

CASE STUDY OF G-9 VARIETY BANANA CLUSTER -HATIPADAR



INTRODUCTION- When the Odisha PVTG Empowerment and Livelihood Improvement Program (OPELIP) implemented with the Collaboration of Dongaria Kandh Development Agency (DKDA) Chatikona which is Supported by IFAD. The Project management Unit (PMU) Bhubaneswar is designing the strategically planning Through the local FNGO Shakti in two Gram panchayat namely Sibapadar and Munikhol of Muniguda block of Rayagada district and started with strategically effort on Empowering the tribal's and enabling them to enhance their livelihood promotion, food security, to increase their income and improve overall quality of their livelihood with specific objectives through various scope for implementation of different work with specific activity for PVTG. The promotion of livelihood program through Community mobilization and community Participation Process of the community in the OPELIP planning. The overall strategy focuses on empowering of the community. The FNGO@Shakti Project team members along with Village Development Association (VDA)/ Village Development Committee (VDC) and especially agriculture team members were solid emphasis on inclusive of promotion of sustainable livelihood activities through banana cluster activity.

Background of the Village-The 30 farmer's lives in OPELIP Project Operational villages name Hatipadar village closely located in nearby Dangoria Kandha villages under Sibapadar Grampanchyat of Muniguda block of Rayagada district. The Village Hatipadar is distance 12 Km away from the FNGO Project Office Muniguda block head quarter and 30 km away from MPA@DKDA Chatikana office and 75 km away from District Head Quarter Rayagada. There is 45 Households with ST, SC & OBC categories household are living in this village. The main occupation of this village is cultivation & daily wages and Maximum are BPL & job card holders out of them 30 farmers are progressive small and marginalized farmer's category.

Intervention of the OPELIP- During the FY 2020-21 OPELIP has been implemented through AWBP -2020-21 different activities in project operational area like- promotion of sustainable Livelihoods activities through promotion of banana cluster, accordingly 30 farmers has been selected for Promotion of Tissu Culture G-9 Variety banana cluster with the initiative of local CRP, VAW, AO, JAO, and PM & Team Leader which is supported by DKDA Chatikana under OPELI project. As a result MPA@DKDA Chatikona & facilitating FNGO@Shakti through the VDC provided Tissu Culture G-9 Variety banana seeds as per the need of the locality

Input of the OPELIP- Mr. Venketaswara Kanta CRP and team members of FNGO along with OPELIP Hatipadar VDC has been taken special interest to 30 farmers for promotion of sustainable livelihood program through Tissu Culture G-9 Variety banana support from OPELIP as a result OPELIP has opportunity through AWBP-2020-21 to promotion of Agriculture program through Tissu Culture G-9 Variety banana cluster at VDC level. VDC members put farmers name in AWBP for Tissu Culture G-9 Variety and provided seeds (250 plants for each farmer) and Bio-fertilizers through Hatipadar OPELIP Gramya Unyana Sangha and OPELIP have technically support to all Farmer, Through Agriculture Officer and VAW like planting method, Plant Measurement & Technical method Plantation and so on for their sustainable livelihood improvement.

Output of the OPELIP-As we know that Our focused target groups are Dangaria kandh, ST, SC and other backward community out of them 30 farmers are OBC progressive and frontline farmers of OPELIP Project and all family members are active participated in different activities of the OPELIP project.

Outcome of the OPELIP- After the intervention of OPELIP project FNGO @ Shakti Agriculture professionals were visited and assured to link to farmers on agriculture related livelihood program and during the supportive supervision and Monitoring period MPA @ JAO & PM also recognition for promotion of agriculture activities through banana cluster among 30 farmers at 3.0 HC of land in the year of 2020-21 financial year. As a result local CRP and VAW have been taken strong initiative for inclusion of 10 farmers in promotion of sustainable

livelihood through Tissu Culture G-9 Variety with cluster mode. With hole hearted all professionals and VDC members were provided more support to all farmers.as a result now farmers and farmer's family members are very happy because each and every Farmers have Income 50000-60000 from 0.25ac of land.

Impact Created-

- After intervention of OPELIP project the farmers skill and techniques improved on land preparation process, value addition process marketing linkages process, convergence and net-working process
- Through the different capacity building program farmers were gain more skills knowledge on village unity and community unity.
- Farmers have created a new identity and model agriculture output village in the project operational areas for their sincerity and decent work.

KEY LEARNINGS

- Now farmers obtained more skills and knowledge in the field of banana cultivation.
- Through the technical support unit of Shakti@OPELIP & DKDA Chatikona were created a remarkable changes in the community
- Shakti @ OPELIP and DKDA is the sources of new life for target individual and community.

Conclusion-through this additional Support they were great Changing on their Livelihood part, As a result now they were created a new identity in the project operational areas through this initiative.