

Case Study – 2

Name of SHGs : Swalamban, Jaybhagat, Jaypoojari
Village : Chichgaon
Block : Antagarh
District/State : Kanker, Chhattisgarh

Family/ Village detail:

Chichgaon is under Belondi Gram Panchayat of Antagarh Block of Kanker district. The Chichgaon village has total 374 population and about 83 households of which 180 males and women. The village is located about 40 km distance to Antagarh Block and about 45 km distance to District Headquarter, Kanker. The village is surrounded with deep forest. The main livelihood of habitants is agriculture as well as the habitants are dependent with forest product like mahua, tendu leaves. As per constitution of India and PanchyatiRaaj Act, Chichgaon village is administrated under BelondiPanchayat and Sarpanch who is representative of village is elected by the villagers.

What was life before the project?

Three SHGs namely Swalamban, Jaybhagat and Jaypoojari was formed in 2005 with the efforts of DISHA worker. During that time, the SHGs was formed and run only as savings plan by the members for Rs 10 till 2016 and thereafter it was increased to Rs. 20. The members of the three SHGs are bearing children housewives. It was their objective to form the group as to save some money and take loans on needs. This was the main motive to form the group but the groups have not such big amount fund to meet anyone's need to take loan. Moreover, the group individually not in a condition to invest the little funds in business and earn some profit.

Involvement in the project:

It was the time, when DISHA staffs working for the SHGs in 2003. The housewives were kept their life limited with household works and engaged in farming work in land. Yet, their socio-economy condition is not good. By the regular effort to visit the village and encourage to the women of the village, these SHGs were formed. Thereafter, the members were involved them in several training programs for their capacity building and govern the group smoothly. Later on, after JOHAR project implemented, the staff reached out them to aware on IGA activities plans and benefits. After, multiple times visit and encourage them; they motivated to start an IGA. But, they have not enough funds to invest for a good business and they are not pushing them up into financed business and

repayment. The staffs encouraged them to use their fund independently and run a profit making business.

As it was the case, the DISHA staffs facilitated the SHGs to build their network to other nearest SHGs and merge their fund in use for investment in good business. Thereafter, the aforementioned three SHGs united to invest their fund in purchasing mahua in less price at Rs. 15 in off season and sell it when demand.

Improvements made because of the project / how have the family/group/villagers benefitted?

The several inputs provided under JOHAR project by the DISHA staffs enhanced motivation to skilled in IGA under their SHGs. Under JOHAR project they have facilitated with IGA along with record keeping, loaning with pay back maintenance from which they benefitted effectively and efficiently. They have encouraged to work and run their SHGs independently.

The outcome in investing in Mahua business gave a 15,000 turn over during this time. Henceforth, their husbands were appreciated the wives and much encouraged to continue this type of work.

Hope for the future:

For this hard effort to improve her family socio-economy, they are now became a role model before the entire villagers and she encourages and motivates other women to improve their socio-economy life and be example.