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Abbreviations

ADB Asian Development Bank
CBO Community Based Organization
CBP Capacity Building Phase
CIG Common Interest Group
CRP Community Resource Person
CPF Community Participation Framework
DFID Dept. for International Development
DIF Development Initiative Fund
ECoP Environmental Code of Practice
FIG Farmers Interest Group
FIP Full Implementation Phase
FNGO Facilitating Non-Governmental Organization
IPM Integrated Pest Management
GS Gram Sabha
LWE Left Wing Extremism
MKSP Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana
NABARD National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NHM National Health Mission
NRLM National Rural Livelihoods Mission
OSRRA Odisha State Rural Roads Authority
OTELP Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme
PMGSY Pradhan Manti Gram Sadak Yojana
PACS Poorest Area Civil Society
PP Pani Panchayat
PPDT Pani Panchayat Development Team
PRI Panchayati Raj Institution
RKVY Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana
RTI Right to Information
SHG Self Help Group
SC Scheduled Caste
ST Scheduled Tribe
SRI System of Rice Intensification
SHPI Self Help Promoting Institute
UG Users' Group
UNWFP` United Nations World Food Programme
VDA Village Development Association
VDC Village Development Committee
VLCCRMV Village Level Climate Change Risk Management Committee
WDC Watershed Development Committee
WHS Water Harvesting Structure



Message from President's Desk

"Empowering the community to drive and sustain community development initiatives."

In context of today's rapidly evolving India, rural areas are still marked by enduring poverty, diminishing natural resources, slow socio cultural and socioeconomic progress. LAVS partners with rural communities to build brighter futures by designing and implementing different models in areas vital to village development: natural resource management, small-scale agriculture, and good local governance. At the heart of such endeavors indeed, at the heart of the families, the farms and the villages themselves are the women of rural India. Women are uniquely positioned to drive village development, as they focus on the daily necessities central to the well-being of their families and communities. In this annual report, we feature women's participation and contribution in planning and implementing development initiatives and monitoring of government programs in their villages and the successes of women farmers.

The key to the success and sustainability of rural development initiatives is the presence of strong community institutions at the local level. In 2017-18, we expanded our initiative to over 88 villages in Koraput district to empower rural community to take the lead in the development of their villages. We facilitated women's participation in Koraput district through their roles and representation in community institutions and committees on water management, sustainable agriculture and sanitation program.

Our grassroots team worked with communities to increase access to local resources and various entitlements. . We guided villagers on management of land, water and other natural resources for the dual benefits of reducing poverty, increasing crop

productivity and recharging the groundwater table. As part of our efforts, we partnered with NRLM and OLM to enhance agricultural knowledge, skills, productivity and income of women farmers in 88 villages of Koraput district, Odisha.

We continue to learn from these efforts and share that learning with communities and others who can help bring positive change. We engage and reach thousands of villagers through Vikaspedia knowledge Portal. Conferences and consultations on sharing and contributing knowledge and information on 5 critical domain of development and other key issues provide platforms for discussion among villagers, government officials, NGOs, academia and others concerned about rural development. As a knowledge center on rural issues, we study the impact of development interventions, publish findings and policy recommendations, and inspire Indian and international interns to work for rural communities. We also support research on crop improvement to benefit farmers across rural Odisha.

Today, we sit at a crossroads of tremendous opportunity with the potential to 'build a movement' through knowledge sharing, cooperation, and meaningful collaboration among all stakeholders. We look forward to working with more communities and expanding our work in collaboration with willing partners in all sectors. On behalf of LAVS, I extend sincere thanks to all those who have inspired us and joined us to pilot, implement and expand development interventions to news areas. We truly appreciate our partners who share our vision to improve lives and secure a brighter future for rural communities in India.

President

LAVS THE ORGANIZATION

Serving needs of a broad range of target groups; women, children, farmers, students, youths, scheduled population, minorities and vulnerable sections, Life Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS); a society under SR Act XXI of 1860 has witnessed transformational changes in its growth trajectory. Thematic domains like community health, nutrition, water & sanitation, education, rural livelihoods, natural resource management, skill development, financial inclusion, enterprise promotion and good governance initiatives from the core functional areas of the organization.

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 inculcate in them a sense of ownership and active partnership with government and development agencies in decision making and programmes affecting their development and well being.

Specific Missions:

- ◆ Nurture and sustain the culture of self-help among individuals and community groups
- ◆ Hand-hold gender-sensitive participatory community development
- ◆ Demonstrate pilot models of climate resilient, eco-friendly farming and land based IG Activities
- ◆ Facilitate rights based development processes empowering communities to access basic services and benefits under various government schemes.
- ◆ Pilot innovation for financial inclusion and economic transformation of the vulnerable groups.
- ◆ Pilot action research projects on renewable and alternative energy.
- ◆ Strengthen participatory and transparent good governance practices in service delivery chain.
- ◆ Sharing and scaling up of good practices through networks and partners.

Registrations/ Accreditations Details:

- ◆ Registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 No-3710-384/91 Dated 28.11.1991
- ◆ Registered under FCR Act 1976 bearing No.104830015 Dated 22.01.1999
- ◆ Registered under 12 (A) of I.T. Act and 80 (G) of the IT Act 1961 Dated 18.06.2003
- ◆ Income Tax PAN Number AAATL3043L
- ◆ Registered u/s 69 of Finance Act 1994
- ◆ GST IN21AAATL3043L1ZW
- ◆ TAN No. BBNL00375E
- ◆ 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' Agri-business Consortium, Govt. of India
- ◆ Registered with Consultant Management Services, Asian Development Bank
- ◆ Empanelled with Govt. of Odisha as SIA for socio economic survey
- ◆ Empanelled with State Institute of Rural Development for conducting surveys, studies etc.

ACTIVITY LANDSCAPE:

COMMUNITY INSTITUTION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CIDP):

The Community Institution Development Program of LAVS aims to create and nurture alternative and autonomous platforms through which the communities can take responsibility for their own development. The need for this program arose as a result of the limited capacity of Panchayats to effectively respond to community needs, fragmentation of communities over a wide variety of issues, and the lack of a developmental outlook at village level. This program intends to create an atmosphere where the positive forces of cooperation, transparency, equity, justice, and responsible autonomy within the community can help in leading towards an overall development of their villages.

The Community Institutions Program has three core components:

VDA: (Village Development Association), the

Coverage status:

Name of Community Institutions	Unit	As on 31 st March 2017	As on 31 st March 2018	Variance
Districts	Number	1	1	0
Blocks	Number	2	2	0
Gram Panchayats	Number	10	12	2
Village Producers Group(PG)	Number	68	68	0
Village Development Associations(VDA)	Number	12	12	0
Village Development Fund(VDF)	Number	12	12	0
Village Development Committee(VDC)	Number	12	12	0
Men in VDC	Number	142	140	2
Women in VDC	Number	74	76	2
GP Level Federation	Number	10	10	0
Block Level Federation/Company	Number	0	1	1
VLCCRCM	Number	0	1	1

Capacity building:

In addition to the continuing engagement with village communities and the VDCs, training programmes are organized to build capacities of

general body of villagers-members of the village institution

VDF: (Village Development Fund), built up through community contributions are used to fund local development interventions)

VDC: Elected Village Development Committee, responsible for leading the local development process

VLCCRCM : Village Watershed Committee (VWC) has been renamed as Village Level Climate Change Risk Management Committee

LAVS works to strengthen management of village funds including investment for high returns, better use of funds and record keeping, strengthen horizontal linkages across community institutions, deepen the inclusion of women, youth and children in the community institutions, periodically assess the functioning of community institutions on parameters of democratic, non-partisan citizen spaces and feed in the learning to the rest of the organization and facilitate better linkages between the community institutions and the Panchayats and carefully study and share the outcomes of that.

men and women and managing development community activities, mobilizing resources and managing them, monitoring effectiveness of public services, etc.

Type of Training/Meeting	No. of Trainings	No. of Meetings	No. of VDC/ Federation	Participation		
				Women	Men	Total
Reconstituted VDC	2	10	1	7	12	19
Reelected VDC	6	-	10	70	102	172
GPL Federation	14	-	10	74	68	142
BLF	3	6	2	13	23	36
VDC Refresher	10	-	10	84	96	180
Govt. Scheme	2	-	-	28	36	64
VDC Exposure Visit	2	-	1	14	18	32
Accounts & Book Keeping	12	-	12	84	132	216
TOT	4	-	1	9	10	19

VLCCRM Initiative

Village Watershed Committee (VWC) renamed as Village Level Climate Change Risk Management Committee (VLCCRM) is the community based organization which has been formed to implement "Integrated Watershed Development for Rehabilitation of Degraded Soils and Climate Change Adoption" program in the completed watershed area.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM:

For more than two decades, LAVS has been working towards the re-ordering of gender relations to make them more just and equitable. In recent years, the results can be seen in women's groups

becoming more active in often difficult and conservative spaces and making their families and communities more equitable. Over the year, several efforts were directed towards strengthening women's groups, cluster level associations and common resource centres. Cluster associations were restructured in many locations to increase participation of women. Deliberations were done with the leaders of women Producer's Group to increase its outreach. Intensive work was done with youth of Pottangi and Semiliguda blocks of Koraput district to sensitize them on gender issues, enhance life skills and create space for their voices in the community.



Women's Collectives

There are currently 412 women's self-help groups (SHGs) with 4825 members across 138 villages of 10 Panchayats in Pottangi & Semiliguda Block. During this period 41 new SHGs were formed. 10 new



clusters were initiated. The total savings stands at Rs. 1,14,66,690/-.

Meeting regularity of SHGs stands at 94%, attendance 85 %, savings at 79%, interest repayment at 100%. Continuing efforts to build capacities of SHGs, 73 campaigns and workshops were conducted and 5 trainings for SHG accountants were organized.

Similarly 68 women producers Group were formed covering 3015 women farmers actively involved in farm

activities. These Women Producers Group are trained under different thematic areas and are empowered in value addition to their produces through aggregation, cleaning, grading and collective marketing.

Empowering Women Farmers:

In India, women are responsible for 60-80 percent of the total food production, but their access to farming-related assets, knowledge, inputs and services is much less than that of male farmers. Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) implemented by LAVS aims to change this dynamic by increasing the role of women in agricultural decision making. Thus far, 30 women farmers known as *Krishi Sakhis* (farmers' friends) have been trained in integrated soil health management and sustainable agricultural practices, and they are now educating other women farmers in 88 villages of Pottangi and Semiliguda Block of Koraput district, Odisha. More than 3,000 women farmers in the district have gained knowledge on sustainable agricultural practices from the *Krishi Sakhis* working in their villages and crop yields have gone up significantly.

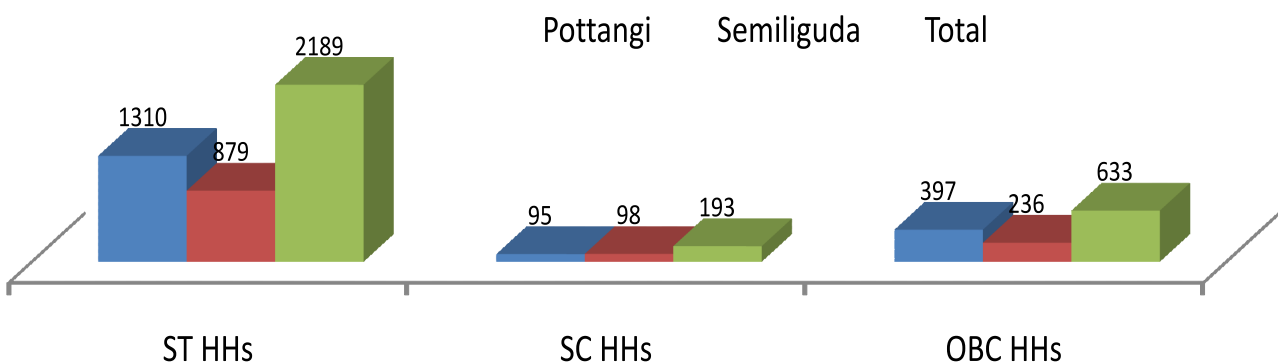


LaxmiKhila, *Krishi Sakhi* from Deo-pottangi village, said of her experience with the program, "Earlier, we were not aware about many important issues concerning agriculture. Now as a *Krishi Sakhi*, I feel confident when I share my new found knowledge with male farmers in my village."

Funded by NRLM & OLM, this project is being implemented by LAVS Since 2013.

Geographic/ Demographic Outreach

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Block	No. of GPs	No. of Villages	HHs Covered	ST HHs	SC HHs	OBC HHs
1	Koraput	Pottangi	6	56	1802	1310	95	397
2	Koraput	Semiliguda	4	32	1213	879	98	236
Total			10	88	3015	2189	193	633



Interventions at a Glance:

Project	Objective	Outreach	Demonstration/ Key activities	Key Output	Outcomes
Improving livelihoods of small & marginal farmers through soil health management and other sustainable agricultural practices in Pottangi & Semiliguda Blocks of Koraput	Empower women in agriculture by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity as also create & sustain agriculture based livelihoods of rural women.	3015 households in 88 villages	112 covering four important local crops: Paddy, Millet, Ginger and Arhar	Productive participation of women in agriculture enhanced	Increased productivity (yield per acre) and income: Paddy : Millet: 31% Ginger: Arhar:22%
Improving livelihoods through agricultural development in Semiliguda & Pottangi Block, Koraput supported by NRLM under MKSP	Build capacities of women farmers to improve income & increase women's participation in agricultural decision making	3015 households in 88 villages	SRI-paddy adopted by 1850 HHs SMI- adopted by 1240 HHs Kitchen garden promoted & adopted by 2246 HHs	Skill and capacity of women in agriculture improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased yield of Paddy, Mille (Ragi), Arhar & Ginger by 30 Krishi Sakhis trained More than 3000 women farmers gained knowledge on integrated nutrient management from <i>Krishi Sakhis</i> working in their villages
Integrated Watershed Development for Rehabilitation of Degraded Soil and Climate Change Adoption supported by KfW-NABARD	Build adoptive capacities of the community in watershed and reduce their vulnerability to climate change	180 House holds	Soil health improvement through soil testing, deep Ploughing, Green manuring, vermin & NADEP composting, application of tank silt, bio -fertilizer, paper mill slag	Soil health is improved & productivity enhanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80 soil samples tested 38 ha . brought under deep Ploughing 16 ha . of land used tank silt 20 vermin compost units constructed
			Sustainable NRM practices through crop diversification, crop intensification, introduction of climate resilient crop, Nutrition Garden etc.	Sustainable farm based livelihood practices are adopted by farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 ha . of land brought under crop diversification from paddy to non-paddy 8 ha . of land under crop intensification 5 ha . of land under millet line transplanting
			Climate Change Mitigation measures	Climate change risk mitigation measures adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 114 number of improved cook stove provided and used by the community

Common Facility Center:

Five (5) Common Facility Centre (CFCs) have been established in 5 different locations of the program villages of both Pottangi and Semiliguda Blocks of Koraput district. These CFCs functions as Custom Hiring Centres/Tool Banks with the overriding objective to promote farm mechanization and reduce drudgeries of women farmers through use of women friendly implements and technologies. The farmers take advantage of such benefits from the Common Facility Centres (CFC) on hiring and rotational basis against payment of nominal user fees which are utilized for repair and maintenance on self-sustainable mode.



Famers Field School:



The FFS approach is an innovative, participatory and interactive learning approach that emphasizes problem solving and discovery based learning. FFS aims to build farmers' capacity to analyze their production systems, identify problems, test possible solutions and eventually encourage the participants to adopt practices most suitable to their farming systems and use technologies. FFS is usually a time bound activity (generally one agricultural production cycle) involving a group (20-30) of farmers. Two (2) FFSs have been developed under MKSP in the program village. Farmers at large and women farmers in particular have immensely benefited from such exposure and hands-on training.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

LAVS has been partnering with local communities to restore and enhance the productivity of the natural resource base of watershed areas since the 2008. Rehabilitation of land, water and forests plays a major role in strengthening sustainable livelihoods, fostering social solidarity and conserving the ecology in a much degraded region. In order to improve the productivity of the small agricultural patches situated in the lowlands, it is critical that the soil and water erosion from the uplands be checked.

The work over the past years in horticulture, vegetable cultivation, seed Banks and vermi-composting activities has led to a variety of benefits to the participating farmers.

Water Conservation & Management:

- ◆ LAVS's water management program works to help rural communities achieve water security and safety for agriculture and drinking purposes by:
- ◆ Capturing, storing and managing rainwater through harvesting measures
- ◆ Creating and renovating different water bodies
- ◆ Creating irrigation potential
- ◆ Promoting water literacy, sanitation and hygiene
- ◆ Stabilization of existing watershed through soil & water conservation measures

Interventions at a Glance:

- ◆ 20 Dug wells
- ◆ 6 Farm ponds renovated
- ◆ 83 stand post maintained
- ◆ 30 masonry stone outlets
- ◆ 1725 cum. of field bonding undertaken
- ◆ 1 check dam constructed
- ◆ 980 cum. of SCT implemented in watershed area
- ◆ 28 water management committee(water user committee) are actively functional

Way Forward:

- ◆ Build capacities of villagers in the management of local water resources, sanitation and hygiene
- ◆ Develop water management models in water stressed program villages
- ◆ Advocate and campaign for promotion of safe drinking water

Sustainable Agricultural and Livelihood Enhancement:

LAVS's program for sustainable agricultural development increases crop productivity and income by:

- ◆ Promoting efficient use of water, fertilizers and other inputs
- ◆ Improving and maintaining soil health
- ◆ Building capacities of farmers in using sustainable farming practices
- ◆ Linking farmers with current information, technology, government programs and markets

RURAL COMMUNICATIONS & CONNECTIVITY

Rural Road connectivity is a key component of rural development, since it promotes access to economic and social services, thereby generating increased agricultural productivity, non-agriculture employment which in turn expands rural growth opportunities and real income addressing poverty and destitution among masses. Rural roads are rightly called development multipliers accelerating growth, income and inclusion. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) aims at providing connectivity by means of properly laid all-weather surfaced roads (with



necessary culverts and cross drainage structures) to all unconnected habitations.

LAVS has been engaged as the Project Implementation Consultant (PIC) by OSRRA to provide support to State Implementing Agency in implementation of ADB's requirements of Social Safeguards, Environmental Safeguards, Road Safety and Road Maintenance. The task also requires conduct of due diligence and monitoring of a part of earlier batches of projects sanctioned by ADB in the State. LAVS has deployed a team



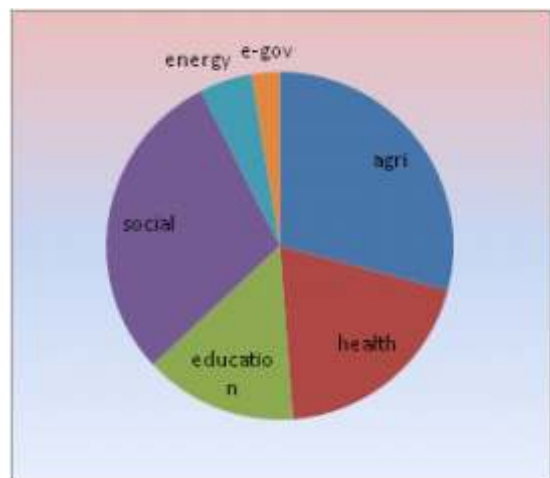
of social, engineering and environment experts to carry out the assigned tasks. Technical support is provided by Technical Support Group appointed by National Rural Roads Authority (NRRDA) for the purpose.

Milestones achieved

Sl. No.	Item of Work	No. of KM
01	Preparation of social safeguard documents (CPF) of rural roads	6838.08 Km
02	Preparation of environmental safeguard documents (ECoP) of rural roads	6838.08 Km
03	Preparation of environmental Management Plans (EMP) of rural roads	6838.08 Km
04	Social safeguard monitoring of rural roads- Pre-construction stage	6838.08 Km
05	Environmental safeguard monitoring of rural roads- Pre-construction stage	6838.08 Km
06	Social safeguard monitoring of rural roads- During construction stage	4687.05 Km
07	Environmental safeguard monitoring of rural roads- During construction stage	4687.05 Km
08	Social safeguard monitoring of rural roads- Post construction stage	2876.68 Km
09	Environmental safeguard monitoring of rural roads- Post construction stage	2876.68 Km
10	Road Safety Audit Pre-Construction Stage	1131.04 Km
11	Road Safety Audit During-Construction Stage	839.18 Km
12	Road Safety Audit Post-Construction Stage	501.51 Km
13	Road Maintenance Inspection	1022.82 Km
14	Gender Audit Report prepared	3

KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVES

Life Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS) is the State Nodal Agency (SNA) for VIKASPEDIA-ODIA a part of the National Initiative supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. The portal is disseminating development information in six domains- Agriculture, Health, Education, Social Welfare, Energy and e-Governance. Besides Odia, information is being provided in 22 other languages: English, Assamese, Telugu, Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil, Bodo, Dongri, Sanskrit, Kashmiri, Konkani, Nepali, Urdu, Maithili, Manipuri, Santali, Sindhi, Punjabi, and Marathi. C-DAC, Hyderabad, a Government of India Agency is providing

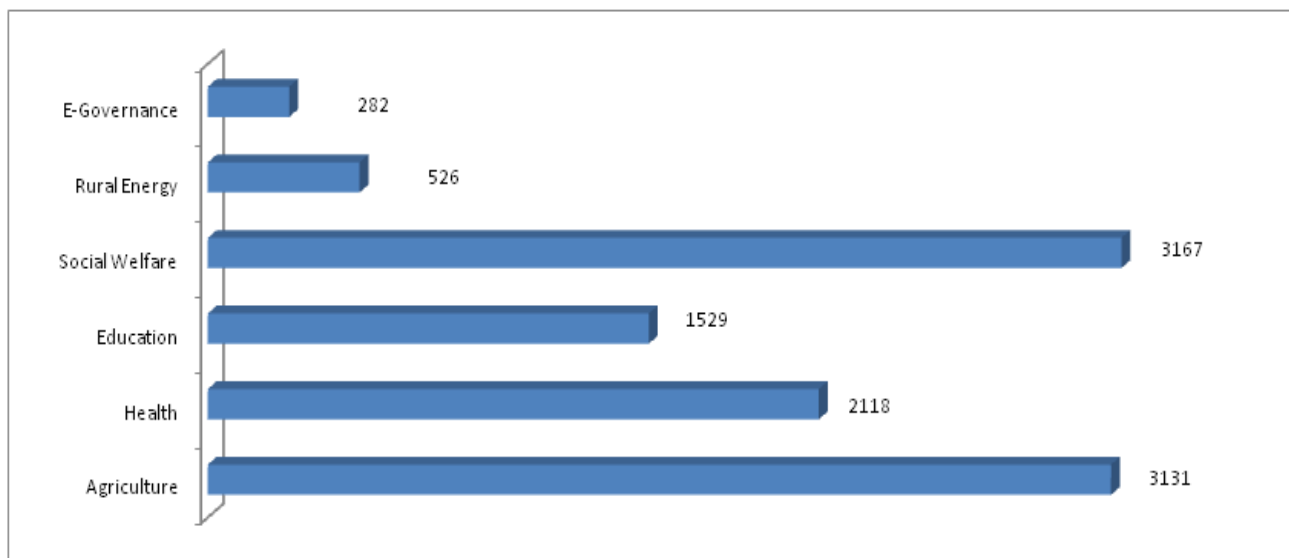




technical support and guidance for the steady and smooth implementation. A dedicated team of domain experts, content contributors and volunteers are engaged for content selection and dissemination in reference to a defined work plan and demand for information. LAVS organized a State Level Workshop and 4 District (Puri, Ganjam, Koraput and Jharsuguda) Workshops so far to sensitize line department officials and key stakeholders. There is a drive to reach out to all the thirty districts to connect people, officials, social activists, students, frontline workers, Civil Society members, PRI representatives and CBO leaders with Vikaspedia Odia. The work with Community

Service Centers (CSC), Community Radio and other channels of communication shall be streamlined to better access and use of content.

Domain/ Theme	Odia Content	Remark
Agriculture	3131 pages	Protocols, Practices, Schemes & Support to educate farmers and promote their access
Health	2118 pages	Thrust on Preventive Care, Info on Govt. Facilities, Insurance & other Services
Education	1529 pages	RTE, SSA, RAMSA, Scholarships, Incentives, Loans, Academic and Career Tips
Social Welfare	3167 pages	Welfare Schemes/ Programmes, Entitlements & Rights, Social Security Measures
Rural Energy	526 pages	Clean Energy, Alternative Energy Sources, Products and Services, Technology Adaptation & Application
e-Governance	282 pages	Digital India Initiative, E enabled Services, Protocols & Procedures, Networking & Access
Total	10753 pages	



IMPROVING HEALTH & WELL BEING OF SLUM DWELLERS (NUHM)

LAVS managed an urban health project at Jharsuguda with the grant support of National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. It has set up a Primary Health Centre to provide quality health care to slum dwellers at doorsteps. The objective is to sensitize communities through BCC (Behavior Change Communication), develop in them ideal health seeking behavior and provide them counseling and treatment services free of cost. The initiative has been very popular and effective in reducing morbidity and expenditure burden among the target population.



Project Goal

Improved health status of the urban population, poor and disadvantaged sections facilitating equitable access to quality health care through partnerships and active involvement of the local bodies.

Service Package

- OPD consultation (8 AM to 11 AM and 5 PM to 8 PM)
- Weekly specialist OPD services
- Free medicines as per the Govt. EDL
- Diagnostics services (Pathology test)
- Designated Day celebration
- Implementation of PMSMA
- Capacity building of WKS, MAS,ASHA
- Outreach and referral linkage
- Review and monitoring of ANM, Immunization and UHND Session



Progress Highlights

No of wards covered	24
No of slum covered	41
No. of Population covered	1,13,406
No of ASHAs attached	76
No of MAS (Mahila Arogya Samiti) formed	102
No of WKS (Ward Kalyan Samiti) formed	24
No of Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) formed	01
No of patients treated	15,401
No of PMSMA camp organized	12
No of HR case detected	31
No. of Special Day celebrated (Senior citizens day)	01
Capacity building training for service providers organized	02

ADDRESSING NUTRITIONAL ISSUES IN RURAL AREAS:

Odisha is state with poor nutritional status, especially in the rural areas, so more so in hilly, tribal and households living in difficult regions. LAVS has its interventions in tribal pockets of Koraput district; especially targeting the poor and marginal people. Nutritional status of the resident households is poor owing to many factors, availability and accessibility to nutritious food, information and specific

knowledge on the issues etc. As most of the target groups are farmers, LAVS provided kitchen garden in 188 villages, which could compensate their nutritional deficiency. The initiative was taken as part of larger programmes, MKSP and OTELP.

WATER AND SANITATION INITIATIVE

During the period under report; LAVS promoted use of IHHL which have been supported under the Swachha Bharat Mission- Grameen. The campaign was undertaken in 13 villages of Koraput district. The beneficiaries were motivated to use the latrines and drop the habit of open field defecation. The campaign was successful to the highest degree.

CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Still there are a number of villages yet to be electrified. The syndrome is greater in villages in difficult areas. As many interior villages are devoid of electricity, LAVS took an initiative to distribute solar lanterns to 135 households in 4 villages of Semiliguda and Pottangi blocks of Koraput district.

NATIONAL LEVEL FIELD VERIFICATION OF PANCHAYATS FOR AWARDS

Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India has incentivized the best performing Panchayats recommended by the State Governments since 2011-12 under Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS). The initiative continues under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and Nanaji Deshmukh Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan. The awards are given on the National Panchayat Day celebrated on 24th of April every year. LAVS has been empanelled as the National Field Verification Agency to evaluate the claims by field visit, record review and recommend awards. In FY 2017-18 it evaluated 3 Gram Panchayats and one Zilla Panchayat in Sikkim; 1 Zilla Panchayat, 2 Intermediate Panchayats and 4 Gram Panchayats in West Bengal; and 1 Gram Panchayat in Bihar states.

Sl. No.	State	Level of Panchayat	Name of Panchayat
01	Sikkim	Zilla Panchayat	Namchi
02		Gram Panchayat	Namphing
03		Gram Panchayat	Djongu
04		Gram Panchayat	Martam
05	Bihar	Gram Panchayat	Bhartipur
06	West Bengal	Zilla Panchayat	Birbhum
07		Intermediate Panchayat	Raghunathpur II
08		Intermediate Panchayat	Rampurhaat II
09		Gram Panchayat	Barrah
10		Gram Panchayat	Domdoma
11		Gram Panchayat	Illambazar
12		Gram Panchayat	Baidyapur



STRENGTHENING MICRO IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT THROUGH PANI PANCHAYATS

LAVS with the support of Water Resources Department, Govt. of Odisha is implementing a project on Pani Panchayat formation and strengthening under Upper Indravati Irrigation Project in Kalahandi District. The assignment includes verification of record of rights of affected persons/ communities, social and environmental impact assessment, formation and training of Pani Panchayats, facilitating rehabilitation activities and grievance redressal.

**Preparatory phase**

Activity	Unit	Right Canal Extension System		Left Canal Extension System	
Baseline Survey	Village	80	80	50	50
IEC	Village	80	80	50	50
Village Meeting	Village	80	80	50	50

Formation and Election

Activity	Unit	Right Canal Extension System		Left Canal Extension System	
Delineation Verification of PP & Chak Bounday	PP	36	36	23	23
Collection of Cadastral Map of PP & Chak	PP	36	36	23	23
Listing of Land Owners plot by plot	PP	36	36	23	23
Inter village Relationship Assessment Survey	Village	80	80	50	50
Awareness Meeting on need & benefit of PP formation	Village	80	80	50	50
Preparation of Beneficiary list	PP	36	36	23	23
Preparation of Voter list	PP	36	26	23	23
Validation of Voter list	PP	36	26	23	23
Approval of Voter list	PP	36	26	23	23
Notification for election	PP	36	-	23	12
Awareness meeting on PP Election procedure	Village	80	80	50	50
Election & Registration of PP	PP	36	-	23	-
Election of Distributary Committee	Disty.	02	-	01	-

Institution Building and Strengthening

Activity	Unit	Right Canal Extension System		Left Canal Extension System	
Orientation Training to Chak committee & Executive committee	PP	36	-	23	-
Orientation training & on job training to PP office bearers on maintenance of records	PP	36	-	23	-
Enrollment of PP members & membership collection	PP	36	-	23	-
Applying for PAN	PP	36	-	23	-
Opening of Bank Account	PP	36	-	23	-
Formation of Sub-Committee	PP	36	-	23	-
Executive Body & General Body meeting	PP	36	-	23	-
Preparing PP for Grant-in-Aid	PP	36	-	23	-

Listing of Land Owners: Listing of land owners plot by plot was undertaken reach-wise of each chak covering 23 PPs of Left Canal – II and 36 PPs of Right Canal –III have been completed.

Preparation of Beneficiary List: Beneficiary lists of PPs have been prepared by collecting RoR of land owners of the plots of each chak. Preparation of beneficiary list of 23 PPs of LCD – II and 36 PPs of RCD – III has been completed.

Awareness meeting: Awareness meetings on PP formation & Election have been held to aware the farmers of PPs regarding need & benefit of PP formation and PP election procedure. During the meeting following subjects were discussed:



- i. Need & benefit of formation of PP.
- ii. PPElection procedure.
- iii. Chak reservation list preparation.

Also Odia leaflets on formation & election of PP were distributed among farmers. 30 awareness programmes have been conducted during the year.

STUDY & RESARCH ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Assignment	Activities	Support	Status of assignment
Social Impact Assessment study of Land Acquisition for Kurlughati MIP in Baghasiuni GP of Nabarangpur District	Social Impact Assessment and Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP)	NCDS, Bhubaneswar, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Socio-economic study of de-notified, nomadic and semi nomadic communities in Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	Planning for Vulnerable groups/ Communities	NCDNT, Ministry of SJ & E, Govt. of India	Completed
Assessment of Climate Change Vulnerability in Koraput District	Climate Change Adaptation Planning	NABARD	Ongoing
Social Impact Assessment study of Land Acquisition for construction of Khurda Road-Bolangir New B.G Rail Link Project	Social Impact Assessment and Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP)	NCDS, Bhubaneswar, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
R & R Study and implementation of Resettlement Plans for Machhagaon, Pattamunde and HCL Range 1 Subprojects	R & R Survey and Rehabilitation	Dept. of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Socio-economic study to strengthen WUAs in Upper Indravati Right Canal Extension System	Participatory irrigation Management	Dept. of Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Survey of identified villages in the TSP areas of Odisha for implementation of solar electrification project	Micro Planning for Solar Energy Extension	OREDA- Govt. Odisha	Completed

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Socio economic survey and profiling of Mahila Kisans under MKSP Project	Farm based Livelihoods	MoRD, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Socio economic survey and facilitation of Land Allocation Programme under FRA	Implementation of Forest Rights Act	SC & ST Dev. Deptt. Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Socio economic survey and development planning for left wing Affected Areas	Youth and Community Development	NABARD, Odisha	Completed
Evaluation of economic improvement of SCSP beneficiaries from 2005-6 to 2009-10 (19000 sample)	Impact assessment of IG Support	OSFDC, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
National Field verification of PRIs of RGPSA –Assam, Manipur and Odisha,	Evaluation of Panchayat functioning	MoPR, Govt. of India	Completed
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National Field verification of PRIs of RGPSA –Kerala	Evaluation of Panchayat functioning	MoPR, Govt. of India	Completed
National Field verification of PRIs of RGPSA – Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim	Evaluation of Panchayat functioning	MoPR, Govt. of India	Completed
Baseline study on forest dwellers in KBK districts	PRA for tribal development	GRIP Fund, Netherlands	Completed
Socio Economic survey of CSR beneficiaries in Baleswar District	CSR Linked Community Development.	Indian Oil Corporation	Completed
Social, Environmental ,road safety, road maintain ace survey and assessments in 28 Districts of	Road safety, Social, Environmental and safeguards	Odisha RRP-IIP & RRP -III Invest Programme (ADB) RW Department, Govt. of	Completed
Survey of preparation od District Five Year and Annual Perspective Plan- Bagarh	Participatory Planning for Area & Community Devt.	Planning and coordination Dept. Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Outcome evaluation of UNDP supported CBNRM project	Community based NRM	Regional Plant Resource Centre, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Study on women centric Enterprises in Odisha	Mapping potential for IG Activities	OXFAM India, Kolkata	Completed
Asset verification Survey of SWS and Pump Sets	Field verification & GPS survey	APICOL, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Baseline Survey on Financial inclusion and Status of Tribal Women	Gender-centric Tribal Development	NABARD, Odisha	Completed
Community Resource Mapping Study with special reference to NRM	Natural Resource Management	NABARD, Odisha	Completed
Status of Pani Panchayats in Athagarh Division of Cuttack District	Participatory Irrigation Management	OCTMP, DoWR, Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Baseline study to design intervention targeting SHG promotion	SHG Programming	Bridge Foundation, Bangalore	Completed
Study on NTFP and Herbal Plantation in Deogarh District	NTFP	Odisha Medical Plantation Board	Completed
Comprehensive assessment of damage caused to agriculture land and local livelihoods in Jagatsinghpur District	Disaster Mitigation Planning	UNWFP Odisha	Completed
Study on livelihood Opportunity and analysis in reference to farm and non-farm sectors in Pottangi, Koraput	Tribal Development & Empowerment	O TELP, SC&ST Devt. Dept. Govt. of Odisha	Completed
Baseline study for preparation of village development micro plans	Human Development	UNWFP, Odisha	Completed

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY

The State SIA Unit, Nabakrushna Choudhury Center for Development Studies assigned one Social Impact Assessment study to LAVS during the period under report. The programme covered only one village in Nabarangpur district for construction of one MI project at Kurlughati.



PHOTO GALLERY







PARTHA S MISHRA & CO
Chartered Accountant

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 2018 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, 2018 and
- 2) In the case of Income and Expenditure account, of the Excess of Expenditure over Income of its accounting year ending on 31st March, 2018.

Date: 04/07/2018

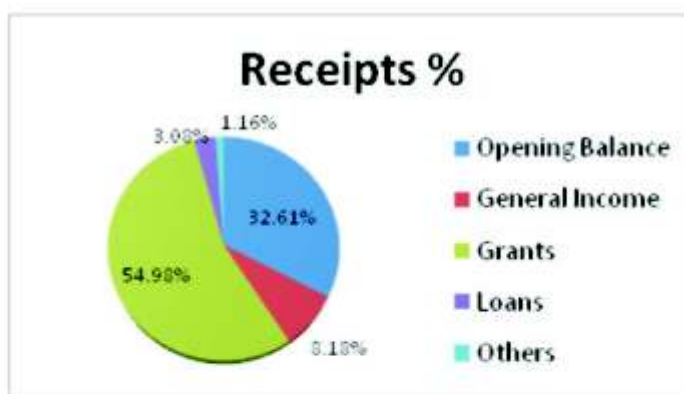
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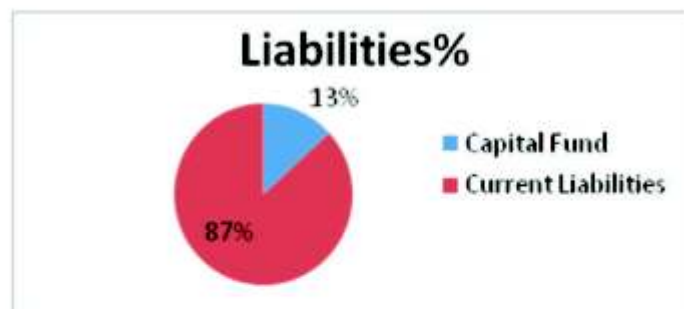
Receipts	
Heads	%
Opening Balance	32.61
General Income	8.18
Grants	54.98
Loans	3.08
Others	1.16
Total	100.00



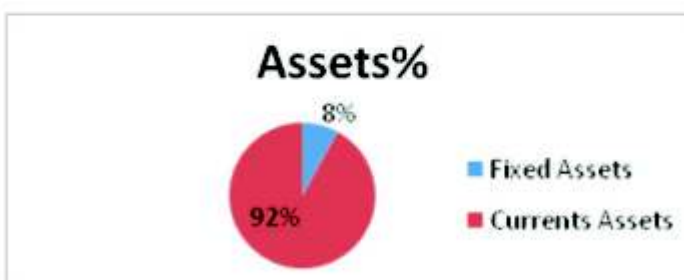
Payments	
Heads	%
General Expenses	4.94
Deposits	0.75
Paybales	4.94
Capital Expenses	0.51
Project Expenses	71.93
Others	1.54
Closing Balance	15.39
Total	100.00



Liabilities :	%
Capital Fund	13
Current Liabilities	87
Total	100



Assets :	%
Fixed Assets	8
Currents Assets	92
Total	100





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