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FOREWORD

I feel proud and encouraged as I present you the 23rd Annual Report of LAVS for the year 2013-14. Starting from humble roots the organization has grown in to a stature of a prominent non state actor in Odisha all because of the trust imposed on us and the generous support we received from patrons, members, donors, government and many others including the communities with whom we dream work along our vision and mission.

Like previous ones, the last year too has been a year marked by successes and challenges. While successes have inspired us to move forward the challenges have been great learning experiences offering new skills and ideas to address and manage situations in pursuit of stated outcomes and impact. I am happy to state that despite constraints, we have been on target in terms of delivery and other compliances in regard to all our projects and operations.

We closed the OCTMP programme in Cuttack district after implementation of a robust withdrawal strategy enabling community institutions to take over management and sustain the good work already been done there in the areas of livelihoods, governance and social empowerment. I am indeed very happy to inform that the project for women farmers under MKSP (NRLM) has taken off well multiplying success stories in intervention clusters. We are determined to put more steam in to it and come up with innovative models addressing the needs of the poorest of poor and vulnerable women.

I also take the opportunity to mention here the projects on livelihoods and NRM supported by NABARD and OTELP as the consolidation phase now projects many examples of change management for ecological sustainability and improved wellbeing of the targeted communities. The financial inclusion programme has linked many women with banks facilitating smooth flow of credit for both consumption and production needs. The Land Rights programme has benefited many landless households thanks to the interface provided by LAVS to sort out bottlenecks in the process.

LAVS has been able to complete a number of survey and research studies with the support of line departments and sponsors. The reports have been appreciated for quality and merit. I also must mention here the media advocacy initiative supported by UNICEF through which we have been able to reach out local media through round tables and workshops for their active engagement to curb under-nutrition and stunting among children in Odisha. We have also made good progress in reproductive and child health initiatives supported by PACS and NRHM. We have achieved milestones in time in the ADB assisted consultancy for PMGSY roads in Odisha.

I must admit, all that we have to our credit today is due to the adherence to the non negotiable principles of transparency and accountability. We are growing from strength to strength as we value performance and quality assurance as key concerns of the organization. I once again acknowledge the support received from all our patrons, partners, donors, government, PRIs and communities and assure that we shall work with more dedication to achieve and expand for the betterment of our people and state.

Akshaya Mohapatra
President

Acronyms

ADB	:	Asian Development Bank
CBO	:	Community Based Organization
CBP	:	Capacity Building Phase
CIG		Common Interest Group
CPF	:	Community Participation Framework
DFID	:	Department for International Development
ECOP	:	Environmental Code of Practices
FIG	:	Farmers Interest Group
FIP	:	Full Implementation Phase
FNGO	:	Facilitating Non -Government Organization
GS	:	Gram Sabha
LWE		Left Wing Extremism
MKSP		Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana
NABARD		National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NRHM		National Rural Health Mission
NRLM		National Rural Livelihoods Mission
OCTMP		Orissa Community Tank Management Programme
OSSRA		Orissa State Rural Roads Authority
OTELP		Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme
PMGSY		Pradhan Mantri Gramya Sadak Yojana
PACS		Poorest Area Civil Society
PP		Pani Panchayat
PPDT		Pani Panchayat Development Team
PRI		Panchayat Raj Institutions
RFS		Rural Financial Services
RKVY		Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana
RTI		Right to Information
SHG		Self Help Group
SHPI		Self Help Promoting Institute
UG		User Group
UNICEF		United Nations Children' s Fund
UNFPA		United Nations Population Fund
UNWFP		United Nations World Food Programme
VDA		Village Development Association
VDC		Village Development Committee
WDC		Watershed Development Committee
VDC		Village Development Committee
WHS		Water Harvesting Structures
WDC		Watershed Development Committee

1. Organizational Information

Life 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, Nawarangpur, Jharsuguda and Deogarh. It has also worked in coastal districts like Khurda, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore and Cuttack. The principal target groups of LAVS include children, women, STs, SCs and other weaker sections of society.

By virtue of long and diversified professional exposure, the organization is able to deliver value added services to a wide range of projects supported by clients including World Bank, DFID, UNWFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, IFAD, ADB, State and Central Govt. Departments and Ministries. Thematically, it has core competence in areas of Community Health, Education, Child Development, Sustainable Livelihoods, Natural Resource Management and Good Governance.

VISION STATEMENT:

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 STATEMENT:

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

- ◆ Facilitate rights based development processes empowering communities to access basic services and benefits under various government schemes.
- ◆ Strengthen participatory and transparent good governance practices at grassroots level benefiting children, women and weaker sections.
- ◆ Undertake capacity building and institution-building programmes to strengthen inclusion, informed participation and empowerment of target communities
- ◆ Pilot innovative programmes on natural resource management, watershed development and sustainable livelihoods practices in agriculture and allied sectors.
- ◆ Pilot action research projects on renewable and alternative energy
- ◆ Pilot innovation for financial inclusion and economic transformation of the vulnerable groups.
- ◆ Take up women and Child development activities – SHGs, Vocational Training, IG units & protection from violence as well as gender-based discriminations.
- ◆ Undertake survey, need assessment studies and action research projects as well as special studies in diverse fields pertaining to social, economic and human development.
- ◆ Organize workshops, seminars, networks and advocacy meetings to influence formation of appropriate policies and strategies.

Registration Details –

Registered under Societies Registration Act- XXI of 1860 No-3710-384/91, Dated-28.11.91
Registered under FCR Act 1976 bearing No - 104830015 Dated - 22.01.99
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Programmes/ Projects

During the period under report LAVS has implemented the following projects/ programmes

Project Implementation Consultancy for Odisha RRS-IIP & RRS-III Investment Programmes assisted by ADB	Supported by Rural Works Dept., Govt. of Odisha for preparation of social and environmental safeguard documents, Road Safety Audit and Inspection and Road Maintenance Inspection
Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme (OTELP)	It is being operated in 10 Micro Watershed Areas of Pottangi block of Koraput district. It is supported by ST & SC Development Dept. Govt. of Odisha
Watershed Development Programme	Supported by NABARD for development of micro watersheds contributing to sustainable natural resource management and rural livelihoods
Community Tank Management Programme	Supported by the OCTDMS, Dept. of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha for optimal utilization of irrigation potential and farmers development activities
Advocacy on Reproductive Health Rights	Supported by PACS (DFID) for strengthening community processes to make informed choices with reference to reproductive rights of individuals irrespective of gender
Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana	Supported by the Ministry of Rural Development, GoI is geared to socio-economic empowerment of 3000 women farmers belonging to SC, ST, Poor and other vulnerable groups
Media Advocacy on malnutrition and stunting children in Odisha	Supported by UNICEF, Odisha the programme aims to address issues related to malnutrition and child stunting in Odisha through enhanced media dissemination
Baseline Survey at PPDT and PP level under Institutional Framework for providing Multidisciplinary Support to Pani Panchayats under RKVY in Boudh and Kandhamal districts	Supported by Dept. of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha the project covered need assessment of PPS based on which the department shall extend Multidisciplinary support to the participating farmers and pani panchayats under Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY).
Study on Adolescent Sexual Health: Knowledge and Practice among the slum dwellers of Bhubaneswar	Supported by UNFPA LAVS undertook the study to explore sexuality related issues of slum dwelling adolescents in Bhubaneswar and recommend life skills education for them
Field survey/ assessment of SC families who have been able to cross poverty line after being assisted under bankable IGS of SCA to SCSP in 7 districts	Supported by the SC and ST Finance Development Corporation, Govt. Of Odisha, the objective of the project was to assess impact of support to SC families under SCA to SCSP in last five years
Study on Need Assessment for intervention under CSR	The assignment was awarded by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for undertaking a socio-economic need assessment exercise to suggest actions for peripheral development

Achievement Matrix

Sl. No.	Particulars	Cumulative
01	No. of WSHGs formed	518
02	No. of SHGs supported for IG Activities	341
03	No. of SHG Federations formed	10
04	No. of Producers Groups formed	68
05	Number of Marketing Society formed	05
06	No. of Farmers Association formed	152
07	No. of persons provided Vocational Training	6489
08	No. of Grain Banks formed	78
09	No. of Water Users Association Promoted	21
10	No. of JFMCs promoted	27
12	No. of Community Resource Persons promoted	215
13	No. of Professional Resource Persons Promoted	48
14	No. of Baseline Surveys Conducted	23
15	No. of Village Level Micro-plans prepared	379
16	Preparation of Social and Environmental Safeguard Documents for PMGSY Roads	1296.59 KMs
17	Preparation of Environmental Safeguards for PMGSY Roads	2498.00 KMs
18	Preparation of Road Safety Audit Reports	240.00 KMs
19	Preparation of Road Safety Inspection Reports	44.00 KMs
20	Preparation of Road Maintenance Inspection Report	176.00 KMs

2. Engagements 2013-14

2.1 Natural Resource Management/ Livelihoods

2.1.1 WDF-NABARD Watershed Programme:

After completion of Capacity Building Phase (CBP) in the watershed program supported by NABARD, LAVS has graduated to the Final Implementation Phase (FIP) of Watershed program in the same Micro Watershed Clusters- Turia and Taupadar, in Kotia GP. 30 KMs away from the National Highways, Turia (Kandhamali) watershed has a treatable area of 1203.89 Hectares and Taupadar (Deomali) has a treatable area of 681.83 Hectares.

Key Agronomical Interventions

- ? Promotion of Seed Exchange
- ? Promotion of Seed Village
- ? Crop Diversification
- ? Introduction of New Crop
- ? Inter cropping
- ? Farmers Training Programme
- ? Vermin compost Unit
- ? Vegetable Cultivation
- ? Kitchen Garden
- ? Plantation
- ? Pisciculture Intervention



Outcomes of the Intervention

Change in land use pattern, Seed Treatment, Crop diversification and introduction of new crops Promotion of Seed Village, Promotion of Vermin compost have led to an increase in quantity of crops of superior quality.

Vegetable cultivation, Kitchen gardening and Pisciculture have opened new avenues for additional income.

Different Training programmes have helped the farmers to enhance their skills and knowledge and exposure to modern farming practices and sustainable technologies

Establishment of Grain Banks have ensured round the year food security of the farmers besides providing them the added advantage of getting seeds during the sowing season.

All the interventions cumulatively have impacted by increase in the agricultural output both in terms of quantity and quality.

Line Transplantation at



Grain Bank at Taupadar village



Gully Control



Paddy Cultivation under SRI



Intercropping of Sunflower and G. Nut



Vermicomposting at Malukpangi



Kitchen Gardening

Table 1: Works undertaken in Turia and Taupadar Watershed Clusters under WDF

Sl No.	Name of Work	Turia			Taupadar		
		No/Cum.	HHs involved	Man Days	No/Cum.	HHs involved	Man Days
1	CCT	3079	99	1046	1180	35	395
2	Farm Pond	4	73	924	3	98	1226
3	Stone Bund	958	61	460	523	37	248
4	Field Bund	1271	45	375	1924	53	495
5	WAT	2026	39	332	1250	20	220
6	SCT	269	12	144	1268	25	450
7	Threshing Floor	2	26	130	1	10	150
8	Plantation	20 Ha.	60	225	6 Ha.	30	105
9	Renovation of Dug Wells				1	33	750
10	WHS				1	30	338
Total				3636			4565

2.1.2 Odisha Tribal Empowerment & Livelihoods Programme (OTELP):

The program is being implemented in 10 micro watersheds that include 52 program villages covering 1789 Households in 4 GPs of Pottangi Block in Koraput district. The programme adopts a public private and community partnership approach in implementation. In this PPCP mode, community has taken the lead role in planning, executing, monitoring and evaluating the program whereas the government provides the technical assistance and support and the NGO plays the role of facilitator in mobilizing community and empowering them. The program is implemented through various grassroots institutions such as SHG, UG, VDC, CIGs.

The program covers all the families within the geographical boundary of each micro watershed. The association of all adult members within the micro watersheds is the Village Development Association (VDA). The VDA is registered under Society Registration Act 1860. Village Development Committee (VDC) is the Executive body responsible for managing day to day activities of VDA. The program is currently in its withdrawal phase after due completion of its Probation and Implementation Phase.

Key Agronomical Interventions

- ? Promotion of Community Organizations
- ? Capacity building measures/ Beneficiaries Skill Development
- ? Water Resources Development
- ? Biological Measures/Interventions for sustainable agriculture practices
- ? Agriculture and Horticulture Development
- ? Livestock and Aquaculture Development
- ? Rural Financial Services (RFS)
- ? Gender mainstreaming and Human Development Interventions

Intervention Outcomes

The interventions under OTELP have completed 7 years cycle. Commencing with the Entry Point Activities, till the end of this fiscal year, the interventions have primarily focused on capacity building of the target population to enhance their skills, knowledge and abilities to address their livelihoods issues and management of natural resources on a sustainable basis. The project has made the community members aware about their rights and entitlements and stressed on convergence with other programmes/ projects of different line departments.

The project has impacted a lot in terms of social organization, economic self reliance and human development. The marginal tribal farmers, landless youth and women have found ways to overcome poverty and live with dignity. It also contributed in sizeable reduction in out-migration.

Land and Water Management activities which include treatment of drainage line, land development, gully plugging, soil health, conservation measures like CCT, WAT etc have helped in increased productivity and better earnings by the beneficiaries.



Vegetable Cultivation

Poultry Farming

Pisciculture



The community level institutions actively involved in the program implementation at different level in different role and responsibilities are as follow;

Sl. No	Name of Community Organization	Unit	As on 2013
1	Apex Federation at Block Level (Multi purpose Cooperative)	Number	2
	Members Enrolled	Number	975
2	Apex SHG Federation at VDC Level	Number	10
	Members Enrolled	Number	320
3	Village Development Committee Formed & registered	Number	10
	Members representation in VDC	Number	170
4	SHGs promoted	Number	160
	SHG members	Number	1878
5	Village Level Sub-committee Formed(VLSC)	Number	10
	Members representation in VLSC	Number	110
6	Village Social and Financial Audit Sub Committee Formed	Number	15
7	User Groups Formed	Number	540
8	User Groups Taken up Activities	Number	526

Glimpses of capacity building initiatives



Livelihood of the poor is primarily dependent on their skill base. The program has adopted the strategy for adding new skills and upgrading the existing skills of the primary stakeholders. Skill based training and exposure, demonstrations etc. have been designed based on the activity plan proposed by the communities under AWPB. The various training programmes conducted during 2012-13 are presented in the following table.

Sl. No	Activities	Number of events organized	Participants Covered
1	Training and exposure under Land & Water Management	8	170
2	Training and exposure on improved practices of Agri/Hort enterprises	14	560
3	Training and exposure on improved rearing practices for livestock & Aquaculture Development	14	520
4	Training and exposure on preparation of business plan & implementation of non-farm activities	6	183
5	Vocational Training to Youth	5	103

Water Harvesting

Rain-fed agriculture is predominant in programme area as most of the medium and highlands are non-irrigated. As part of the strategy to address erratic rain fall and under utilization of perennial streams and poor rain water conservation techniques, various types of water bodies have been created for water harvesting for irrigation. The major interventions are as follows:

Sl. No	Activity	Unit	Cumulative Achievement
1	Check dam	Numbers	07
2	Diversion Weir	Numbers	01
3	Dug well	Numbers	45
4	Piped Water Supply	Numbers	33
5	Farm Pond	Numbers	37
6	Water Kundi	Numbers	14
7	Renovation of Farm Pond	Numbers	02

Crop Diversification

As 65% of the cultivable areas of OTELP are high lands, substitution of paddy with non-paddy crops like Ragi, Ahar, Ginger, Turmeric, vegetables and Tuber crops have been promoted in the program area under non irrigated condition as these crops need less water compared to paddy. So far 23 ha upland has been diverted to non paddy crop during the year. New crops and improved varieties of Ragi(Bhairabi), Pigeon pea(Asha), Black gram(PU94-2), Ginger(Suprava), Yam(Orissa Elite), Elephant Foot Yam(Gajendra) have been promoted in the programme area.

Sl. No	Variety	HHs Covered
1	Ginger (Suprava)	700
2	Foot Yam(Gajendra)	50
3	Ragi(Bhairabi)	20
4	Black gram(PU94-2)	15
5	Yam(Orissa Elite)	200

Informal Seed Production and Linkage with Village Seed Bank :

The idea of operationalisation of the concept of Village Seed Bank is to make village self sufficiency in production and distribution of quality seeds. Accordingly, 5 village level seed banks have been established during the year. 24 qtls of paddy seeds was procured by women SHGs of village seed banks from the seed growers and sold to 46 farmers.

Vermin Composting :

As part of effort to promote organic farming in the program area 97 vermi compost units have been set up under LW7M component.

Promotion of Farm Mechanization :

As per recommendation of JRM during 2012-13, for promoting power tillers in the program area, provision of funds from SCA-TSP for giving assistance have already been made to two SHGs as beneficiaries during the year.

Quality vegetable seedlings in Poly Nurseries:

Two Poly nurseries each 160 square meters area have been constructed in our programme area during the year. Each time one poly house can cater the need of seedlings of 6-25 acre. These poly nurseries have initially been linked for vegetable cultivation by 200 farmers.

Livestock and Aquaculture Development:

The programme focuses on improved goat rearing, poultry farming and pisciculture as non farm activities to ensure subsidiary income to the poor and landless tribal. Each of these activities are elaborated below.

Intervention under Backyard Poultry :

Backyard poultry is one of the important livelihoods in the tribal families. Almost every tribal households are rearing backyard poultry. The newly developed low input technology birds namely Vanaraja are reared under scavenging conditions. Under backyard poultry intervention 100 poor HHs have been covered through assistance in terms of night shelter and 30 chicks of 28 days old. Two numbers of Mother Chick units have been set up in the program area to supply 28 days old chicks on cycle basis to the tribal HHs rearing backyard poultry.

Intervention under Goatery :

Goat rearing as livelihood has high acceptance in tribal areas. So there is high potential for covering poor families under improved goat rearing at household level so as to take tribal families out of poverty line. Under this intervention, 152 poor HH families are assisted with three no. of goats each under DIF component of OTELP.

Intervention under Pisci culture :

As a livelihood option for the tribal people, fishery activities in Farm pond have been promoted in the programme area. The table below gives the details of pisci-culture activities under OTELP.

Sl.NO	Particulars	2012-13	2013-14
1	Water Bodies used for Pisci-culture	15	18
2	SHG Involved in Pisci-culture	15	18
3	Average income per group	Rs.4500	Rs.5000

2.1.3 Orissa Community Tank Management Programme:

Department of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha with World Bank assistance is implementing Odisha Community Tank Management Project in 7 community tank systems in Cuttack district with a total Ayacut area of 1301 Hectares. LAVS has been engaged as a PIA to implement the activities in Athgarh Sub division. The following activities have been undertaken under this project:

- Community mobilization and building awareness about the components of the project
- Formation, strengthening and training of water users association

- Managing Para- workers for social, technical, M&E and livelihoods facilitation
- Formation of community level groups for production and marketing activities- VDCs, SHGs, Grain Banks, WUAs, Farmer Clubs, Federations etc
- Collectivizing farmers for crop planning, adoption of appropriate technologies and livelihoods improvement through farm and nonfarm based IGPs
- Trainings imparted to PPs, FIGs and SHG members
- Training imparted to Executive and Sub-Committee members of PPs on managerial, technical and financial aspects
- Public disclosure/ display of project interventions
- Dissemination of best practices
- Interface with the line departments

2.1.4 Farmers Club Programme (FCP):

NABARD supported LAVS to form 13 Farmers Clubs (FC) in 13 programme villages. 430 farmers have been enrolled in these FCs, which are fully functional.

Basically, the Farmers Clubs have five functions:

- I. Enrolling farmers as members
- II. Prepare Annual Investment and crop plans
- III. Coordinate with banks to ensure credit flow among member farmers
- IV. Build interface with line departments with special reference to agriculture and allied sector
- v. Undertake socioeconomic development works in respective villages

2.2 Women Empowerment

2.2.1 Promotion of WSHG in LWE Districts:

This project is an attempt at having NGO-SHPI to work not merely as an SHPI for promoting and enabling credit linkage of WSHGs with banks, but also serving as a banking/business facilitator, tracking, monitoring these groups and also being responsible for loan repayments. This approach is also part of the attempt to facilitate sustained financial inclusion through bank loan, promote livelihood development of women and deliver social development programmes for women through SHGs. LAVS as an SHPI has been implementing the





Scheme in Pottangi and Semiliguda blocks of Koraput district as part of the support to Left Wing Extremism affected districts of the country.

Table 2: Number of WSHGs linked to Banks under LWE Programme

Name of Block	Name of Bank Branch	No. of WSHGs Savings Linked	No. of WSHGs Credit Linked
Pottangi	State Bank	5	0
	UGB	15	8
Semiliguda	State Bank	10	0
	UGB	8	2
TOTAL		38	10

2.2.2 Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana

This project is sanctioned under National Rural Livelihoods Mission. It focuses on development of women engaged in agriculture and is supported by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India. The project serves 3000 women farmers mostly ST, landless and poor in Pottangi and Semiliguda Blocks of Koraput District.

Table 3: Demographic Details of MKSP Programme

Sl. No	Name of Block	No. of GPs	No. of Villages	HHs Covered under MKSP			
				ST HHs	SC HHs	OBC HHs	Total
1	Pottangi	6	56	1311	95	394	1800
2	Semiliguda	4	32	879	98	223	1200
	Total	10	88	2190	193	617	3000
	%			73%	6%	21%	100%

The project is being implemented in compliance with the non negotiable principles of NRLM-: These include; focus on the poor, focus on women, adherence to protocols on sustainable agriculture. Food security and, social security of communities is being given highest priority in allocating resources, with reference to universal social inclusion and social mobilization in a time bound manner. The goals of the project are detailed below: To develop a sustainable model for livelihood promotion of the women farmers/ agriculture workers

- ◆ To ensure a better control of the institutions of the poor women farmers/ agriculture workers over value chain
- ◆ To promote regeneration of engendered species to improve the bio diversity and enhance productivity
- ◆ To build the capacity of the community in modern harvesting and post harvesting techniques to increase their income
- ◆ To develop market linkages for produce
- ◆ To develop a pool of community resource persons to enable the community institutions to manage their activities
- ◆ To enable women to have better access to their entitlements and services of the government and other agencies
- ◆ Promote food and livelihood security for the women and poor households
- ◆ Expand income and employment opportunities for women through vocational training and support services
- ◆ Ensure transparent and efficient implementation of Government and Donor Supported Poverty Alleviation Schemes through substantive PRI and community participation.
- ◆ Create eco-friendly alternative livelihood options reducing over dependence on exploitation of available natural resources.
- ◆ Facilitate community access to health, educational and other promotional activities



Progress

- ◆ Profiling of 3000 Women farmers completed
- ◆ Baseline Survey completed and Detailed Project Report prepared
- ◆ 20 Community Resource Persons (CRPs) and 20 Professional Resource Persons (PRPs) hired and trained for training and extension activities
- ◆ 88 Village level micro planning completed
- ◆ 60 producer clusters identified
- ◆ 7 Producer groups formed and trained
- ◆ 12 training modules developed on institution building and sustainable agriculture practices
- ◆ 64 acres of upland paddy area has been diverted to non paddy crops by 112 farmers in 6 program villages.
- ◆ In this cropping strategy, 16 acres upland covering 58 farmers have been taken up during Rabi season.
- ◆ 86 motivated farmers have taken up 2nd crop in an area of 118 acres during last rainy season.
- ◆ Mulching in ginger undertaken in an area of 34 acres by 28 farmers, seed treatment in an area of 32 acres and line transplanting of paddy in an area of 74 acres covering 204 farmers have been initiated in the last Kharif.





Table 4: Activities under MKSP Programme

Sl. No	Activity	Achievement			
1	Profiling of Mahila Kisans	Date base & profiling of 3000 Mahila Kisans completed			
2	Preparation of Inception Report, DPR, Baseline Report & Technical Protocol Documentation	Inception Report, DPR, Baseline Report & Technical Documentation on Sustainable Agricultural Practices prepared and submitted			
3	Inception Workshops	2 number of Block level Start up workshops conducted			
4	Promotion & strengthening of WSHGs	120 number of SHGs strengthened			
5	Promotion & strengthening of Producer Groups	24 number of Producers Group formed			
6	Capacity building of CRPs	20 number of CRPs trained			
7	Capacity building of PRPs	20 number of PRPs trained			
8	Capacity building of Mahila Kisans	2270 Mahila Kisans received training on 3 modules			
9	Crop production Coverage	Name of Crop	No. of MKs	Area in acre	
		Paddy	Line	204	74
		Transplanting			
		Vegetable	86	50	
10	Public Information Disclosure	Transparency Wall writing in 4 MKSP villages completed			
11	Development of Training Module Web Based Data Base	6 number of training modules developed Data base of all physical & financial progress uploaded and updated in www.lavs.org			

2.3 Rights based Activities

2.3.1 Land Allocation Programme:

Land to landless and homestead land to homestead less households have been the major components of the empowerment under the programme. With the active support and assistance of Govt. of Odisha and ITDA in the field for providing land to landless under various scheme, LAVS facilitated the communities in getting land rights. As a focused intervention under the program, it facilitated getting land rights to landless in the program area.

Table 5: Number of Families settled under Land Allocation Programme

Sl. No	Scheme/Programme	No. of Families settled in 201213	No. of Families settled in 201314
1	OGLS	58	178
2	OPLS	0	0
3	FRA	46	1010
	Total	104	1178

2.4 Rural Development

2.4.1 Rural Connectivity

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Program (PMGSY) is being implemented in the country for providing connectivity to un-connected habitations by construction of rural roads. The program includes construction of road, associated Cross Drainage structures protection work and up-gradation of roads to ensure full farm to market connectivity. ADB through proposed Rural Roads Sector III Investment Program (RRSIII-IP) is partially financing PMGSY in the State of Odisha during 2011-2014.

Government of Odisha has constituted Odisha State Rural Roads Authority (OSRRA) for implementation of PMGSY program in the State. LAVS has been engaged as the Project Implementation Consultant (PIC) by OSRRA to provide support to Rural Works Divisions in the state in implementation of ADB's requirements of Social Safeguards, Environmental Safeguards, Road Safety and Road Maintenance mandate.



Cumulative Progress till March 2014

Item No.	Job	No. of District to be covered	Target In Km (Agreement)	Target In Km (Actual)	Cumulative Progress till Dec 2013	Progress during Jan-March 2014	Cumulative Progress till March 2014
1	(1)- Road Monitoring	25					
	(A) Batch-IV (RRS-II-I P)						
	(a) Environmental Monitoring						
	(i) During		1512	1446	1446	-	1446
	(ii) Post		1512	1446	1446	-	1446
	(b) Social Monitoring						
	(i) During		1512	1446	1446	-	1446
	(ii) Post		1512	1446	1446	-	1446
	(B) Tranche- I (RRS-III-I P)						
	(a) Preparation of CPF		1000	1052	1052	-	1052
	(b) Preparation of ECOP		1000	1052	1052	-	1052
	(c) Environmental Monitoring						
	(i) Pre		1000	1052	968	84	1052
	(ii) During		1000	1052	326	127	453
	(iii) Post		1000	1052	326	127	453
	(d) Social Monitoring						
	(i) Pre		1000	1052	968	84	1052
	(ii) During		1000	1052	326	127	453
	(iii) Post		1000	1052	326	127	453
	(C) Tranche- II (RRS-III-I P)						
	(a) Preparation of CPF		1000	1260	1,184	0	1,184
	(b) Preparation of ECOP		1000	1260	1,184	0	1,184
	(c) Environmental Monitoring						
	(i) Pre		1000	1260	1,184	0	1184
	(ii) During		1000	1260	-		
	(iii) Post		1000	1260	-		

	(d) Social Monitoring						
	(i) Pre		1000	1260	1,184	0	1184
	(D) Tranche- III (RRS-III-I P)						
	(a) Preparation of CPF		1000	2740.58	291.5	1277.57	1569.07
	(b) Preparation of ECOP		1000	2740.58	291.5	1277.57	1569.07
2	(2) - Road Maintenance	25					
	(A) Tranche-I (RRS-III-I P)						
	(a) Inspection & Training		240	366.77	366.77	0	366.77
	(B) Tranche-II (RRS-III-I P)						
	(i) Pre (RSA)		240	268.83	268.83	0	268.83
	(ii) During (RSI)		240	268.83	145.16	23.8	168.96
	(B) Tranche-II (RRS-III-I P)						
	(i) Pre		240	311.6	311.6	0	311.6

2.5 Health

2.5.1 Media Advocacy on Malnutrition and Stunting Child in Odisha

A large percentage of children are stunted by malnutrition as babies and face a dark future of ill health and under development. Stunting is the consequence of under nutrition in the first 1000 or so days of a baby's life, including during gestation. Awareness and action by key stakeholders is essential to address the problem which has defied affirmative interventions being undertaken so far.

LAVS partnered with UNICEF to undertake a series of activities pertaining to evidence based media advocacy initiatives on stunting and child nutrition issues in Odisha. The activities covered the entire state of Odisha. The specific outputs of the activities were to improve the discourse on IYCF and stunting in the media and to increase the knowledgebase on the effectiveness of actions around essential nutrition interventions; through local media mobilization, increased media coverage; documenting best practices and success stories besides programme quality assessments to enhance impact and effectiveness.





Progress:

- ◆ Baseline study on media coverage of nutrition related stories and best practices completed
- ◆ Media Round Table on stunting organized at Bhubaneswar
- ◆ Five zonal workshops organized for media persons at Baripada, Berhampur, Cuttack, Jharsuguda and Koraput
- ◆ Media content developed on IYCF, SAM, Anemia, IDD, Vitamin A & De-worming
- ◆ 12 case studies developed on stunting and child nutrition issues
- ◆ 8 audio visual documentation of human interest stories on stunting and child nutrition issues completed
- ◆ Checklists based programme quality assessment completed in six sample districts completed

2.5.2 Urban Slum Health Project

LAVS partnered with National Rural Health Mission (presently National Health Mission) to implement the Urban Health Project in Brajaraj Nagar Municipality Area in Jharsuguda district. Located within the slum area of the city, the programme had the following objectives:

1. Providing Out Patients Services at fixed hours of the day
2. Providing outreach services
3. Immunization Services
4. Observing special health related days/weeks
5. Promoting Institutional Delivery
6. Malaria Control Programme
7. RTI/STI Control programme in Campaign mode
8. Cleaning and Sanitation Drive
9. Nutrition Supplement
10. Leprosy and TB Control Programme (NLEP / RNTCP)
11. Information dissemination relevant to health
12. Strengthening Community Organizations

In pursuance of its objects, it has performed the following activities (expressed in numerical and tabular form)



2.5.3 Vulnerable Community Programme

The RCH indicators of the vulnerable communities such as tribal, scheduled castes etc. are low than the district/ state average. Marginalization results in poorer social indicators for these groups, including maternal and child health indicators. The Vulnerable Community Programme is an integrated approach to provide RCH services for the whole population and reduction of cost of such services ensuring reduction in infant and maternal mortality rates. LAVS was awarded to implement the programme in Sukhasoda Sub-Center area under Lakhanpur block of Jharsuguda district.

Programme components:

Maternal Health:	ANC, PNC Institutional Delivery, Referral Transport during emergency, VHND, Outreach, RTI/STI screening etc.
Child Health:	Immunization, Pustikar Divas, School Health Programme
Family Planning:	Promoting Temporary and Permanent FP methods
ARSH:	Collectivization of Adolescent Girls
Communalization:	Strengthening ASHA and GKS
IEC/BCC:	Observation of Different Designated days

Table 7: Activities undertaken under Vulnerable Community Programme

Sl. No.	Particulars	Number
1	ANC/ PNC	48
2	Immunization cum Child Health Checkup Camps	48
3	RTI/STI Screening	4
4	RCH cum Family Welfare Mela	4
5	Referral	40
6	Counseling and health check up camps	12
7	Formation of Balika Mandals	10
8	ARSH Training	02
9	PRI sensitization	4
10	Reproductive rights and gender sensitization	4
11	AWW/ASHA/GKS Sensitization	4
12	RCH Education: Mothers' Meeting	30
13	IEC Campaign	
14	Screening for Male/ Female Sterilization	40
15	Wall Painting	10

2.5.4 Advocacy on Reproductive Health Rights

The Department for International Development (DFID) funded one programme; Poorest Area Civil Society (PACS) to create awareness on Reproductive Health Rights in the selected villages, considered to be having low health indicators across the state. LAVS was bestowed the responsibility of implementing the programme in 60 villages in 5 blocks of Jharsuguda district.

During the period under report the following activities were undertaken:



2.6 Research/ Studies

2.6.1 Baseline Survey at PPDT and PP level under Institutional Framework for providing Multidisciplinary Support to Pani Panchayats under RKVY in Boudh and Kandhamal districts

The Project "institutional Framework for providing multi-disciplinary support to Pani Panchayats" is being implemented across 11 districts in the state by the Department of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha. LAVS was assigned to conduct the baseline survey in two districts, Boudh and Kandhamal. The survey was conducted in 20 Pani Panchayats in Boudh and 26 in Kandhamal district with the following objectives:

- To promote equity in water distribution and adoption of market led production technology
- To ensure collective action by Pani Panchayats in pre and post production stage
- To make each Pani Panchayat a platform for integrating the efforts of Line departments
- To empower the Pani Panchayats for sustainable enterprise management through various capacity building interventions
- To make the Pani Panchayats financially sustainable organizations

The study has been completed and final report submitted.

2.6.2 Study on Adolescent Sexual Health: Knowledge and Practice among the slum dwellers of Bhubaneswar

Adolescents account for over 20% India's population, but their sexual and reproductive health needs are largely unmet. Investment in Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health contributes to number of positive health parameters such as reduction of age at marriage, adolescent pregnancy, incidence of STI/ HIV, lowering maternal mortality and meeting family planning needs.

The broad objective of the study was to understand the sexual health behaviour and practices among adolescents living in the slums of Bhubaneswar. The study was carried out in 15 slum areas of the city; selected by the method of two stage stratified random sampling. The study has been completed and final report submitted.

2.6.3 Field survey/ assessment of SC families who have been able to cross poverty line after being assisted under bankable IGS of SCA to SCSP in 7 districts

Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) is a central scheme under which 100 percent grant is given to the States/UTs as an additive to their Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP). The main objective is to give a thrust to family oriented schemes of economic development of SCs below the poverty line, by providing resources for filling the critical gaps and for providing missing vital inputs so that the schemes can be more meaningful. The assistance is administered through the Odisha SC and ST Finance Development Corporation (OSFDC) in the state. OSFDC undertook a study across the state to assess the impact of financial assistance to SC families provided during 2005-06 to 2009-10. LAVS was assigned the task for 7 districts. The assessment was mandated to cover all the SC beneficiaries assisted with subsidy during the period earmarked for the assessment across districts and RDC zones. The study has been completed and final report submitted.

2.6.4 Study on Need Assessment for intervention under CSR

Indian Oil Corporation (IOL) assigned a study to LAVS for impact assessment of its peripheral development schemes being implemented in the villages adjacent to its plant in Balasore district. The broad objectives of the study was to assess need of intervention under corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The study has been completed and final report submitted.

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SC & ST Development Department, Govt. of Odisha

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Ministry of Forests & Environment, Govt. of India

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National Health Mission, Odisha

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Agriculture Promotion and Investment Corporation Ltd. (APICOL), Odisha

Odisha Remote Sensing Application Center (ORSAC), Odisha

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State Medicinal Plants Board, Odisha

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UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)

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Asian Development Bank (ADB)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

The World Bank

Media

PRI Institutions

Civil Society Organizations

Communities and CBOs

Corporate and other Network Partners

Study, Research & Evaluation

Title	Support	Status
Evaluation of economic improvement of SCSP beneficiaries from 2005-6 to 2009-10 (19299 sample units)	OSFDC, Govt. of Odisha	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Baseline Survey of Mahila Kisans under MKSP Project	MoRD, Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Baseline study for preparation of village Cluster development micro plans	MoRD, Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
SWOT Analysis of PPs for Multi Disciplinary Support to Pani Panchayats under RKVY	Dept. of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Baseline Survey to implement Land Allocation Programme under OTELP (Pottangi, Koraput)	SC & SC Dev. Dept. Govt. of Odisha	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Baseline Survey on Financial Inclusion Status of Tribal Women	NABARD, Odisha	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Socio Economic survey of CSR beneficiaries in Baleswar District	Indian Oil Corporation	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Study on Women centric Enterprises In Odisha	OXFAM India	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Efficacy Study and Evaluation of EDUSAT Programme in Odisha.	ORSAC, Odisha, India	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Assessment of Swallow Tube wells in Jagatsinghpur District: Asset verification and Outcome Report	APICOL, Govt. of Odisha, India	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Study on NTFP and Herbal Plantation in Deogarh District	Odisha Medicinal Plantation Board	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Study of media coverage of nutrition issues in Odisha	UNICEF	Completed/ Final Report Submitted
Outcome evaluation of UNDP supported CBNRM project	Regional Plant Resource Centre, Govt. of Odisha	Completed/ Final Report Submitted

Financial Status of LAVS



PARTHA S MISHRA & CO
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FORM NO 10B
[See rule 17B]

Audit Report under section 12 A (b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, in the case of Charitable or religious trusts / institutions

We have examined the Balance Sheet of **Life Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS)** as at 31st March 2014 and the Income & Expenditure Account maintained by the said trust/institution for the year ending on the said date.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, Proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named trust/institution visited by us so far as appear from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below:

Our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- 1) In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust/institution as 31st March, 2014 and
- 2) In the case of Income and Expenditure account, of the excess Income of over Expenditure of its accounting year ending on 31st March, 2014.

For PARTHA S MISHRA & CO.
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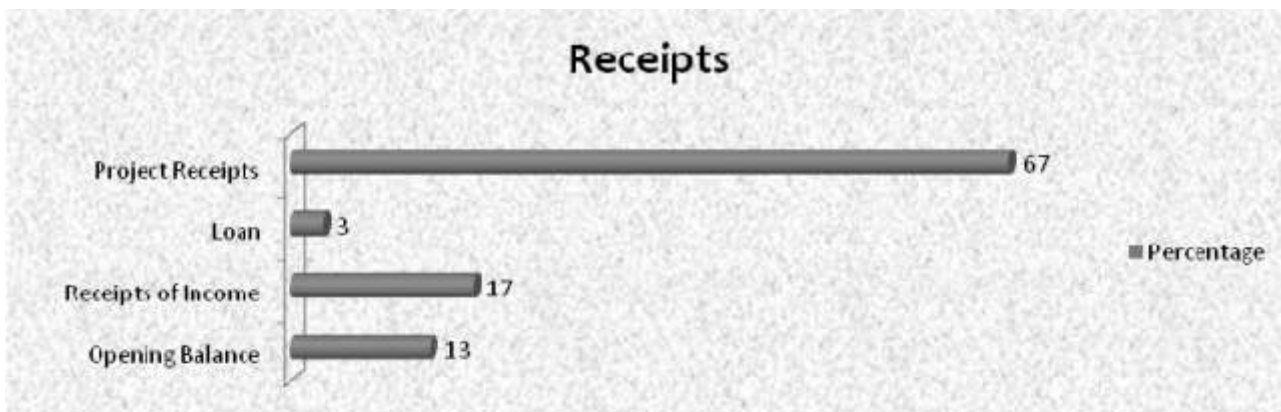


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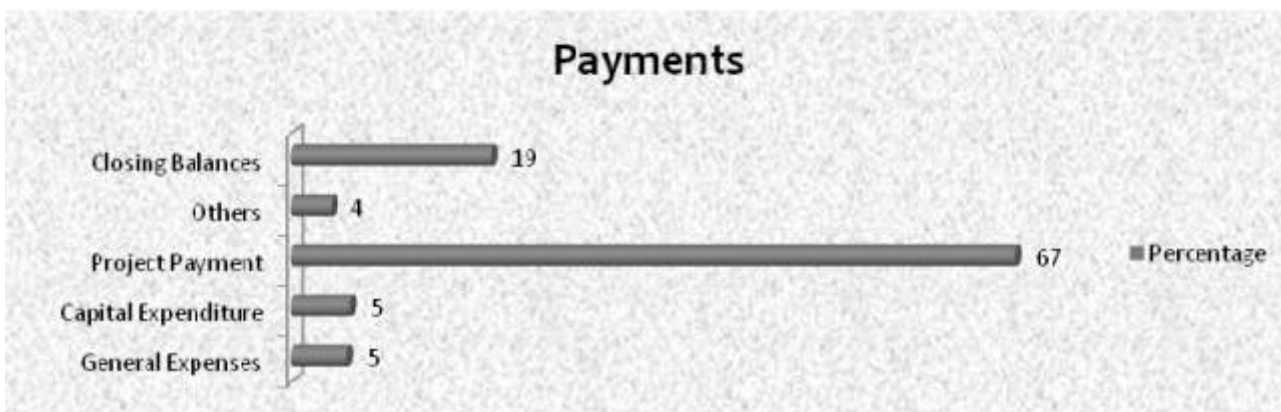
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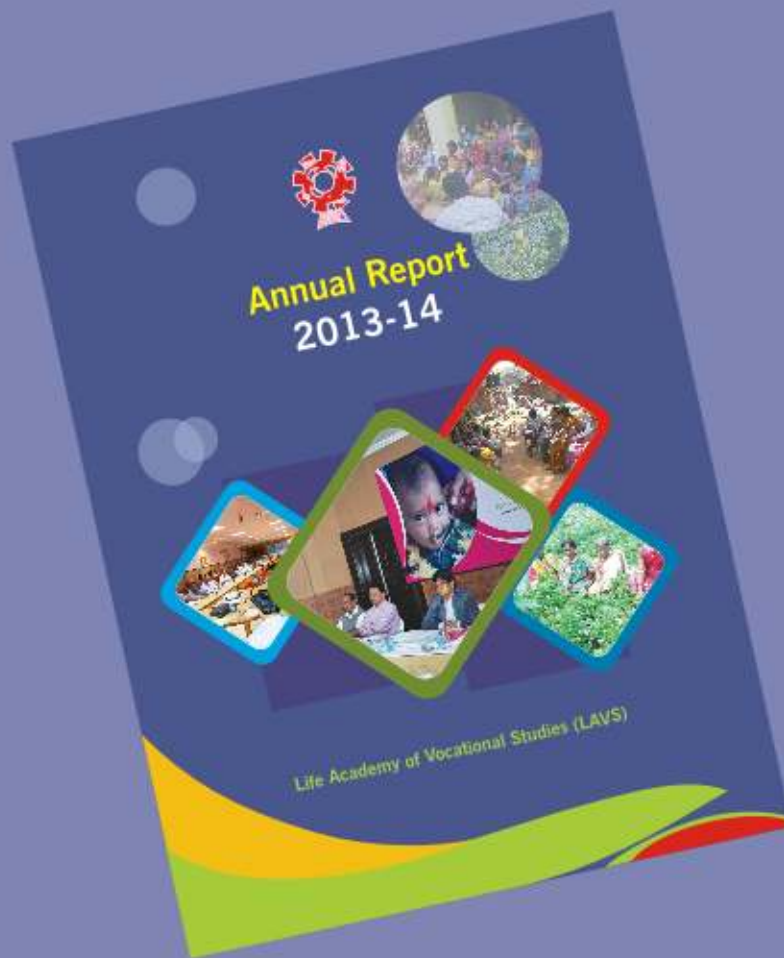
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Opening Balance	13
Receipts of Income	17
Loan	3
Project Receipts	67
Total	100



PAYMENTS

Particulars	Percentage
General Expenses	5
Capital Expenditure	5
Project Payment	67
Others	4
Closing Balances	19
Total	100





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