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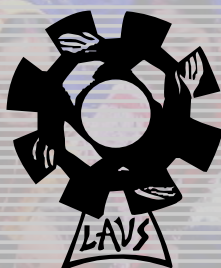
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## A Word from the Chief Functionary

We have crossed 24 years in our journey. I am privileged and proud to present the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of LAVS. In terms of implementing programmes/ projects, we have winded-up some of our valued activities which have impacted the communities to a large extent to improve their quality of living and hoping for an extension over generations. However, it's not their privilege, it's our prime duty.

The livelihoods projects are in a phase of consolidation. While consolidating the projects, we have lay utmost stress on the sustainability of our projects when we have completed our implementation, we are practically absent in the scenario. We are stressing a lot to put in place a mechanism that ensures greater sustainability. Theis being a routined exercised in every second project dealt by us, an extra-bit up care has emerged as a pre-requisite for our livelihood-led interventions statewide.

In addition to the project implementation, LAVS during the current year undertaken a number of assessments studies; research works and have completed them successfully.

At LAVS, we have some non-negotiable principles of adherence to principles, transparency and accountability being two of most important elements. Level of performance and assurance of quality are our strongholds. We have always laid stress on delivering what we are expected to, fortunately & consciously we have been able to deliver the same. It is a conscious effort by LAVS family in entirity.

We, the LAVS family acknowledge our sincere thanks to all the persons, all the institutions, governmental departments, national and international NGOs, the United Nations and above all the community members who have extended their selfless and unconditional support to us to pursue our objectives. They have been of immense help to us to achieve our goals, bring us nearer to our vision and march forward in our mission to supplement community capacities guaranteeing eco-friendly sustainable development based on equity, environment and initiated for self reliance.

We are utmost thankful to the OSRRA, the UNICEF among all other Donor Agencies to have been immensely supportive in implementing the projects they had assigned to us, meeting their expectations and in a time bound comportment.

The participation by the community members in implementing the projects need-not-to-be-mentioned. The participation has been suo-motto and all exemplar.



President



## Abbreviations Used

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





## LAVS at a Glance

Life Academy of Vocational Studies was founded in 1991 and in the same year it was registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. In the initial years, the activities of LAVS was limited to Khordha and some neighboring districts, but gradually the geographic coverage extended to cover the entire state of Odisha and field offices were established in seven districts; namely Koraput, Kalahandi, Nawarangpur, Jagatsinghpur, Jharsuguda, Malkangiri and Cuttack.

## Vision Statement:

A society where people's action is given priority for benefit of Women and Children, poor and marginal sections, of the society, guaranteeing an eco-friendly and sustainable development based on equality, empowerment and initiation for self reliance.

## Mission Statement:

Supplement community capacity building and skill up-gradation to inculcate in them a sense of ownership and active partnership with government and development agencies in decision and programmes affecting their development and well being.

## Registration Details:

Registered under S R 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 12 (A) of I.T. 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
TAN No. BBNL00375E
Registered with National Commission, Income Tax Department for exemption under 35 AC of Indian IT Act
Accredited with the UNCCD, Germany
Accredited with Credibility Alliance, India
Accredited with Guide Star, India
Accredited with National CSR Hub, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)
Empanelled with Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority, Govt. of Odisha
Empanelled with Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium, Govt. of India

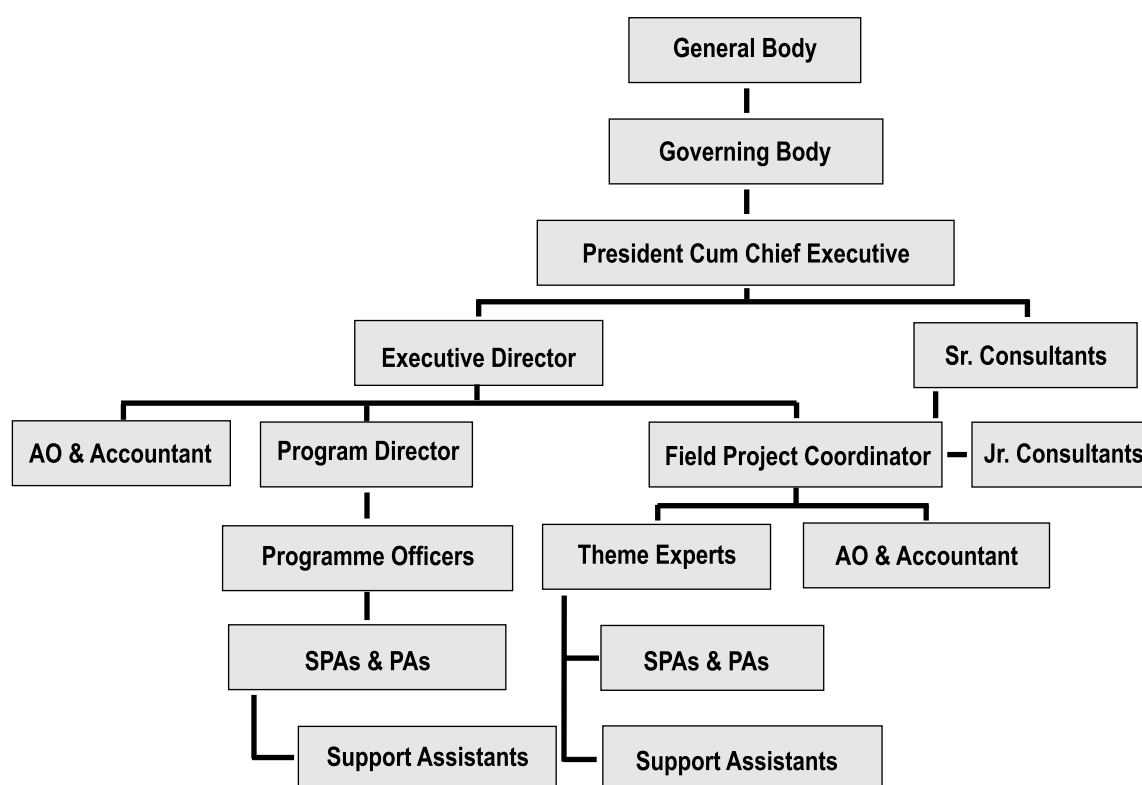




## OBJECTIVES

- ♦ Facilitate right-based development process empowering communities to access basic services and benefits under various government schemes & programmes.
- ♦ 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 livelihood 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 and ensure protection from violence as well as gender-based discriminations.
- ♦ Undertake socio-economic surveys, 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.

## ORGANOGRAM





## Activities During the Period Under Report

### LIVELIHOODS

#### Watershed Programmes

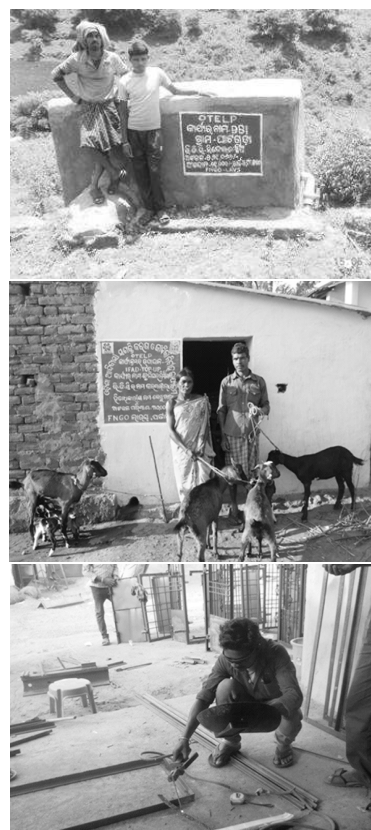
#### Odisha Tribal Empowerment & Livelihoods Programme (OTELP)

The program with LAVS as FNGO is currently in its withdrawal phase after due completion of its Probation and Implementation Phase. 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 of the programme. In this PPCP mode, community has taken the lead role in planning, executing, monitoring and evaluating the program, whereas, as the state government provides the technical assistance and support and the NGO plays the role of a facilitator in mobilizing community and empowering them. The program is implemented through various grass root institutions such as SHG, UG, VDC, CIGs etc.

The program stresses up-to the benefits of all the families within the geographical boundary of one micro watershed. The association of all adult members within the micro watersheds is the Village Development Association (VDA) and is registered under Society Registration Act XXI of 1860. Village Development Committee (VDC) is the Executive Body responsible for managing day to day activities of VDA.

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



Sl.	Name of Community Organization	Unit	Status
1	Apex Federation at Block Level ( Multipurpose 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
9	Watershed Level WSHG Federation	Number	10
10	Block Level WSHG Federation	Number	01



**Capacity Building for Empowerment:**

The program focus is to build the capacity of the primary stakeholders in order to ensure community participation in the development process. As the success of the program entirely depends upon the knowledge, skill, abilities of the members of the community and their ownership, community mobilization and skill up gradation framework has been formulated to ensure inclusion of all section of community.

**a. Community Mobilization & Empowerment :**

The details of the Training Programmes and other events conducted during the period are presented in the table.

Sl. No.	Activities	Number of events organized	Members Covered
1	Community Mobilization	6	320
2	Training programs for SHG members (Leadership, Accounts, Management etc.)	14	645
3	Training program for VDC, VLSC, UG members (Leadership, Accounts, Management, Tribal Rights, Convergence etc.	15	330
4	Training program for WSHG Federation Leaders	14	120
	Total	49	1415

**b. Beneficiaries Skill Development:**

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

Sl. No	Activities	Number of Events organized	Participants Covered
1	Training & Exposure under Land & Water Management	8	170
2	Training & Exposure on Improved Practices of Agri / Horticulture	14	560
3	Training & Exposure on "Improved Rearing Practices for Livestock & Aquaculture Development"	14	520
4	Training & Exposure on preparation of Business Plan & implementation of Non-Farm activities	6	183
5	Vocational Training to Youth	5	103



### **IFAD Top Up Assistance:**

#### **Support to Ultra Poor/Vulnerable Families:**



The top-up financing is continuing to support the on-going development interventions of OTELP. Under IFAD TOP UP Assistance vulnerable HHs are supported, guided & encouraged to have change-in livelihood for a living with dignity in community. Rice-Huller, Grocery, Tailoring Unit, Cycle/Motor-Cycle Repairing-Centre, Vegetable-Vending & low-cost Housing Support were provided to 74 House Holds through concern VDCs.

#### **Creation & Development of Irrigation Infrastructure:**

To ensure proper utilization of water source and address the issue of “Water-Scarcity in Agriculture” and domestic level efforts have been made. In the operational villages; 3 nos. of DBI, 6 nos. of small lift irrigation, 1 hidam under development to be utilized by community. 10 Water-lifting devices were provided to selected beneficiaries to use the same in cultivation activities.

#### **Focussed Livelihoods intervention:**

- ♦ Focus livelihood intervention gave opportunity to 51 HHs beneficiaries supported for Goat-Rearing Unit.
- ♦ 20 no. of beneficiaries are supported for “Commercial Vegetable Cultivation” (with raised-bed and drip-irrigation).
- ♦ 8 nos. of Unemployed Youths are supported under economic activities



#### **Improvement of Habitation and Sanitation**

- ♦ As habitation improvement is a matter of concern in tribal pocket, similar initiatives have been taken to habituate the people for a healthy life. Biomass cook stoves are provided to 125 HHs. Toilet & Bath-Rooms are also constructed for the same family to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.

#### **Investment in DIF**

This is an additional and flexible funding to address to area of demand as expressed by communities through the participatory process during the course of program implementation and also to supplement those components/ interventions of the program yielding very good results. It also enables the communities to implement activities which are not accommodated in other program components. Accordingly under program components, provisions has been made for targeting the traditionally excluded households e.g. single women headed households, landless, destitute, physically challenged and those who are unable to be a part of the SHG or other income generating activities.



**The activities under DIF are broadly divided into four categories such as;**

- ◆ Supplementary Funding to other Programme components
- ◆ Experimenting and / or up scaling innovative activities for livelihoods
- ◆ Promotion of low-cost, time & labor saving technologies for reduction of drudgery
- ◆ Support to the Vulnerable and Destitute Households living in the operational Program Villages

**Supplementary-Funding to other Program Component:**

- ◆ 4 nos. of multipurpose Community-Centre have been constructed in 4 Program Villages to be used by community for conducting meeting, festival & to store agricultural produce with safety measure.
- ◆ 8 nos. of Irrigation Wells have been dug at appropriate places to assist the farmers to cultivate their land during all season.
- ◆ 1 Diversion-based Irrigation Pproject (pipe) has been constructed at Ghatguda which will provide water for domestic as well as cultivation purpose. About 60 farmers of Ghatguda, Maksapondei & Pondei will be benefited through this DBI.
- ◆ 4 nos. of new Check-Dams have been constructed at Maliguda, Baduguda & Bailopadu to provide water to ensure proper utilization of water.
- ◆ Piped-Water Supply Project for domestic use and irrigation is under fast construction in 9 Operational Villages.

**Experimenting and/or Up-Scaling Innovative Activities for Livelihoods:**

- ◆ In order to ensure safety storage of Seed Grains Storage Bins (Silo) have been provided to 300 beneficiaries in operational program villages.
- ◆ Small-Scale Processing Unit i.e. Rice-Hullers have been provided to 6 beneficiaries.
- ◆ Agricultural Pump-Sets are provided to 10 nos. of Beneficiaries for Water-lifting during Cultivation.

**Promotion of low cost, time and labor saving technologies for reduction of Drudgery**

- ◆ Improved Cook Stoves have been provided to 130 beneficiaries & 2 nos. for usage at institutional level

**Support to the Vulnerable and Destitute Households:**

- ◆ 20 nos. of identified Vulnerable families have been ensured extensive livelihood supports through “Skill-based Economic Activities” towards enabling their livelihood sustainability.

**Self-Help Groups:**

122 SHGs are not only functioning for thrift and credit have been oriented & developed through various training & exposures to play the role that of a catalyst at community-level for empowerment. Ten numbers of VDCs level SHGs Federations are actively functioning to ensure right & entitlement. During the year 8 no. of SHGs have availed Rs. 2, 65,000/- loan from the respective federation and undertaken cultivation of ginger, ragi, chilly, potato and onion. All VDC-level federation members have formed a Block-level Apex Body titled “Maa Gangeswari Mahila Mandal” to manage SHGs and to address issues related to right & entitlements of Women. The sense of unity & integrity





expressed by 1000 women members in a “Get-to -Gather” held on 23.03.2015 at Pukali is a ray of hope to mark the initiation of a new-era in the life of marginalized sections. Apex Body is in-process to emerged as a Registered Body and function independently.

### **Agriculture & Horticulture Development:**

20 nos. of beneficiaries have been supported for “Vegetable Cultivation through Drip-Irrigation mechanism”. The farmers are encouraged to cultivate in up season for more yielding. Improved Cultivation of Cauliflower, Cabbage, Chilli & Beans are undertaken by selected beneficiaries to demonstrate and inspire other beneficiaries to do so. Paddy like “SAHABHAGI” for medium up land demonstrated in 2.5 Ac covering 20 Beneficiaries and the result is all encouraging to continue the same within agreed period. Monsoon potato cultivated in 13 Acres of Ralegada & Pukali G.P.s covering 50 beneficiaries. Ginger up scaling has been taken ahead in 10 Ha. covering 50 farmers.

### **Livestock & Aquaculture Development:**

Pisciculture is undertaken in 20 farm ponds in OTELP villages covering 6 SHGs and 14 individuals involved in taking benefits from these initiatives.

### **Convergence:**

The Organization has mobilized funds from MGNREGS & developed SCT in 2 ha. & CCT in 3000 RMT in 3 villages of Ralegada & Pukali G.P. Through these initiatives 1505 mandays has been created with beneficiaries ensured local job employability.

### **WDF-NABARD Watershed Programme:**

The Project operates in two-Phases, viz (i) Capacity Building Phase (CBP) for a period of 12 months and (ii) Full Implementation Phase (FIP) with the participation of Village Watershed Committee (VWC) and Programme Facilitating Agency (PFA) with financial supports in-form of grant only from NABARD in addition to labour contribution of 16% or Shramdan from the community. The government assistance of Rs 6000/ha. as per DPAP norm @ 70% for physical treatments, 25% for administrative cost, 7.5% for livelihoods of landless and 12.5% for Community Organizations & Training have also been utilized in addition to WDF. The major activities are Human Resource Development, Soil & Land Management, water management after Catchment Treatment, Afforestation, Pasture Development, Agricultural Development, Livestock Management and Rural Energy Management.

The Deomali Watershed is located in Pottangi Block of Koraput district in the state of Odisha. Having a treatable area of 681.83 ha, it is situated by the left side of the National highway at a distance of 30 Km from Pottangi Block. Deomali Peak is situated at a distance of 60 km from Koraput with an elevation of 1,672 meter. It is the highest peak in Odisha, and the tallest in the whole of the Eastern Ghats. Deomali is dotted with streams and deep valleys, and dense forest. The project areas are surrounded by hillocks and forest those contribute to the internal drainage system of the Project area. Mainly uplands are undulated and uneven with small stone patches. The average slope is 3-5 percent and the general drainage pattern is dendritic. The district is composed with undulating tracts of high ridges and low valleys. Different types of land like Hills & Hill-Slope, foothills, upland, medium and low land are found in Pottangi block.

After completion of Capacity Building Phase (CBP) of the “Watershed Program” supported by NABARD, LAVS has successfully graduated to the Final Implementation Phase (FIP) of Watershed Program in the same Micro Watershed Area in Kotia GP of Pottangi Block in Koraput district since the year 2012. This watershed approach to developmental intervention aims at alleviating habitat and inhabitant impoverishment through a holistic approach of conservation & sustainable exploration of natural & human resources.





The Turia (Kandhamali) & Taupadar (Deomali) Watersheds being facilitated by LAVS are located in Pottangi Block of Koraput district in the state of Odisha. It is situated by the left side of the National highway at a distance of 30 Km from Pottangi Block and having a treatable area of 1203.89 ha in Turia

Activities	Taupadar	Turia
CCT	13374 Cum	16004 Cum
SCT	9121 Cum	6791 Cum
WAT	10055 Cum	14223 Cum
Farm Pond	12 Nos.	14 Nos.
Field Bund	12934 Cum	12994 Cum
Stone Bund	877 Cum	1350 Cum
Check Dam	6 Nos.	6 Nos.
Diversion Weir	1 No	1 No
SGP	37 No	12 Nos.
WHS	1 No	1 No
Plantation	24 Ha	52 Ha
Diversion Weir-Renovation	1 No	-

### Key Agronomical Interventions & Outcomes:

The change in “Land-Use-Pattern” by the identified community people was noticed as a significant Outcome due to some key activities undertaken in the Watershed area that mostly included Field-Bunding and land development measures. The main activities are summarised here-as-under :

- ♦ Summer Ploughing for better Weed-Management & Pulverizing the soil for aeration
- ♦ Crop Diversification and more emphasis on Line-Sowing
- ♦ Farmers encouraged for Organic Farming: Organic Manure, Vermi-compost, Vermi wash Azotobacter, Azospirillum, Rhizobium, Azolla etc. and low-cost Organic Pesticides
- ♦ Farmers encouraged for high yielding and Improved Varieties
- ♦ Intercropping, Mixed Cropping, Stripe Cropping adopted by farmers
- ♦ More emphasis given on cash crops like Maize, Onion, Groundnut and Vegetables
- ♦ Introduction of new crops like Ginger, Yam, Cassava, Mustard and Sunflower
- ♦ Documentation of ITKs and refinement for sustainable agriculture
- ♦ Seed and Variety Replacement
- ♦ Provide need-based Training
- ♦ Collaboration & Convergence of services from Line Departments
- ♦ Seed Exchange
- ♦ Establishment of Seed Village
- ♦ Crop Diversification
- ♦ Introduction of New Crop
- ♦ Inter-Cropping
- ♦ Farmers Training Programme
- ♦ Vermin Compost Unit
- ♦ Vegetable Cultivation
- ♦ Kitchen Garden
- ♦ Plantation
- ♦ Pisciculture Intervention





### Promotion of Farmer's Club

As part of an attempt to promote village-level Institutions to work on the principles of “Development through Credit” by the community level Farmers, LAVS have credibly partnered with NABARD in the implementation of Farmers Club Program in Pottangi Block for the last four years. During this period LAVS has created as many as 13 Farmers Clubs in Pottangi block of Koraput district as per details follow:

Sl.No	Name of FCs	Village	GP
1	Utkal FC	Basuguda	Pukali
2	Shiva Shankar	Mulasankar	Pukali
3	Asha FC	Maliguda	Pukali
4	Shaktiman FC	Maksapondei	Sambai
5	Lukapani	Karanjaguda	Kotia
6	Banadurga FC	Kusuma	Sambai
7	Maa Santoshi FC	Gudiambaguda	Sambai
8	Maa Durga FC	Kartoloba	Rallegeda
9	Indira FC	Gugaguda	Chandaka
10	Bada Debata	Phatu	Pukali
11	Jharana FC	Mulaguda	Pukali
12	Deomali	Turia	Kotia
13	Kandhmali	Taupadar	Kotia

### Skill Development

In order to develop skill of rural youths, LAVS has established two "Skill Development Training



Centers" in Koraput and Jharsuguda districts respectively. Trades selected for training of youths are Agriculture, Horticulture, Mobile Repairing,

Motor-Winding, Dress Designing and Computer Courses. Training is imparted in batches, with 20-25 trainees as Batch-Strength. During the period under report a total number of 154 Youths received training in different trades.



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

### Mahila Kisan Sashtikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)

Odisha is amongst the most poorest of India's major states, despite of its' rich endowment of natural resources, and coastline. Odisha has the highest proportion of poor persons in its population relative to all other states/UTs in India. However, there have been positive developments in recent years, and poverty rates in Odisha have declined from 57.2% to 37% between 2004 and 2009-10 (Odisha Economic Survey, 2012-13). Despite of this improvement, poverty rates in Odisha are about 7% more than the National average. Non-Monetary Indicators of Poverty too confirm the "Low-Welfare Status of Odia households". Eighty four percent of Odisha's 41.9 million population is rural, and a vast majority of the poor live in rural areas.



Koraput district of Odisha is mostly backward. The livelihoods of the rural people are mainly agriculture, collection of NTFP from forests and animal husbandry. Agriculture is under-developed due to series of bio-physical constraints. The crop productivity is comparatively low and the farmers have less access to irrigation. Shifting cultivation practiced at quick successions has caused serious biological and environmental complications. The women population of the district is apparently underprivileged. Keeping this in view, the MKSP has been prepared for implementation in Pottangi and Semiliguda Blocks of Koraput district. The project aims to cover 3000 women households in 10 Gram Panchayats of two Blocks in the district. With the geographical area of 8807 sq km the district has human population of 13, 76,934 as per census 2011. The rate of literacy is only 49.87% as against the State literacy of 73.45%. The density of population in the district is 156 which is much less than the State density of 269 per sq km. The district has 14 CD Blocks, 226 Gram Panchayats and 2243 villages. The sex ratio of the district is 1031 per 1000 males, whereas it is 1044 in rural areas. This means that more number of women live in rural areas. The literacy rate in the district is still less in rural areas with 43.27% (Census 2011). The ST population of the district is 49.62% of the total whereas it is 13.04% in case of SC (Census 2001). It means the ST and SC population of the district is 62.66% as against the State average of 38.66%. The minority population of the district is hardly 6%.

### Summary of Interventions & Achievements:

Sl	Activity	Achievement during-2014-15
1	Profiling of Mahila Kisans (MKs)	Datebase & 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	Promotion & strengthening of WSHGs	200 number of SHGs strengthened
4	Promotion & strengthening of Producer Groups	44 number of Producers Group formed during the current year and 68 as cumulative PGs are now in place.
5	Capacity building of CRPs	20 number of CRPs trained & Capacitated
6	Capacity building of PRPs	20 number of PRPs trained & Capacitated
7	Capacity building of Mahila Kisans	2270 Mahila Kisans received training on 5 Modules



8	Crop-Production Coverage	Name of the Crop	No. of MKs	Area (in Acre)
		Paddy - Line	204	74
		Transplanting Vegetable	782	246
9	Public Information Disclosure	Transparency Wall-Painting in 4 MKSP Villages completed		
10	Development of Training Module	12 nos. of Training Modules developed		
11	Web-based Database & MIS	Database of all physical & financial progress uploaded and updated in <a href="http://www.lavs.org">www.lavs.org</a>		



Village level Orientation & Training Programs were organized at the outset to strengthen the existing WSHG in all identified MKSP villages and the members of newly formed and promoted WSHGs were also trained and capacitated on various aspects and issues. Concerned with the objectives of Producers Group, orientation training was also organized at grassroot-level to promote SHGs as distincted livelihood groups on a broader perspective. The following table shows the details of institution building training in each Block.

Sl No	Name of Training	Pottangi Block		Semiliguda Block		Total	
		No. of Trg	No. Trained	No. of Trg	No. Trained	No. of Trg	No. Trained
1	Orientation Training on SHG Promotion & Strengthening	56	1666	44	1320	100	2986
2	Orientation Training on Promotion & Strengthening of PG	2	120	2	126	4	246
	<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1786</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1446</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3232</b>



**Promotion of WSHGs in LWE District:**

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) assisted LAVS to empower women in Left Wing Extremism affected districts, with informed presence and involvement of LAVS in implementing development programmes in Koraput. The project aimed at Financial Inclusion, establishing linkages and creating an enabling environment for ideal financial relations with formal financing institutions. LAVS implemented the Project in two blocks of the district, Pottangi and Semiliguda. Along the guidelines, LAVS has accomplished the following mandates within two years of its implementation:

Name of Block	Name of Bank Branch	No. of WSHGs Savings Linked	No. of WSHGs Credit Linked
Pottangi	State Bank	5	0
	UGB	23	15
Semiliguda	State Bank	9	0
	UGB	7	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>

A Project Implementation Committee is in place for effective monitoring of the programme; having its members from LAVS, NABARD - The lead Bank and one representative each from the Nodal Agencies being the State Bank of India and the Odisha Gramya Bank.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**Rural Connectivity**

LAVS is assigned the task of providing consultancy in the capacity of Project Implementation Consultant (PIC) to the ADB assisted PMGSY Roads under Rural Connectivity Investment Programme (RCIP) being implemented in the state of Odisha. The activity is undertaken by the Rural Works Department, GoO. The assignment involves preparation of "Community Participation Framework, Environmental Code of Practices, preparation of Road Maintenance Report, Road Safety Report" inline with the mandate of the programme. This also includes thematic training of the Engineers associated with the programme.

Involvement of LAVS covers 25 districts in the state. LAVS successfully accomplished the following spell-out mandates:



Assignment	Cumulative progress till end of March 2015
Environment Monitoring	12693.74 KMs
Social Monitoring	12693.74 KMs
Preparation of Community Participation Framework	1084 KMs
Preparation of Environment Code of Practices	1084 KMs
Training of Engineers	8329.82
Road Safety Inspection	1978.38 KMs
Road Maintenance Inspection	1978.38 KMs
Training & Capacity-Building	20 Nos.
Preparation of Gender Action Plan	2
Preparation of Safeguard Documentation of 1 RRCTC	4
Organizing HIV/ AIDS Campaign	37
Organizing Road Safety Campaigns	42

The above mentioned works are distributed through different tranches of assignment such as Tranche I/ II/ III under RRS II and RRS III Investment Programme.

Gender issues have taken a prime space while forming policies and implementing the programmes as per prescribed paraphernalia by the state Govt. The implementation of the PMGSY is being carried out through the Dept. of Rural Works - Govt. of Odisha. The Dept. is all sensitive towards complying to minimum protocols of ADB-prescribed Gender Action-Plan.

The Gender Action Plan has been incorporated to promote Gender Equity & Equality, minimize social discrepancies based on gender discrimination of earning opportunities irrespective of gender differences.



Gender Action Plan also ensures Gender Equity and Social Inclusion, thus strengthening government efforts for an inclusive growth. Concentration of male participation in activities other than in the household tasks is loosened through implementation of the Gender Action Plan and a part of the concentration is passed to the female sex. The GAP not only ensures inclusion of women in labour-intensive tasks, but also ensures gender parity in activities involving high skill, technologies and managerial abilities. Under this context, PMGSY implementation in Odisha as per instructions of the state

government, the contractors are instructed by the PIUs to meet the standards as suggested by the GAP.

### Clean Energy (Solar Power)

Electricity, now-a-days, is considered as the most sustainable source of energy, which has become a bare necessity for any layman. But the targeted tribal communities in the MKSP Area are still far away from availing this basic amenity. Considering this aspect LAVS entered into an agreement with TERI (The Energy and Resource Institute) to provide lighting and electricity for other usage in operational villages in Koraput district from an alternative source, the Solar energy. Accordingly, 50 nos. of villages were covered under the programme benefitting 1000 households in lighting their homes, making their lifestyle more simpler and more interesting. Similar initiatives have been promoted with the support of OTLEP & NABARD in another 45 Villages in 4 GPs of Pottangi Block.



## HEALTH

### Evidence-based Media Advocacy Initiatives on Child Stunting and Nutrition issues in Odisha

UNICEF awarded a project to LAVS to study and find the role of media in connection with addressing issues relating to “Mal-nutrition and Stunting Child in the state of Odisha”. The activities involved piloting on the degree of involvement of both “Print & Electronic Media” in making the Readers/ Viewers on Issues relating to Breast-Feeding, Nutritional Food, Infant Morbidity & Mortality, Maternal Mortality etc. The stakeholders included the Newspapers, Telecast / Electronic Media, Civil Societies etc. The rationale of the project was derived from its core objective of targeting media for orientation & sensitization thereafter facilitating a process by which “*Media acts as a Tool*” for dissemination of appropriate information. The project is a dynamic mix of knowledge management, dissemination and advocacy targeting media.

#### The Activities include:

1. Collection of Data in respect of contents published (articles/ write ups/ interviews etc.) relating to theme
2. Collection of Data in respect of contents telecasted (articles/ Write-Ups/ interviews etc.) relating to theme
3. Collection of Data in respect of contents broadcast (articles/ write ups/ interviews etc.) relating to theme
4. Interviews with Media Personnel
5. Conducting Zone level Seminars for sharing & dissemination
6. Conducting State Level Seminar for dissemination
7. Recommendations for filling the identified Gaps



### Advocacy on Reproductive Health Rights

LAVS has been; in association with Orissa Voluntary Health Association, Bhubaneswar implementing a project to ensure Reproductive Health Rights in 60 villages in 5 CD-Blocks of Jharsuguda district under the sponsorship of DFID-PACS Media advocacy, Social Audit, Loka Sambad, Empowerment of Adolescents, particularly the girls etc. are important components of the project implementation.





The Project is funded by the “DFID - PACS, Govt. of UK.



## STUDY AND RESEARCH

### National Level Panchayat Verification under RGPSA

The Ministry of Panchayatiraj, Govt. of India has awarded the National Field Verification of Panchayats for incentivization under Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) in 3 states; Odisha, Assam and Manipur. Under the assignment, LAVS recommended adequate numbers of Zilla Parishads (the district level Panchayats), Panchayat Samitis (the intermediate Panchayats) and Gram Panchayats for the awarded under RGPSA.



### Other Study, Research, Survey Assignment done by LAVS so far....

- ◆ Multi-Disciplinary Support to Pani Panchayats under RKVY
- ◆ Survey of SCSP under SCA
- ◆ Evidence based Media Advocacy on “Mal-nutrition and Stunting Child”
- ◆ Efficacy Study and Evaluation of EDUSAT Programme in Odisha.
- ◆ Sexual & Reproductive Behaviour among Slum-Dwellers in Bhubaneswar
- ◆ Baseline Survey for Peripheral Development in Balasore District
- ◆ Survey of SCSP Beneficiaries under SCA
- ◆ Comprehensive Annual & Five-Year Perspective District Plan
- ◆ Translation of Books on relevant Acts/ Rules on Tribal Languages
- ◆ Study of Women centric Enterprises In Odisha
- ◆ Village Development Micro-Plan



## Photo Gallery



A beneficiary of OTELP



A beneficiary of Low Cost Housing



Block Level Sensitization Programme



Impact of Watershed programme at Pottangi block supported by WDF, NABARD, Odisha RO



Beneficiaries of Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)



## Photo Gallery



Implementing Evidence based Media Advocacy on Malnutrition in Odisha



## Photos of Media Advocacy Programme (PACS)



Implementing the Advocacy on Reproductive Child Health Rights supported under PACS (DFID)





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**ମହିଳା କିଷାନ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ପରିଯୋଜନା**

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**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**  
(Formerly Roy & Sahoo)

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 and
- 2) In the case of Income and Expenditure account, of the excess of Expenditure over Income of its accounting year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

**Date: 20/09/2015**

**Place: Bhubaneswar**

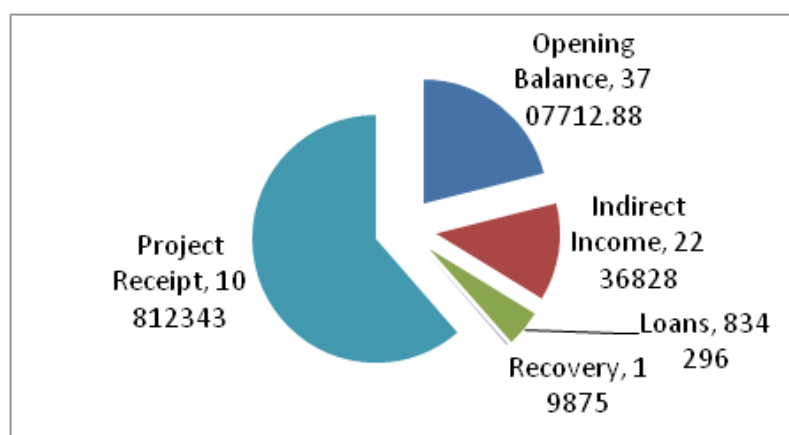
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Chartered Accountants  
  
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## Financial Strength of LAVS

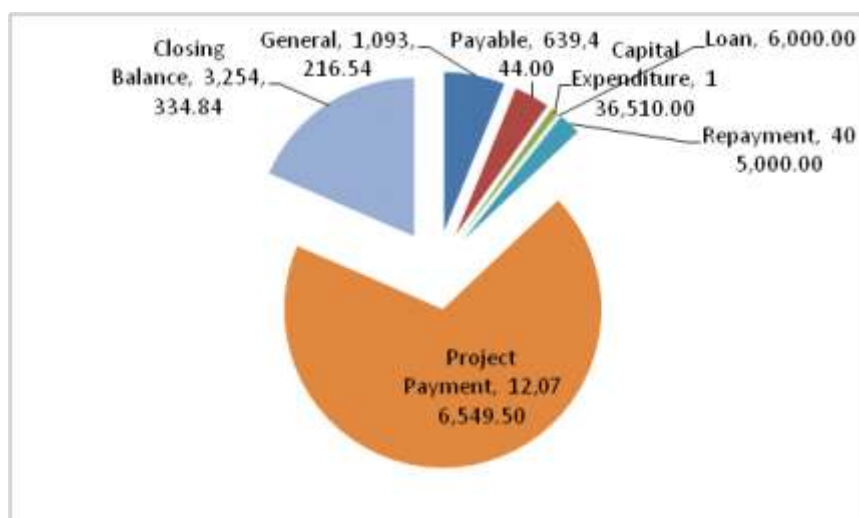
### Receipts (%)

Heads	Amount	Percentage
Opening Balance	3707712.88	21.05
Indirect Income	2236828	12.70
Loans	834296	4.74
Recovery	19875	0.11
Project Receipt	10812343	61.40



### Payments (%)

Heads	Amount	Percentage
General	1,093,216.54	6.21
Payable	639,444.00	3.63
Capital Expenditure	136,510.00	0.78
Loan	6,000.00	0.03
Repayment	405,000.00	2.30
Project Payment	12,076,549.50	68.57
Closing Balance	3,254,334.84	18.48







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