

## SHAKTI'S EXPERIENCE



*Building the capacity of local health workers  
to improve mother and child health*

At Shakti we achieve sustainable behavioural and societal change by building the capacity of people to manage their own affairs. We were first to inaugurate Village Health Committees and continue to advance the cause of full and active participation in governance, health, education and livelihood development.

Our motivation and sensitisation expertise can be applied in the areas of health, welfare, land rights, land management, animal husbandry, water & sanitation and income generation.

We have considerable expertise in

- forming and strengthening village committees, VSS, GKS, Health, FRC, Farmers Clubs
- training PRI members, increasing political literacy
- building SHGs and SHG Federations, training members, developing market linkage schemes, managing micro-finance schemes
- women's empowerment
- creating viable sustainable livelihood options such as leaf plate stitching,

- raising poultry, mushroom cultivation, etc
- preparing baseline household, village & watershed surveys to enable project outcomes quantification
- building people's abilities to manage money, interact with the banking system, construct village micro-plans for health, sanitation, etc
- surveying, designing and constructing gravity fed water supply systems
- motivating and sensitising communities, building awareness of issues, and advocacy work for land rights, health, and education



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## VISION

Shakti Organisation is working in Orissa, India to bring about a society where every person is healthy, economically well off and literate.

## MISSION

We are catalysing sustainable development by enhancing the capacity of local people's organisations to improve the quality of life of the deprived classes of society. Our current focus is helping tribal peoples, the marginalized and women of the Rayagada district of Orissa.

## ABOUT SHAKTI

Shakti Organization was formed in the tribal dominated Rayagada district of Orissa in 1992 with the vision of addressing the underlying causes of poverty, illiteracy, poor health care and various environmental concerns.

Shakti's work focuses on addressing the problems created through agricultural, educational, health, and socio-economic shortfalls. Shakti undertakes projects designed to improve the well being of tribal people, improve and diversify the available secure livelihood options, improve water provision and sanitation, empower women and community organisations, and strengthen the Panchayatraj Institutions.

Shakti maintains an Old Age Persons Home and a School for the rehabilitation of child labourers.

The strategies we have adopted include

- rights based approaches
- capacity building for sustainability
- promotion of Community Based Organisations (CBO)



*Shakti personnel working with local people with the residents of our Old Aged Home*

## SHAKTI'S PRINCIPLES

The growth of the individual is possible only when the society grows and vice versa. Therefore Shakti's approach rests firmly on the belief that all assistance must empower people to participate in furthering their own development.



Shakti works to implement community development programmes and various issues based action programmes that strictly adhere to the following development principles:

- both the causes and the symptoms of an issue are addressed.
- process sustainability is catalysed
- participatory methods are employed
- empowerment is facilitated
- gender equity is ensured
- all projects works are eco-friendly in nature

## OBJECTIVES



*Securing the livelihoods of tribal people*

Our objective is to improve the well being of tribal people through improving livelihood security.

This is achieved by a variety of methods such as through diversification of livelihood options, improvement of agricultural techniques & practices, and the strengthening of access to markets for marginalised producers.

The objectives of current projects include

- improving water provision, sanitation and utilities, including renewable energy
- empowering women and community organisations
- strengthening Panchayatraj Institutions
- improving access to the labour market through the development of awareness of entitlements, e.g. MGNREGA, etc, and mobilization for uptake of these
- providing community health care and taking care of the welfare of children
- the rehabilitation of Child Labour "*Help a child live like a child*"
- caring for the old aged people in need.