




ACTION TOOLS

for result-oriented action in
Participatory Forest Management



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About Action Tools

Action Tools are compilation of the essence of a decade of experiences of CPF gained in working with communities through partner NGOs, Forest Department (FD) and other line departments in participatory forest management in Andhra Pradesh. They are standardised and classified to be of use to people working in participatory forestry elsewhere. Although, it speaks to NGOs directly, it intends to share its experiences with all the actors involved in management of forest either directly or indirectly, and to players in other sectors as well. In the context of India, the target groups of Action Tools are Forest Department, other line departments like Rural Development, Agriculture, Animal husbandry etc, and Community-based Organisations (CBOs), and NGOs. The document has also made every effort to place the perspectives of each stakeholder in the programme, so that working together in future endeavours can be smoother.

Action Tools are classified under six themes: Policy and Practice Change, Engagement with Forest Department, Community Empowerment, Gender Mainstreaming, Collaboration in Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods and Mainstreaming Concerns of HIV/AIDS. Each theme is treated as a separate entity, although the format of all themes is almost similar. The narration of incidents placed in boxes throughout the document is intended to help the reader get a clearer picture of what is being talked about. As a matter of fact, the narratives don't present the entire story; they end when the points are elaborated. However, if anyone seeks more detail, we would be happy to share our documents.

The Action Tools were validated in state level workshops held in Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar involving NGOs in forestry programme. The inputs from the workshops have been incorporated in this document. The Action Tools are also the outcome of collective learning involving CPF's partner NGOs in the network programme. All those who have been part of this learning process are enlisted in the acknowledgment section.

Usefulness

Action Tools are intended to help facilitating NGOs, local nodal NGOs and community federations to understand the intricacies of participatory forest management and apply them effectively in their respective fields.

Limitations

Language could be a limitation, given the target audience, as it would have been ideal if the language used was vernacular. However, attempts will be made to get the document translated into regional languages.

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