



# ANNUAL REPORT 2012



*Life Academy of Vocational Studies  
(LAVS)*

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## PRESIDENT SPEAKS.....

### *Greetings from Life Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS)!*

I have the privilege to present the Annual Report 2011-12 capturing the milestones achieved by the organization and roadmap drawn for the next course. Thanks to our dedicated efforts and support extended by donors we have been able to make steady progress towards our vision and mission. I hope this report will inspire us and our patrons for more substantive engagements with communities and key partners for change management under the inclusive and sustainable development framework.

The operations of the organization have spread to twenty- five district out of total 30 districts in Odisha. With the establishment of three additional branch offices, the total number of field offices has gone up to eight. It has enabled closer interactions with target groups, CBOs, PRIs, local administration and development practitioners active in the local space. The staff strength of the organization correspondingly has increased to facilitate a wide range of activities including Research, Evaluation, Planning, Innovation, Implementation, training and extension.

While we continued our work around sustainable livelihoods, integrated natural resource management, tribal development, women empowerment and human development entitlements through rights based approach; building and strengthening community institutions and facilitating community managed processes of change have been the thrust areas of our interventions. We are happy to see more number of community based institutions demonstrating capacity to negotiate progress based on the principles of self help and self reliance.

The success stories from the field encourage us to consolidate the work in core competency areas and side by side accept new challenges to build replicable and sustainable models in effective social targeting, vulnerable groups programming, human development innovations, climate change adaptability forging new partnerships with government, corporate, civil society organizations, panchayat raj institutions, community based bodies and other partners in progress.

I thank all whose support helped us to scale new heights during 2011-12 and believe with such precious support, we shall work with greater determination and march further closer to our cherished vision.

**Akshaya Mohapatra**  
**President Cum Chief Executive**



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## *Organizational Architecture*

### PROFILE IN BRIEF

**L**ife Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS) is registered NGO in the state of Odisha. Founded by a group of young professionals the organization has completed over two decades of existence thanks to its commitment to quality, accountability and social cause it upholds in all its operations.

It now operates in twenty-five districts of the state including tribal districts like Koraput, Kalahandi, Bargarh, Jharsuguda and Jagatsinghpur. It has also worked in coastal districts like Khurda, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore and Cuttack. The principal target groups of LAVS include children, women, STs, SCs and other weaker sections of society.

LAVS is a non political, non religious and non profit organization. LAVS is a democratically governed body with bye-laws and required registration under the law of the land. It has a general body and executive body. General body meetings are held at least once in a year whereas executive body meets once in two months or more as per requirement.

The day to day management of the organization is vested in the executive body. The Executive body gets elected by the General Body every five years. Its accounts are audited every year by an external audit firm. It also has sound financial management system. It has its HR, Gender, Child Protection, Procurement and Partnership policy. It works in close collaboration with government and other development actors.....



## Registration

Registered under Societies Registration Act Act-XXI of 1860 No-3710-384/91, Dated-28.11.91

Registered under FCR Act 1976 bearing No-104830015 Dated-22.01.99

Registered under I.T. Act 12 (A) IT act

Registered under donation deduction Act 80 (G) of the IT Act 1961 Dated. 18.06.03.

Income Tax PAN Number AAATL 3043 L

Registered u/s 69 of Finance Act 1994 - Service Tax Registration No. AAATL3043 L ST 001

Registered with National Commission, Income Tax Department for exemption under 35 AC of Indian IT Act

LAVS has Accredited status with the UNCCD, Germany

## Geographical spread

Research, Evaluation & Consulting	All 30 Districts
Current Project Coverage	25 Districts
Field Implementation Projects	5 Districts

## Vision

*A society where peoples' action is given priority for benefit and betterment of children, women, poor and marginal sections of the community, guaranteeing eco-friendly sustainable development based on equity, empowerment and initiatives for self reliance by the target clients.*

## Mission



*Supplement Community capacity building and Skill up-gradation to promote in them a sense of ownership and active partnership with government and development agencies in decisions and programmes affecting their*



*development and well-being.*

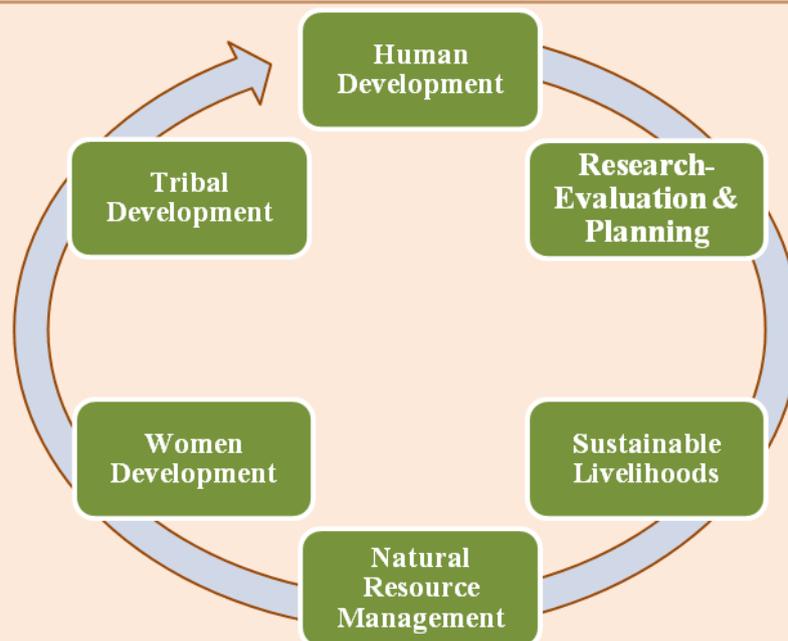
## Objectives



- Strengthen participatory and transparent good governance practices at grassroots level benefiting children, women and weaker sections.
- Take up women and Child development activities – SHGs, Vocational Training, IG units & protection from violence as well as gender-based discriminations.
- Promote livelihood security for the poor and marginalized.
- Pilot innovation for financial inclusion and economic empowerment of women and other vulnerable groups.
- Undertake action research projects in urban, rural and tribal areas with focus on community participation for inclusive and sustainable development.
- Undertake survey, need assessment studies, planning exercises, programme evaluations and consulting assignments in the areas of human development, environment and climate change
- Organize workshops, seminars and advocacy meetings for formulation of appropriate policies –practice changes for the weaker sections.



## Thematic Thrusts



## Human Resource

Sl No	Category	Number	
		Full Time	Part Time
1	Senior Professionals	07	05
2	Subject Matter Specialists	06	18
3	Middle Managers	11	07
4	Animators and Volunteers	86	115
5	Support Staff	14	03

## Operations

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## Current Projects

Project Implementation Consultancy for Odisha RRS-IIP & RRS-III Investment Program assisted by ADB under Rural Works Department, Govt. of Odisha

Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Project (OTELP) supported by SC & ST Development Department, Govt. of Odisha

Watershed Program supported by NABARD-Odisha

SHG Promotion (Financial Inclusion) Programme supported by NABARD-Odisha

Farmer's Development Program supported by Odisha Community Tank Management project under the Department of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha

PROJECT SURAKSYA supported by OVHA-UNICEF Odisha

Advocacy on Reproductive Health Rights-PACS

Asset Verification Study on Swallow Tube Wells –APICOL Odisha

## PROGRESS 2011-12

### Sustainable Livelihoods Programmes

#### A. Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Project (OTELP)

Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme (OTELP) is being implemented by the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Development Department of the Government of Odisha. LAVS has been engaged as a facilitating NGO under the project in Pottangi Block of Koraput District. OTELP aims to ensure livelihoods and food security of poor tribal households through promoting a more efficient, equitable, self-managed and sustainable use of the natural resources



#### OTELP POTTANGI BLOCK



No of Micro Watersheds	10
Geographical Area	5197 Ha
Treatable Area	5028 Ha



		No of Gram Panchayats	04
No of villages	52		
No of Households	1879		
No of Landless Households	497		
No of BPL Households	1329		

### Community institution building (Social Capital)

LAVS is a strong votary of community participation in letter spirit. It strategically builds community institutions for planning, implementtion and monitoring of developmental initiatives with due adherence to participatory principles. This approach has been proved time and again for being helpful to promote transparency, ownership and accountability bringing about greater cohesion and solidarity among community groups for collective efforts in pursuit of development goals.



### Community Institutional Architecture

Name of Institutions	No. of Institutions	Members		
		Male	Female	Total
VDC	10	93	92	185
VLSC	10	56	53	109
SHG (Old)	75	13	752	765
SHG(New)	85	165	925	1090
VSS (Old)	6	32	34	66
VSS (New)	16	128	127	255
Farmers Club	12	106	98	204
Grain Bank	3	-	120	120
SHG Federation	10	-	284	284
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>2485</b>	<b>3078</b>



### Financial Achievement at FNGO Level (Rs in Lakh)

Component	UPTO Mar-2011		2011-12	
	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	Fund Received	Fund Utilized
Community Empowerment & Management	1818100	1746799	423600	145111
Skill Up gradation Beneficiaries	701000	505934	637620	240370
Administrative Cost	2700000	2638100	829280	1051100
<b>Total</b>	<b>5219100</b>	<b>4890833</b>	<b>1890500</b>	<b>1436581</b>

### Financial Achievement at VDC Level (Rs in Lakh)

Programme Component	Allocation	Cumulative Utilization till March 2011	Utilization 2011-12	TOTAL
L&WM	402.24	184.16	133.95	318.11
PFM	25.6	23.53	0	23.53
AHD	3.5	3.0	0.62	3.62
LAP	3.0	1.6	0	1.6
CIF	60.39	15.06	6.4	21.46
DIF	50.28	00	7.26	7.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>545.01</b>	<b>276.25</b>	<b>162.49</b>	<b>438.74</b>



## Land and Water Management Initiatives

Intervention	Unit	Cumulative Achievement upto March 2011		Achievement-2011-12	
		Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial
Stone Bonding	RMT	17910	1094179/-	130380	8474512/-
5% Corner Pit	Nos.	1331	1289810/-	845	820350/-
Land Leveling	Acre.	4	17600/-	-	-
SCT	RMT	294600	10773663/-	-	-
CCT	RMT	7065	176640/-	-	-
WAT	RMT	15000	224153/-	-	-
Gulley Control/LBS	Nos.	249	1740831/-	48	316558/-
Percolation Tank	Nos.	3	165764/-	-	-
Farm Pond	Nos.	33	2047139/-	2	54468/-
Check Dam	Nos.	5	196926/-	-	-
HMT	Nos.	35000	147000/-	-	-
Dug Well	Nos.	4	147531/-	2	64041/-
Sunken Pond	No.	1	29235.00		
SBWS	No.	0	0.00	4	960000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>18050471/-</b>		<b>10689929/-</b>

## Irrigation Infrastructure created

Name of VDCs	Dugwell	SBWS	Farm Pond	Water Kundi	Check Dam
Arjumaska	14	1	5	0	0
Banadurga	1	1	5	2	1
Chappanjholla	2	1	5	0	1
Baghjolla	4	1	2	0	0
Karamjholla	1	1	1	2	1
Kamalabandh	1	2	11	0	1
Kuremeta	2	1	1	0	0
Haticheru	0	2	4	1	0
Sualoba	4	0	4	2	1
Sindhermoti	2	2	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>



### Biological Measures

Activity	Unit	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial
Contour Plantation	No.	21088	173980/-	80	501580/-
Plantation for Horticulture Species	Ha.	153	1533000/-	-	-
Bamboo Plantation	Ha.	1	12600/-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>1719580/-</b>	-	<b>501580/-</b>

### Income Support Interventions

Sl. No	Activities	Unit /Nos.	Output
1	Mother Chick Unit (MCU)	2	2 SHG Involved, 28 Members Benefited
2	Backyard Poultry	100	100 HHs Covered
3	Pisciculture	18	18 SHGs, 203 Members Benefited
4	Ginger Cultivation	750	750 Farmers Benefited
5	Foot Yam Cultivation	200	200 HHs Involved
6	Sweet Potato	48 Acres	72 Farmers Involved
7	Nursery Raising	10	10 SHGs Involved, 141 Members Benefited
8	Poly Nursery	1	1 SHG, 10 Members Benefited
9	Vegitable Cultivation	300 Acres	86 SHGs Involved
10	Energy Enterprises	15 SRS	450 HHs Benefited in 15 Villages
11	Oil Expeller Unit	2	2 SHG Involved
12	Vermin Compost Unit	40	40 HHs Benefited
13	WADI Plantation	40 Acres	40 Farmers Benefited
14	Kitchen Garden	1800	1800 HHs Benefited
15	Wild Honey Collection	5	25 Youths Benefited
16	Monsoon Potato	40 Acres	40 HHs Benefited
17	Silo Bin	320	160 SHG Benefited





## Women Enterprises

Particulars	Number
No. of SHGs distributing MDM	10
No. of SHGs running Grain Banks	04
No. of SHGs running PDS shops	09
No. of SHGs in Pisciculture	18
No. of SHGs in Vegetable cultivation	100
No. of SHGs in Ginger cultivation	11
No. of SHGs in Nursery raising	09
No. of SHGs in Agriculture activities	40



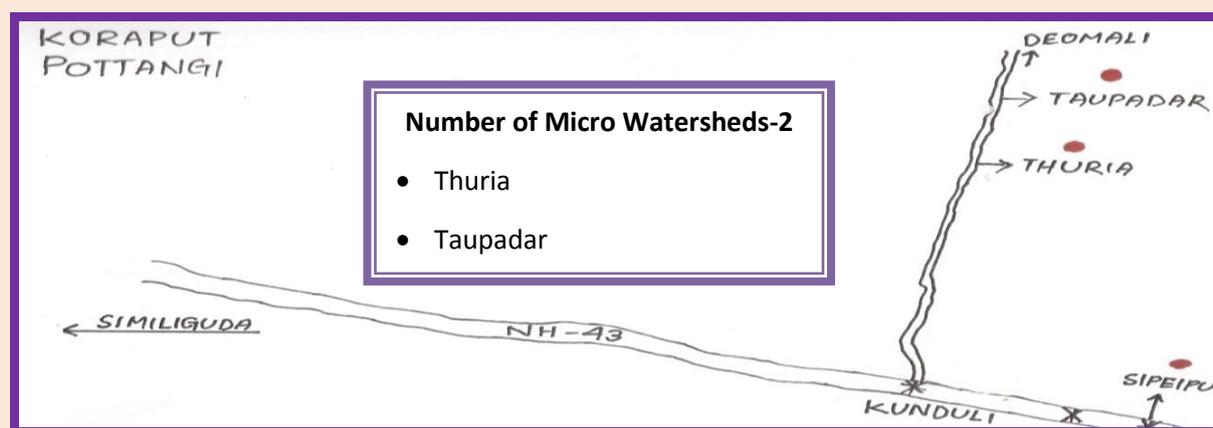
## Progress through Convergence

Sl No	Name of Activity	Nos.	Type of Support	Name of Agency/Scheme
1	Farmers Club	12	Grant for farmers Orientation	NABARD
2	Grain Bank	3	Training, Weight & Measures and Grains	WFP
3	Trg. On Honey Collection	3	Training and Collection Kit	Sarvodaya Samiti, Koraput
4	Trg. On integrated farming	2	15 days Residential training to 12 youths	Ramakrishna Mission
5	Skill Training	6	Resource Persons & materials	JSS
6	WADI Model	80	Cashew, Mango & Forest Seedlings	MGNREGS
7	Health Camp	10	Medicine, treatment and referral Service	NRHM
8	Veterinary Camp	10	Medicine, treatment and vaccination	Veterinary Dept.
9	SHG Linkage	20	Subsidy Grant	SGSY
10	Land Settlement	90	Issue of Patta	FRA- OGLS
11	Mobile Repairing	14	IG Support	KVIC, Bhubaneswar
12	Security Guard	57	IG Support	KCA, Bhubaneswar
13	BPO	8	IG Support	GAICR, Rayagada
14	House Wiring	11	IG Support	KVIC, Bhubaneswar
15	Tailoring	14	IG Support	NALCO Community Centre-2, Damonjodi



## Watershed Development Program (WDF-NABARD)

Koraput district is endowed with rich natural resources and conducive climate for agriculture and horticulture development. The indigenous tribal communities mostly placed under below poverty line depend on agriculture as the principal source of subsistence. Watershed development assumes great significance in so far as it contributes towards conservation of scarce natural resources, preservation of bio-diversity and strengthens sustainable livelihoods assurance for the local communities. LAVS is implementing NABARD supported watershed programme in Pottangi Block of Koraput District. Most of the activities are being implemented in a participatory manner through village watershed committees.



### Achievements

#### Land Development

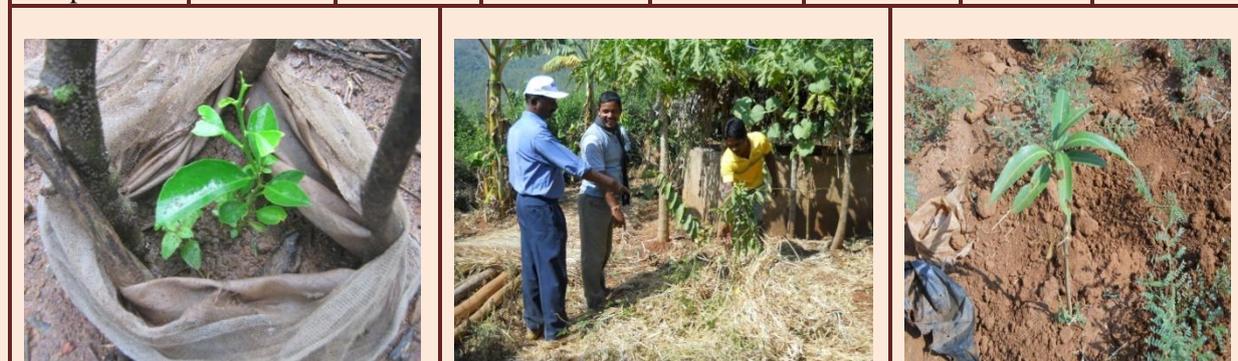
Watershed	Field Bund	Stone Bund	Contour Bund	Gabion Structure	Gully Plugging Structure	Biomass structure	CCT Structure
Thuria	9792 mtrs	3815 mtrs	800 rmtr	2 nos	7 nos	13 nos	-
Taupadar	8338 mtrs	160 rmtrs	724 rmtr	-	24 nos	-	911 mtrs





### Plantation

Watershed	Plantation in Ha/ Number						
	Mango	Cashew	Bamboo	Fuel wood	Seedling	Avenue	Backyard
Thuria	200	4.24 Ha	7 Ha	4 Ha	2.8 Ha	250	144 Ha
Taupadar	-	3.72 Ha	3.41 Ha	5.34 Ha	2 Ha	250	216 Ha



### Soil and Water Conservation

Watershed	Farm Pond	Bush wood Check dam	Water Observation Tank	Vermin compost pits	Compost Pits
Thuria	-	2	985 rmt	4	3
Taupadar	3	2	388 rmt	4	15



### Community Driven Initiatives

- Micro-Planning for sustainable livelihoods security
- Shramadan (Voluntary contribution of labour for community development)
- Community Farming by Landless Taking Private Land on Lease
- Sustainable Agriculture Practices- INRM, NPM, IPM, Soil/Water conservation, Seed Banks, Grain Banks
- Sustainable Livestock management (Community based Para veterinary workers)
- Afforestation, Eco-restoration and Plantation Activities
- Promotion of Solar Energy Solutions
- Anti-Liquor Campaigns

### Convergence

- TERI
- NHM
- MGNREGS
- TDCC
- OTHERS

### Odisha Community Tank Management Project (OCTMP)



The project is being implemented by the Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha with World Bank assistance. The overarching objective of the project is for selected tank based producers to improve agricultural productivity and water user associations to manage tank systems effectively. LAVS has been engaged as the facilitating NGO to implement the project components with regard to community capacity building for operation & maintenance and sustainable livelihoods in Athgarh Block of Cuttack district. LAVS has been working through seven water users associations covering an Ayacut area of 1301 Hectares around seven Minor Irrigation Projects (MIPs)

Name of MIP	Ayacut (Ha)
Champia	243
Bisibandha	263
Kapursing	150
Mahalaxmipur	81
Palghosra	159
Sankha	243
Tantichipa	162

### Major Interventions

- Community mobilization and project awareness done through public meetings/cultural shows at village and hamlet levels
- Para-workers for Social, Technical, M&E and Livelihoods facilitation selected
- Community level groups formed/reorganized (FIGs) for production, productivity and profitability purposes on Agriculture, Horticulture, Livestock, Fisheries and Agri-Marketing



- SHGs formed/reorganized for livelihoods improvement through land and non-land based enterprises
- Trainings conducted for PP, FIG and SHG on village level micro-planning and preparation of TIMP
- Trainings conducted on managerial, technical and financial aspects for executive and sub-committee of PP

- Public display/disclosure of project interventions done through Project sign boards, Transparency pillar and Notice board of PP and GP
- Best practices disseminated through training, exposure and demonstration on Agriculture, Horticulture, Livestock, Fisheries and Agri-Marketing Models
- Interface meetings conducted with line department officials, Banks & MFIs.



### Project Suraksya



Life Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS) and Odisha Voluntary Health Association (OVHA-UNICEF) entered into an agreement to implement Project Suraksya for reducing childhood morbidity and mortality with the focus on avoiding malnutrition in children below the age of 2 years. The project is being implemented in all the five blocks of the district.

***Sensitization programme for CBOs & Local NGOs***

Date	Block	No of Participants
14.08.2011	Jharsuguda (R)	39
23.08.2011	Kolabira	26
27.08.2011	Kirmira	35
31.08.2011	Laikela	22
16.09.2011	Lakhanpur	32



***Observance of World Breast Feeding Week***



World Breast Feeding Week was organized in collaboration with DSWO, Jharsuguda at Hukudihi, Rangiatikra, Jammal, Raghunathpali, Parmanpur, Banjari, Thebera, Jamgaon, lock: Hirma, Jarsuguda Urban, Badmal, Dalki, Bagdihi and Jharmunda covering 869 pregnant and lactating mothers. Nutrition education was imparted besides sensitizing them about the merits of breast feeding.

***Observance of Nutrition Week***

Date	Block	No of Participants
24.10.2011	Lakhanpur	20
24.10.2011	Laikera	19
25.10.2011	Kolabira	19
26.10.2011	Kirmira	27
27.10.2011	Jharsuguda (R)	19



ASHAs, AWWs, the lactating mothers, adolescents girls and ante-natal women participated in the activities and meetings organized during the week. Complementary feeding & nutrition, Care, quantity and recommendations while preparing complementary food, food consistency and menu, special instructions about nutritive value, dependence on locally available foods, IMS Act and implications were among the major topics discussed

***District level Monitoring and Facilitating Team***

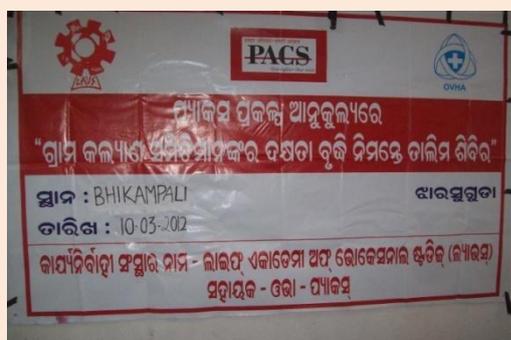


Formation and Orientation of Monitoring and Facilitating Team was organized at district level in the DHH Conference Hall on 28.09. 2011. The Meeting was Chaired by the Collector cum District Magistrate, Jharsuguda and participated by the CDMO, ADMO (FW), ADMO (PH), DSWO, DPM, NRHM and all the CDPOs, representatives of the NGOs and CBOs and Zonal Coordinator of OVHA and DPC, UNICEF. The District Level Monitoring Team was formed with 19 members with ADMO (PH) as president and the PHEO, Jharsuguda as the Secretary.



### ***Advocacy on Reproductive Health Rights (Under PACS Initiative)***

#### ***Three Days Training to GKS Members***



Under the project “Advocacy on Reproductive Health Rights in Five PACS Targeted Districts” targeting the overall health development in the poorest areas of the state, LAVS with the support of OVHA and PACS has envisaged to empower the Gaon Kalyan Samities. 2 nos of three days training was

conducted covering 36



GKS members from Bhikampali village and 16 GKS members of Banjari village of Lakhanpur Block. The GKS members were sensitized about their role, responsibility and functions as per provisions of the GKS guideline.

#### ***Training on Health Facility Monitoring***



2 nos of two days health facility monitoring training were organized at Bhikampali and Banjari villages of Lakhanpur Block. The trainees were sensitized about various health facilities available in rural areas, the services these facilities provide, responsibilities of health service providers and quality assurance by adequate provisioning of staff, infrastructure, equipment, supplies and logistics etc. The tools like community score card

and other community led monitoring of health facilities were discussed.



## ***Project Implementation Consultancy for Odisha RRS-IIP & RRS-III Investment Program assisted by ADB***

LAVS has been engaged by Rural Works Department, Government of Odisha as Project Implementation Consultants (PIC) for Odisha RRS-IIP & RRS-III Investment Program assisted by ADB in 25 districts of the state. Social safeguard instruments including R & R, Environmental safeguard instruments, Road Safety and Road Maintenance are the major components of the project. Under the project, LAVS is preparing IEC material and disseminating information on Road safety to school students, teachers and communities.



Qualified and experienced personnel with required expertise are in place. Five zonal offices have been set up at Angul, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Jharsuguda and Bhubaneswar to coordinate activities with divisional offices of Rural Works Department, Govt. of Odisha. Following staff training conducted by Technical Support Consultants (ADB), the field operations have started for preparation of CPF/ ECoP documents, Environment Management Plans and Road safety/ Road Maintenance Audit/ Monitoring Reports.

### ***Decentralized Planning***

LAVS with the support of Planning and Coordination department, Govt. of Odisha worked as a Technical Support Institution (TSI) to assist the District Administration Bargarh and the District Planning and Monitoring Unit for preparation of Comprehensive Five Year and Annual District Plan-2012-17 & 2012-13 respectively. It followed a participatory approach holding consultations at GP, Block and ULB levels besides integrating proposals from line departments for consolidation and final approval by the District Planning Committee. The assignment was completed in time in compliance with the guidelines.





### ***Micro Planning***

Micro Planning is a major strategic intervention of the organization to mainstream bottom-up approach. The tool enables communities to undertake need assessment, resource mapping, prioritization and prepare a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound) programme of action detailing role and responsibilities of the key stakeholders. Micro Plans are being prepared in sectors such as livelihoods, health, WATSAN, Education etc.

### ***Water & Sanitation Initiatives***

Water and sanitation are basic necessities of human beings. Consumption of safe drinking water, proper sanitation and adoption of correct hygiene practices has a significant impact on the health of people. Provision of clean drinking water, sanitation, and a clean environment are vital to improve the health of people and to reduce incidence of diseases and deaths. Lack of adequate sanitation is a pressing challenge in both rural and urban India.

Sanitation-related diseases take a heavy toll of lives, especially children's lives, and are a drain on productivity and incomes. Lack of adequate sanitation also forces households into the continued indignity of open defecation, which is an acute problem especially for women and young girls. Inadequate sanitation impacts on the local economy, productivity and overall quality of life. Based on this realization, LAVS has integrated Water & Sanitation initiatives in all its ongoing projects emphasizing on following components:

- Supplement government effort to provide safe drinking water to rural and urban communities
- Supplement government efforts under total sanitation campaigns
- Supplement activities under school health and hygiene education programmes
- Facilitate community ownership and participation in efforts to ensure universal access to WATSAN services
- Develop IEC/ Training materials, organize campaigns, impart training and pilot low cost models in the sector.

### ***Climate Change Adaptability***

Agriculture is one of the sectors most vulnerable to climate change impact. The impact is even stronger in Odisha, where agriculture is truly important for the daily subsistence, and where adaptive capacity is low. Therefore, it is crucial to increase the understanding of the actual climate change dynamics on agricultural activities and on the societies at the lower levels. Today, technology has been identified as the single most potent factor both in development and sustainability.

Whereas technology for development has been in practice for some time now and by now wider dissemination, the technology for sustainability is both nascent and exclusive. LAVS has directed its efforts to spread awareness on climate issues, coping mechanisms and measures for strengthening bio-diversity through following activities:



- Thematic talks on climate change issues.
- Micro planning on climate change adaptability measures.
- Capacity building on coping mechanisms.
- Sustainable natural resource management practices.

### ***HIV/AIDS Prevention Initiatives***

The scourge of HIV / AIDS has already done big damage to mankind worldwide and is increasingly spreading its tentacles affecting more and more people every hour. Ever since the mid-eighties, India has been witnessing ever-increasing incidence of HIV / AIDS infection. The estimated number of HIV infections has increased from a few thousand in the early 1990s to millions of children and adults living with HIV/AIDS at present. LAVS with the support of Odisha State AIDS Control Society (OSACS) implemented two programmes in Jharsuguda District:-

1. Targeted Intervention for FSWs/ MSMs
2. Intervention at Transit points for control of HIV/AIDS

The project targets FSWs, MSMs and migrant workers as main target groups. IEC campaigns, Training, peer education, counselling, information kiosks, health camps, screening camps, referral for voluntary testing, condom promotion and such other services are being provided in collaboration with district health administration and health facilities.



### ***Energy Solutions (Solar)***



Energy is an essential requirement for socio-economic development. Rural and tribal areas face its chronic shortage due to non availability or disruptions in the supply chain. Given the slow pace of rural electrification and bleak prospects of assured power supply LAVS has been promoting solar energy based solutions in the state. Distribution of solar lanterns has been the potent strategic

intervention at the entry point; followed up by scale up and diversification plans. Local youths have been trained to set up solar recharge centres and provide services to local people. The pilot initiatives are based on support and collaboration of TERI and OREDA.



### ***NETWORKING***

LAVS is a part of leading advocacy networks of the state working on food security, forest rights, gender justice, child rights and good governance reforms. Together with partners it has been making dedicated efforts for reaching the poorest of the poor and facilitating their empowerment in rights based approach.



## *Studies and Surveys conducted by LAVS*

<b>PROJECT REFERENCE</b>	<b>STUDY COMPONENT</b>
Odisha RRP-IIP & RRP-III Invest Program (ADB)	Components: Social and environmental assessments, land acquisition through community/ PRI consultations and Road safety and Road Maintenance quality assurance.
Participatory District Planning-Bargarh District	Socio-economic surveys, participatory consultations, integrated planning involving PRIs, ULBs and Line Departments.
Odisha Tribal Empowerment Livelihood Project (OTELP)	Baseline Study to identify socio economic conditions of tribal people and design intervention strategies for institution building and economic empowerment of target groups.
Study on Women centric Enterprises In Odisha	SHG Movement in Odisha, Constraints and Prospects with reference to scale up the Agro based enterprises in the state
National Education Group Education Initiative	Participatory assessment of status of primary Education in Kalahandi district
Village Development Micro Plan,Bhawanipatna Block, Kalahandi District	Baseline Study to identify socio economic conditions of tribal people and design intervention strategies for institution building and economic empowerment of target groups.
Human Development Initiative in Koraput District, Odisha	Identify potential to mainstream a WSHG led human development drive in areas of food security, livelihoods, health, education, women and child development.
Community Development through rain-fed agriculture Telkoi Block, Keonjhar	Baseline study to ascertain institutional and capacity gaps in community for designing a programme package to prevent distress migration & promote food security & Natural Resource Management
Socio-economic development of indigenous people Thuamul Rampur Block, Kalahandi	Baseline study to have a SWOT analysis of indigenous institutions and gaps thereof for building a SHG based network for protection of rights over land, water & forest
Village Development Micro Plan, Golamunda Block, Kalahandi	Baseline study to design interventions targeting SHG promotion, Poverty alleviation,/ Food security, women empowerment and community health including RCH activities
Study on NTFP and Herbal Plantation in Deogarh District.	Baseline study to identify potential for promotion of NTFP and Herbal plantation in SHG/ Cooperative mode through appropriate institution building, networking and marketing strategies.
SHG Promotion / Micro Credit, Kalahandi & Koraput districts	Livelihood Opportunity analysis in farm and non- farm sectors positioning SHGs and Federations as catalyst for change ensuring socio-economic empowerment of women.
SHG Promotion / Micro Credit, Kendrapara & Jagatsinghpur districts	Livelihood Opportunity analysis in farm and non- farm sectors positioning SHGs and Federations as catalyst for change ensuring socio-economic empowerment of women through Vocational Training & IG activities
NRM activities through Food for Work during post cyclone rehabilitation, Jagatsinghpur	Comprehensive assessment of damage caused to agriculture land and local livelihoods in Jagatsinghpur district with a view design and implement food for work and other agriculture support activities in the super cyclone affected areas.



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