

# CPF - 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

## 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019



The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of Centre for People's Forestry (CPF) has brought staff team, Partner NGOs, Community representatives and field facilitators onto one platform to share, cross learning and to discuss various matters regarding ongoing programmes. The meeting was held at St. Ann's Generalate, Tarnaka, Secunderabad on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. A total of 100 representatives from 3 states (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Odisha) participated in the meeting.

### ***Welcome Session***

Mr. E Poorna Chander, Convener of Annual Meeting, began the introduction with a warm welcome to all participants and briefed the agenda followed by a round of self-introductions by all the participants.



Later the annual progress and achievements were presented by the concerned programme officers. The brief descriptions of the power point presentations given are below.

### ***Forest Communities programme***

As part of Forest Communities Programme, CPF is covering more than 800 villages with 8 ongoing projects in various districts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Odisha states.

### ***Rights & Entitlements – Mr. D Srinivasulu***



In 100 villages, Village Coordination Groups (VCG) were formed and strengthened to work for better health, education, Social security, MGNREGS & Agriculture in the villages. These VCGs raised 299 issues regarding community entitlements in respective locations, 35 of them were resolved, 2 of them were under process and another 38 were sanctioned.

As a part of care & Share project 3 Anganwadi schools and 3 primary schools infrastructure developed including basic amenities in the school and also facilitated in improving the quality of education by teaching subjects like English and Mathematics.

Out of 600 villages, we have identified 482 villages for Community Forest Resource Rights(CFR) claims out of which 122 Claim documents were prepared and the remaining are under process.

### ***Action Research and Policy Advocacy - Ms. Gargi Das***

A study has been initiated on “**Post title scenario of community forest resource area-Management protocols (Including forest foods)**”.



The main objective is to study the implementation status of community forest rights and community forest resource rights and governance challenges, level of engagements of the communities with the other stakeholders to pursue the CFR implementation and governance challenges and also to study the contribution of forest food in the tribal community food basket and its conservation plan.

### ***Participatory SNRM and Livelihoods – Mr. M Kishore Kumar***



Encouraged farmers in plantation of teak sapling as border plantation; mango plants in order to increase the income of the farmers. Tribal Farmers Service Centres (TFSC) are formed in all 100 villages, out of which 96 TFSC bank accounts were opened and came into operation. Motivated the farmers to cultivate 3 crops and 4 crops in their lands to enhance the food security. Created awareness on nutritious diet in 2 villages of Lingala Mandal using millets and Ragi.

Trainings were conducted on best practices of mango plucking and storage, FPO have identified the traders for the purchase of mangos. Treated 986 hectares of land through water resource development by constructing 47 check dams, 2 check walls, 60 gabion structures and 7 percolation tanks.

### ***Adaptation to Climate Change – Mr. M. Eswar Reddy***

Created awareness to 3000 farmers on better cotton initiatives in the tank catchment area of selected villages along with the promotion of agro forestry for cotton cultivation farmers. Farmers were given training on preparation of organic pesticides like *Neemasthram*, *Vavilaku kashayam* and *Jeevamrutham* for the use mango plantation and vegetable cultivation.



Events were conducted to promote mutual exchange of agriculture produce in 12 villages of Nagarkurnool district, and an event also conducted to promote grain exchange in which 86 farmers have participated from 4 habitations.

## ***Rural Communities Programme***

### ***Village Development Plans project – Mr. K Satyanarayana***

Specific points explained under this project



- Under this project we were able to leverage 9.65Cr from various stakeholders, departments and some through community contribution.
- Provided 19,000 tree guards under avenue plantation and 85 water drum tricycles for watering the plantation.
- Supported 34,000 metres of water pipe line in 82 GPs to resolve the water issues and constructed 83 water storage tanks with 5000 Lts capacity in 65 GPs
- Project team was capacitated through exposure visit on smart village & smart ward, best practices of grounding village development activities, roles & responsibilities of village governing body members etc.
- From 185 Village Development Committees (VDC), 450 issues were raised and submitted to respective governing department departments out of which 120 were already resolved and remaining are in under process.

### ***Informal Sector Workers Initiative (ISWI) – Mr. Allabakshu shaik***

The main objective of the program is to mobilize unemployed youth and improve their socio-economic status through employment linked skill based training.



In the year 2018-19, 688 members were placed in 20 odd trades in the project area, which is operational in four mandals (Ibrahimpattanam, Jaggayyapeta, Tiruvuru and Nandigama) of Krishan district. In this process, we able to leverage 70 lakh through various training partners.

### ***AP Internet Saathi Digital Livelihoods - Mr. P Vinod Kumar***



The main objective of the programme to create awareness on internet and its various utilities among the rural communities and empowering them in enhancing their livelihoods.

Over the period of one year 3000 saathis got benefitted through activities like Kantar survey, Printer Aajeevika yojana, Redbus survey & awareness on Internet safety & Security. Income generated by saathis is being monitored through key performance indicator under 4 buckets of activities.

### ***Internet Saathi Digital Literacy, Telangana – Mr. A Naresh***



Internet saathi program is rolled out in 16 districts of Telangana state covering 4009 villages with 967 saathis in 2 phases by the team of 29 members (1-PO, 6 Zonal coordinators, 22 Cluster coordinators). Deliverables of the project is to train 6.76 lakh women beneficiaries on basic mobile operation and usage of internet. Since inception of phase-1, we are able to complete 99.38% of the expected responses and phase-2 which has started on a later stage has covered up to 69% of the target responses.



## ***Interactive Session***



Dr. D Suryakumari, Director of CPF has been welcomed by Mr. E Poorna Chander and was requested to chair for the interactive session. She shared that, once in every year CPF conducts annual day events and invites community members from all over the project locations and share all the year long activities as a token of Transparency and Accountability. She stressed that, extending help and working even for 10 members and for their benefits gives us a lot of self-satisfaction and it is not purely money oriented. For this 17<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting 40 community members were invited to take part in the event.

Few community members and some among the staff have shared their experiences, few of them are given below:

K Ram Babu, Sarpanch of Singarakunta Palli village, Venkatapuram mandal, Mulugu district said that, there are around 647 villagers and there is not even a single student attend the school due to lack of sanitation facility. He then met our Project officer Mr.Eswar reddy and learned about community contribution and he himself as a head of the village and father of a daughter has donated Rs.5000 for development of school, subsequently they were able to collect Rs.38000 from the villagers and constructed toilets in the school. Now there are 47 students attending the school every day. He said that “saving planted trees is more important than planting trees”

From the few words of Mr.Simhachalam, community member from Paderu, Vishakapatnam, he is thankful for the CPF for educating and empowering them with CFR (Community forest rights). They were able to ask ITDA department about their rights and apply for CFR claims.

Prizes and certificates were distributed to the community members for their commendable contribution in various projects.

# ANNUAL DAY EVENT

Mr. E. Poorna Chander, SPO, CPF welcomed the Guests Mr. Ramesh Kalaghatgi, IFS - former Principle Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF), Mr. P. Vamsi Krishna, Senior Programme Manager-Wild Wide Fund (WWF) and Mr. B. Vishwanath, Program Officer, FRENED. He requested all the guests and Dr. Suryakumari, Director to occupy the dias.

Dr. D. Suryakumari welcomed the group and presented the overview of CPF activities during the year and audited statements of accounts were presented by finance officer Mr. Balraj Gupta for the year 2018-19 during the meeting.



## *Release of Publications*

- Annual Report 2018 – 19
- Post title scenario of community forest resource area-Management protocols (Including forest foods)



## *Message from Guests*



**Mr. P Vamsi Krishna-Senior Programme Manager,WWF-** recalled the association with Dr.D Suryakumari and NGO since 19 years, and partnered with CPF since 2 years through WWF Project and also looking forward to associate with CPF in Adilabad as a part of Kawal Santury project.

**Mr.Ramesh kalagarti-Former PCCF(IFS)** – Happy to share that he has attended 13 annual day meetings of CPF. Coming to the publication regarding the forest foods, forest need to be seen as a part of ecosystem and enhancement, unfortunately due to coordination error watershed project are being carried outside of forest. We have to look into the concept of conserving forest, water safety and food safety and impact of forest on the non forest eco system. He suggested CPF & Vanasamakhyia to develop the projects that can utilise the funds available as a part of CFM in Nellore, East Godavari and West godavari districts.







**Mr. B Vishwanath- Programme Officer, FRENED** – Since 2016, I am associated with CPF through digital initiative (Internet Saathi) projects in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. He has shared a story of a person from Vishakapatnam district who was semi paralyzed for 20 years, came across to learn internet and able to learn tailoring and started earning Rs.2000 per month; also shared the story of a woman in Vempalli Mandal, Kadapa district who has learnt making organic manures and fertilizers and started teaching farmers to make their own manures and fertilizers as volunteer service.

### ***Prize Distribution by Guests***



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