003	NOVIB	18,707,100
Strengthening Vanasamakhya towards sustainability of Community Forest Management in Andhra Pradesh	2001 - 2002	Winrock International India	3,51,000
Establishment of Regional Resource Centres for people's forestry	2002 - 2005	Ford Foundation	46,46,940
A study on sustainability of VSSs and the role of GCC in AP	2003 (February - July)	RECOFTC	1,86,730
Strengthening Community Forest Management initiatives	2003 - 2004	NOVIB	20,182,255
Training with hand-holding approach to office bearers of state level Vanasamakhya towards making it self-reliant	2003 - 2006	ASW	3,00,000
Incorporating new institutional arrangements in to forest policy in India	2004 - 2005	ODI	12,30,475
Enabling Vanasamakhya representatives to strengthen and expand their organisation	2005 (March - December)	SDC/IC	3,69,600
Promotion of Forest-based livelihoods through Resource Centres and networking	2005 - 2008	Ford Foundation	87,49,990
Forest Governance Learning Group - enabling just and sustainable forest use	2006 - 2007	IIED	20,12,850
Empowerment of CBOs and their networks in CFM and livelihood enhancement of forest dependant/ dwelling communities through GO-NGO collaboration	2006 - 2009	NOVIB	20,584,200
Promoting cross-learning in Community Forestry in India - KIC project	2006 - 2007	NOVIB	17,40,000
To establish Vanasamakhya office independently and operative through Vanasamakhya office bearers & programme executives	2006 - 2009	ASW-CWS	3,00,000
Livelihood enhancement through sustainable and safe practices of rock bee harvesting through GO-NGO collaboration	2006 - 2009	SDTT	71,54,910
Sustainable fodder management	2006 - 2008	CALPI	32,00,000
Fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration in people's forestry in Orissa	2007 - 2008	NOVIB	43,20,000
Reclamation of grazing lands and establishment of agro-forestry systems in Achampet forest division of Andhra Pradesh	2007 - 2008	Winrock International India	12,00,000



## Statement of Expenditure from Financial Year 2000-01 to 2006-07

S.No	PARTICULARS	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total (in INR)
1	Costs at Partner / NGOs Vanasamakhyha Level	4,652,800	5,321,175	5,944,252	4,628,785	4,108,192	5,790,939	8,962,626	39,408,769
<b>2</b>	<b>Activities at CPF Level</b>								
2.1	Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS Concerns	-	-	-	-	-	307,005	200,196	507,201
2.2	Field Visit Expenses	68,384	190,510	270,011	228,802	211,356	481,629	529,181	1,979,872
2.3	Documentation/Reports/Video Film/ Action Research/Studies	-	95,982	197,655	282,869	213,233	552,335	805,251	2,147,325
2.4	Meetings/Workshops/Trainings	538,942	139,356	577,336	289,563	830,427	1,147,151	228,258	3,751,033
2.5	Resource Material Development/ Capacity Building/ Information & Dissemination	24,980	-	197,290	63,766	119,980	295,479	92,683	794,178
2.6	Advocacy & Lobbying /Campaigns	-	25,000	-	85,000	50,000	25,000	45,179	230,179
2.7	Exposure Visits/Evaluations/Technical Assistance	101,052	-	67,856	31,814	73,673	840,041	89,876	1,204,312
	<b>Sub Total - 2</b>	<b>733,357</b>	<b>450,848</b>	<b>1,310,148</b>	<b>981,814</b>	<b>1,498,669</b>	<b>3,648,640</b>	<b>1,990,624</b>	<b>10,614,100</b>
3	Staff Salaries, Administrative Costs (Incl Non Recurring costs) at CPF	514,940	634,435	1,288,577	1,907,252	3,829,162	3,440,248	5,071,326	16,685,939
	<b>Total (1+2+3)</b>	<b>5,901,097</b>	<b>6,406,457</b>	<b>8,542,977</b>	<b>7,517,851</b>	<b>9,436,023</b>	<b>12,879,827</b>	<b>16,024,576</b>	<b>66,708,807</b>

\*The above expenditure is including the projects implemented by CPF as an autonomous wing with in CWS.

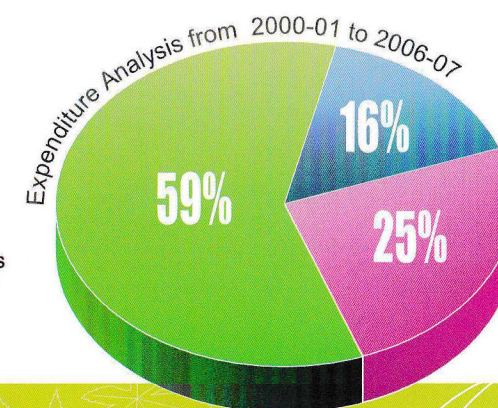
Note: Apart from the above expenditure CPF has mobilised the financial resources for field activities, trainings and resource materials from the AP Forest Department. Those grants have been transferred directly to the Partner NGOs and CBOs as per CPF's recommendation. The approximate details of the grants are as under :

- 1) Facilitation Costs to NGOs - 50 Lakhs
  - 2) Livelihood Enhancement through Adda Leaf Activity - 1 Crore
  - 3) Embroidery Project Resource Material Development & Others - 50 Lakhs
- Total - 2 Crores

## Statement of Expenditure from Financial Year 2000-01 to 2006-07

S.No	PARTICULARS	Total (in INR)
1	Costs at Partner NGOs/Vanasamakhyha Level	39,408,769
2	Programme Costs at CPF Level	10,614,100
3	Staff Salaries, Administrative Costs (Incl Non Recurring costs) at CPF	16,685,939
	<b>Total (1+2+3)</b>	<b>66,708,807</b>

- Costs at Partner NGOs/  
Vanasamakhyha Level
- Programme Costs at CPF Level
- Staff Salaries, Administrative Costs  
(Incl. Non Recurring costs) at CPF



## Nominations

Dr D. Suryakumari, Director of CPF has been nominated for various committees within the State and outside:

Member, task force, Government of AP - GO.Rt. No.200 – EFS&T (FOR. III), department dated 16.06.2001:

### **Preparation of the CFM project proposal (World Bank aided) in the State**

Member (for one year), MoEF, India - Communication No.22-8/2000-FPD, dated 12.07.2000:

### **National Network on JFM**

Member, Advisory Management Committee - Communication from APFD Rc No.44813/02/U2 dated 07.12.20002:

### **Regional Centre of National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB), Southern Region**

Member, State level Authority - Communication from Commissioner Rural Development, D.C.Lr.No.7869/APWALTA/CRD/2002, dated 22.12.2004:

### **APWALTA Act (Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Act)**

Member - Communication from PCCF office Ref.No.21721/2004/F.S, dated 15.09.2004:

### **Compensatory Afforestation Management Programme, APFD**

Member - Ref. GO.Rt,Bi,382, dated 13.12.2004:

### **State level steering Committee to Monitor APCFM Project**

## Resource Agencies

Oxfam Novib (core support)

Ford Foundation (core support)

Aktionsgemeinschaft Solidarische Welt. E.v. (ASW - Berlin)

Intercooperation (IC)

Centre for World Solidarity (CWS)

Regional Community Forestry Training Centre (RECOFTC)

Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

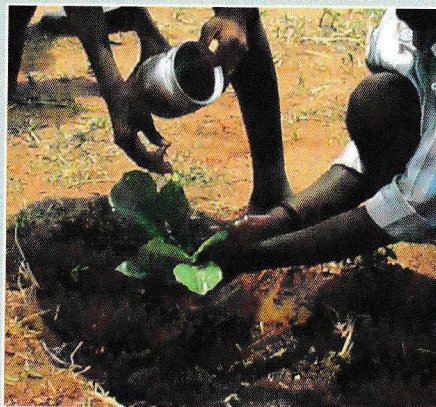
Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT)

Capitalisation of Livestock Programme Experiences India (CALPI)

Andhra Pradesh Forest Department (APFD)

Winrock International India

Girijan Cooperative Corporation (GCC)



### **Regional Resource Centres**

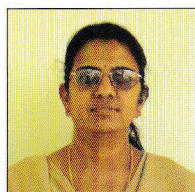
With a view to developing capacities and expanding membership of the existing VSSs, Resource Centres were established by CPF on 1st June 2002. Initially three centres were set up in three regions of the state: Rayalseema, Telangana and Coastal. A thematic centre for folk art forms, one centre on bamboo and one on NTFP were established later.



### **Chenchus of Srisailam**

The Srisailam Tiger Reserve where the CHELE project is being implemented has a total population of approximately 47,000 Chenchu tribals staying in 115 hamlets within the sanctuary area.

## At Head Office:

**Dr D. Suryakumari, 48***Director**Education:*

Ph.D. in Botany

*Best at:*

Problem identification &amp; Analysis

Lobbying

Negotiation

Team/collaborative work

Institution building

Innovative approaches

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Meaningful role for Women in Forestry/NRM

Sustainable use of forests/natural

resources Transparency in Institutions

Empowerment of individuals

**Mr K. Suresh, 45***Senior Programme Officer,**Institution Building & Networking**Education:*

M.A. in Sociology &amp; LLB

*Best at:*

Planning, coordination &amp; monitoring

programmes

Group building

Organising campaigns

Lobbying &amp; advocacy

Developing training modules

Translation

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Holistic development

Justice for the poor

**Ms Bhavana Rao, 33***Senior Programme Officer,**Land Use & Livelihood Alternative**Best at:*

Planning and aligning project

Feasibility studies

Capacity building

Coordination with different agencies

Organising internship

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Alternative &amp; Sustainable Livelihoods

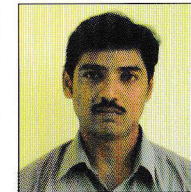
Eco-System Maintenance &amp; Regeneration

Community Forestry

Development through Collaborative Linkages

*Education:*

M.Sc. in Agriculture

**Mr Vasu.C, 35***Programme Officer,**Enterprise Development & Trade Links**Education:*

M.Sc. in Environment &amp; Ecology and B.E. Civil

*Best at:*

Marketing

Communication

Pooling resources

Monitoring &amp; appraisal

Achieving targets

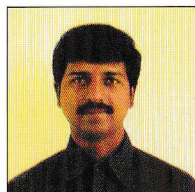
Hospitality

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Poverty alleviation through innovative methods (at

least in 2 villages) Sharing sustainable mechanisms

to improve living standard of the poor

**Mr P. Buruslin Mento, 29***Programme Officer,**Communication & Documentation**Education:*

M.Sc. in Communication

*Best at:*

Creative writing &amp; editing

Documentary

Communication theories

Design &amp; layout

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Media for change

Rule of the rural mass

**Mr Rajani Kanth, 31***Programme Officer, HIV/AIDS & Disaster Concerns**Education:*

M.A. Sociology

*Best at:*

Strategy planning

Organising programmes

Mobilising community

Lobbying &amp; Advocacy

Programme monitoring

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Advocacy for change

Capacity building for CBOs

**Mr Siba Prasad Sahu, 28***Programme Officer, Orissa**Education:*

M.Phil. in Social Science

*Best at:*

Lobbying &amp; advocacy

Planning &amp; appraisal

Reporting &amp; documentation

Designing and writing proposal

Organising workshops/trainings

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Social advocacy for human rights

Development of women &amp; children

Sustainable environment &amp; livelihood

**Mr Niharranjan Mishra, 27***Programme Officer, Research and Analysis**Education:*

Ph.D. in Social Anthropology

*Best at:*

Research Methodology

Report writing

Developing Proposal

Lobbying and Advocacy

Action Research

Institutional building and Networking

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Live for others, Development of orphans,

Sustainable Natural Resource Management,

Agrarian studies &amp; Health and tribal development



**Ms Shreela Chakrabarti, 36**  
Consultant

*Education:*

Masters in Environmental Science & Policy

*Best at:*

Critical thinking & problem analysis  
Using geospatial technologies in environmental decision making  
Inter-disciplinary research concepts

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Sustainable use of natural resources  
Protected area management (terrestrial & marine)



**Mr E. Poorna Chander, 31**  
Project Coordinator – Sustainable Forestry

*Education:*

Bachelor of Science

*Best at:*

Resource monitoring  
Coordination  
Organising workshops  
Documentation  
Project monitoring

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Sustainable use of Natural Resources



**Ms. Vani, 34**  
Programme Associate – Vanasamakhyha

*Education:*

Bachelor of Arts

*Best at:*

DTP (English & Telugu)  
Graphic designing

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Research in Telugu Poetry



**Ms N. Archana Devi, 22**  
Project Coordinator - Embroidery

*Education:*

P.G. Diploma in Fashion Design

*Best at:*

Creative designing  
Painting  
Embroidery

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Fashion designing



**Ms T. Sailaja, 32**  
Project Coordinator - Embroidery

*Education:*

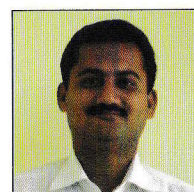
Bachelor in Fine Arts

*Best at:*

Free hand designing  
Fabric oil painting  
Teaching  
Computer designing

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Web designing



**Mr P.N. Srinivas, 29**  
Finance Officer

*Education:*

Masters in Commerce

*Best at:*

Book keeping and Accountancy, Statutory compliances related to Non-Profitable Organisations, Financial Managements systems, Capacity Building on Management and monitoring (Financial) & Event management and coordination

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Optimum Utilization of available resources for poverty eradication Improving living standard of the poor



**Ms T. Vasantha Kumari, 42**  
Administrative Officer

*Education:*

Bachelor of Arts

*Best at:*

Creative writing  
Administrative functions  
Communication

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Enhancing knowledge on administration and Programmes



**Mr Srinivas Pappu, 27**  
Administrative Associate

*Education:*

M.A. in Human Resource Management

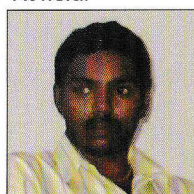
*Best at:*

Planning & coordination  
Proactive & creative aptitude  
Organising meetings

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Optimum use of resources  
Effective communication

At field:



**Mr Balraj Gupta, 26**  
Project Coordinator - Adda Leaf Project

*Education:*

MBA in Finance

*Best at:*

Economics

Activity monitoring

Problem solving

Grounding projects

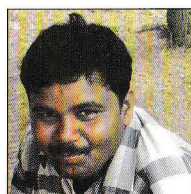
Mobilising community

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Development of community institutions

Empowerment of people

Empowerment of the youth



**Mr U. Tirupahthi Rao, 33**  
Project Coordinator - Chenchu Livelihood

*Education:*

Master in Social Work

*Best at:*

Community Mobilisation

Application of participatory training methodologies

Program implementation

Tribal development contest

Liaison with government & other agencies

*Career/lifetime interests:*

Holistic development of tribals



**Mr G. Subhash, 27**  
Project Coordinator - Fodder Project

*Education:*

M.Sc. in Bio-Technology

*Best at:*

Public Relations

Motivation

Organising meeting

*Career/lifetime interests:*

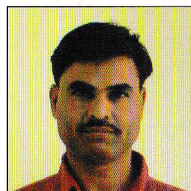
Serving the poor

Environment concerns

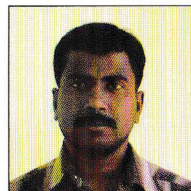
Support Staff:



**Mr Jangaiah**  
Office Assistant



**Mr Damodar Reddy**  
Driver cum Office Assistant



**Mr Bhaskar**  
Office Assistant

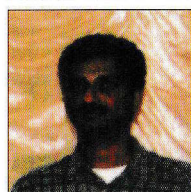


**Ms Rama**  
Helper

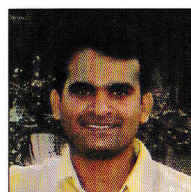


**Ms Uma**  
Helper

Former staff of CPF:



**Mr G Srinivas**  
Programme Officer,  
2001 - 2006



**Mr Solomon Raj**  
Programme Officer,  
2002 - 2006

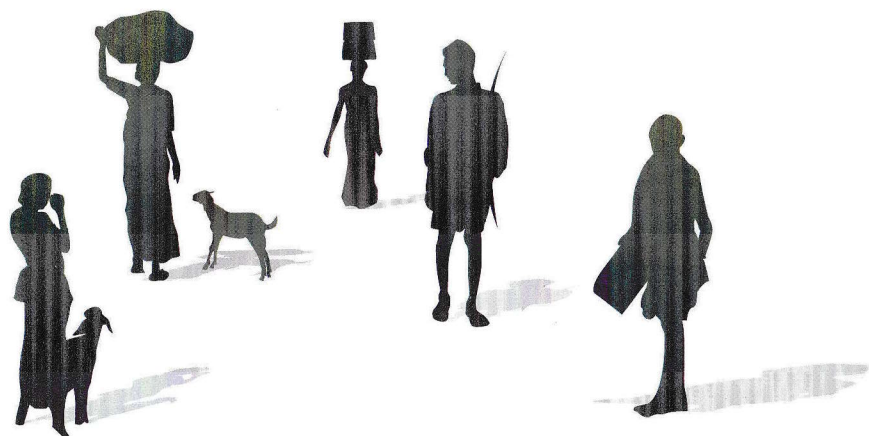


**Ms Sravanthi**  
Project Coordinator,  
2005 - 2007



**Ms P. Padmaja**  
Accounts Officer Trainee  
2006 - 2007

5 Years  
in People's  
Forestry





Life on earth goes round a chain of co-existence. When a single component disappears from the eco-system, life appears disconnected at least for the two immediate links in the chain that depended on it. Since the historical past, tribals and nature have lived out a bond rarely witnessed elsewhere. But now the organic unity has come to be in peril.

The forest dependent/dwelling communities belong to the poorest sections of communities and most often do not have considerable land resources. The relationship between these communities and the forest around them is governed, to a large extent, by livelihood needs. "For at least some of these communities, the forests and the sacred trees they contain, serve as images of the cosmos, symbols of the inexhaustible source of life's force." (Dr Y.S.Rao, Former Regional Forestry Officer, FAO)

The organic unity and equilibrium that existed between the communities and the forest have got disturbed due to various factors. While the traditional practices of collecting forest produces are arguably one of the best methods, the externally escalated market pressure has done its maximum best in contributing to the degraded state of the forest. However, the present-day methods employed by these communities are not free of concerns. Eventually, it becomes vital to take up a concept that not only promotes effective management of the natural resource bases but also sustainable livelihood opportunities to these communities. And that line is drawn in Sustainable Livelihood.





**Centre for People's Forestry**  
Livelihood Rights through Forestry

12-13-483/39, Street No.14, Lane 6  
Nagarjunanagar Colony, Tarnaka  
Secunderabad - 500017, A.P., India  
Tel/Fax: +91 - 40 - 27154484  
Website: [www.cpf.in](http://www.cpf.in)