

# PEOPLE'S RURAL EDUCATION MOVEMENT(PREM)



## ANNUAL REPORT-2023-24



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### *From the President .....*



My dear friends, well-wishers and partners,

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I present the Annual Report for the year 2023-24. This year has been one of remarkable progress, resilience, and renewed hope for our mission. Despite challenges in the socio-economic landscape, our collective efforts have made a tangible impact on the communities we serve.

We continued to focus on our core programs, ensuring they align with the evolving needs of our beneficiaries. Through innovative approaches and unwavering dedication, we were able to extend our reach, empowering more individuals, families, and communities.

Our success would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors, the trust of our community partners, and the tireless efforts of our volunteers and staff. Each one of you has contributed to making a difference, and we remain deeply grateful for your belief in our mission.

At the same time, this year also brought its share of challenges. Economic uncertainties, environmental changes, and shifting policy frameworks tested our resolve. However, these challenges reinforced our commitment to adapting and strengthening our programs to serve those in need better.

Looking ahead, we envision scaling our efforts, deepening community engagement, and advocating for sustainable change. With your continued support, we are confident that the year 2024-25 will be filled with new opportunities to further our mission and create lasting impact.

On behalf of the entire team, I extend my sincere thanks to all our stakeholders – government agencies, funding partners, volunteers, and the communities we serve – for standing with us. Together, we are building a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you once again for being part of this journey.

With warm regards,

Dr. Jacob Thundyil  
President-PREM

## *Secretary's Message*



Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

2023-2024 has been a remarkable year of journey of growth, resilience, and impactful change. Despite the challenges in the context of resource mobilisation, our organization has stayed true to its mission of reaching the unreached.

At PREM, we firmly believe that small actions, when multiplied by a community, can change the whole world. Our programs in key areas such as education, health, livelihood, environment, etc. have touched the lives of marginalised, and the outcomes we have achieved together inspire us to aim higher.

The success of our initiatives is a result of the collective effort of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and the partners. Their unwavering commitment has ensured that we continue to serve the most vulnerable with dignity and care. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our donors and supporters, whose trust and generosity have been the backbone of our efforts.

This report highlights not only our achievements but also the challenges we faced and the lessons we learned along the way. It provides a transparent account of how we utilized the resources entrusted to us and the positive impact we have created. Our vision for the coming year is to deepen our reach, build stronger partnerships, and innovate solutions that address the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

I am confident that with your continued support, we will be able to create more meaningful change and empower lives in a sustainable way. Together, we can build a future where every individual has access to opportunities for growth, well-being, and dignity.

Thank you once again for your belief in our mission. Let's keep moving forward, with hope in our hearts and determination in our actions.

Regards,

**Chacko Paruvany**  
Secretary, PREM

## ABOUT US

PREM is a secular, humanitarian, non-political and non-governmental organization working for the development of Adivasi (indigenous), Dalit, Fisherfolk and other marginalized communities of India for last 40 years. PREM is a registered voluntary organization under the Societies Registration Act of India. PREM is registered with the Credibility Alliance of NGOs in India. PREM is a Board Member of Voluntary Action Network of India (VANI), International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions (INAFI), and Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART). It started initially a grass root initiative to facilitate functional literacy, skill development and organizing the vulnerable communities and in the course of time it evolved into a movement to address the larger issues and has experimented various development programmes in the areas of education, child development and child rights, health, agro-forestry, income generation, micro-finance, water and sanitation, differently abled, disaster preparedness, management, relief and is committed to facilitate the process of empowerment of the indigenous communities towards the establishment of self-governance, ownership and sustainable management of natural resources

PREM has promoted several community-based organizations through its Network members which later federated as platforms to address the issues and facilitated the formation of National Advocacy Council for Development of Indigenous Communities (NACDIP) to lobby and advocate the entitlements and rights of the indigenous communities in India.

Over the years it organized, facilitated and involved in a wide range of campaigns through its advocacy and lobby programmes which resulted in formulation of Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas Act (PESA) in 1992, conferred entitlements on land, water, forest and paved the way for self-governance, Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers Rights Act, (FRA) in 2005 that conferred rights to the indigenous communities on the cultivated lands and also the National Policy on Childhood Care and Education.



## THE OPERATIONAL AREAS OF PREM

### Operational Districts-09

- ❖ 68 Blocks
- ❖ 1,431 GramPanchayats
- ❖ 439 Wards
- ❖ 1,785 Villages
- ❖ 68,040 Households



### VISION

*Creation of a new social order in which the present unorganized and marginalized people have a say in decision making, where education creates awareness and develops skills and fosters the growth of talents, where culture is ever creative, where men and women are totally liberated from all dehumanizing and oppressive forces, and where the decisions of individuals and communities are based on the values of social justice, equality, truth, freedom and the dignity of human life.*

### MISSION



*To support, empower and facilitate people's organizations for sustainable development in education, governance, health and livelihood; for access to knowledge, resources and innovation to achieve quality of life; and for mainstreaming gender equality, child rights, social inclusion and human rights for the Adivasi, Dalits, Fisherfolk and other marginalized communities of India.*

## INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI ADI ADRASH GRAM YOJANA (PMAAGY)

The Pradhan Mantri Adi Adrash Gram Vikas Yojana (PMAAGY) is a central government project aimed at bridging the critical infrastructural gaps in the identified tribal villages in Odisha. Total 1653 No of tribal villages in Odisha have been identified by the Central Government for implementation of PMAAGY. These villages will be developed as Model Villages (Adrash Gram) over a period of 5 years (2021-2025).

The Gram Sabha will identify and approve the projects relating Water & Sanitation, Education, Health, Livelihood, Road and Mobile Connectivity, Internet facility, Market, Electricity etc. An amount of Rs 20 lakh will be used under this scheme as a gap filling component.

The Govt of Odisha, (Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribal Research Institute (SCSTRTI) has selected the NGO, PREM to organise village meetings for preparation of Integrated Village Development Plan undertaking household survey, Micro planning, Gap Analysis and Preparation of Comprehensive Annual Action Plan under PMAAGY in the 378 No of villages spread over 44 Blocks in 8 districts and these districts are Ganjam, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Malkangiri, Nuapada, Bargarh and Kalahandi.

PREM conducted household survey, organised village meeting for Micro Planning, Gap Analysis and Preparation of Comprehensive Annual Action Plan. The Village Development Plans were approved by the Gram Sabha. The Gram Sabha approved plans are submitted at the District Planning & Monitoring Committee (DPMC) for approval.





The block wise list of villages and approval of VDPs are presented below,

Sl	Name of Districts	No of Blocks	No of Villages	No of VDPs approved by DPMC
1	Gajapati	12	58	58
2	Nuapada	05	87	00
3	Kalahandi	04	14	14
4	Kandhamal	08	25	09
5	Malkangiri	06	126	105
6	Bargarh	06	21	00
7	Rayagada	03	41	41
8	Ganjam	04	06	00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>227</b>

During the financial year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, the VDPs of 227 villages were approved by both the DPMC and the state level committee and funds have been sanctioned under PMAAGY for implementation of proposed activities.



## **MISSION JEEVIKA/ MUKHYAMANTRI JANAJATI JEEVIKA MISSION SCHEME (MAIM)**

Mission Jeevika programme, a livelihood cluster model, was conceptualized during 2019-20 to support individual tribal beneficiaries/SHG members for creation of community level assets incidental to livelihood promotion. The programme is being implemented in 22 Integrated Tribal Development Agencies. Funds received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs under SCA to TSS is leveraged along with other programmes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Agriculture Production Cluster, etc.

Some of the indicative sectors for development on priority basis under Cluster Development Programme are Agriculture and allied activities, Livestock development, Processing and marketing, Small and micro enterprises in rural areas, Traditional arts such as handicrafts and handlooms etc.



The Odisha Government had completed a rapid assessment of the Mission Jeevika initiative and came up with positive observations about the initiative of the Department. Based on the appraisal report, the Department formulated the Mukhyamantri Janajati Jeevika Mission Scheme (MAIM) under State funding with the goal of furthering tribal development and enhancing the livelihoods of tribal communities in the State. Mukhyamantri Janajati Jeevika Mission Scheme has embarked on as one of the largest exclusive tribal livelihood promotion initiatives in the country funded under the State budget. The Programme aims to cover 17 Lakh households in different phases and in the first phase around 1.5 Lakh tribal households will be covered in first three years.

PREM has been engaged by the State Government to conduct baseline survey of 73000 households spread over 7 blocks in Gunupur ITDA. The survey focuses on the socio economic status of the tribals.

<b>PROMOTION OF SWEETCORN CLUSTER</b>						
<b>SL NO</b>	<b>NAME OF THE BLOCKS</b>	<b>TARGET (IN ACR)</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENT (IN ACR)</b>	<b>No. OF THE VILLAGE covered</b>	<b>No. GP COVERED</b>	<b>NO.OF BENEFICIARIES</b>
1	GUNUPUR	58	58	3	3	58
2	RAMNAGUDA	58	58	3	1	58
3	PADMAPUR	58	58	4	2	58
4	BISSUM CUTTAK	58	58	4	3	58
5	MUNIGUDA	58	58	3	2	58
6	GUDARI	58	58	3	2	58
7	CHANDRAPUR	58	58	4	3	58
		<b>406</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>406</b>
<b>HORTICULTURE ACTIVITY UNDER MISSION JEEVIKA DURING THE YEAR 2023-24</b>						
<b>WADI PLANTATION MANGO AND CASHEW under MGNREGA DURING THE PERIOD OF 2023-24</b>						
<b>SL NO</b>	<b>NAME OF THE BLOCKS</b>	<b>TARGET (IN ACR)</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENT (IN ACR)</b>	<b>No. OF THE VILLAGE covered</b>	<b>No. GP COVERED</b>	<b>NO.OF BENEFICIARIES</b>
1	GUNUPUR	150	66	4	3	66
2	RAMNAGUDA	150	140	6	2	140
3	PADMAPUR	150	120	7	3	120
4	BISSAMCUTTAK	150	170	13	8	170
5	MUNIGUDA	150	126	8	6	126
6	CHANDRAPUR	150	242	12	7	242
7	GUDARI	150	58	3	2	58
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>922</b>

PROMOTION OF HY. PADDY CLUSTER						
SL NO	NAME OF THE BLOCKS	TARGET (INACR)	ACHIEVEMENT (IN ACR)	No. OF THE VILLAGE covered	No. GP COVERED	NO.OF BENEFICIRIES
1	GUNUPUR	150	143	5	4	143
2	RAMNAGUDA	125	125	3	1	125
3	PADMAPUR	150	150	5	2	150
4	BISSUM CUTTAK	150	150	8	5	150
5	MUNIGUDA	125	102	6	3	102
6	GUDARI	125	125	6	4	125
7	CHANDRAPUR	50	56	2	2	56
		875	851	35	21	851



## REDUCING CHILD MARRIAGE IN DARINGBADI BLOCK OF KANDHAMAL DISTRICT, ODISHA

PREM (People's Rural Education Movement) in partnership with Educo, Spain, has initiated a project called "Reducing Child Marriage in Darigbadi block of Kandhamal district, Odisha" in the month of January 2021 in 115 villages of 7 Panchyats of Daringbadi block of Kandhamal district

With the broader goal of preventing and reducing the incidences of child marriage in the Daringbadi blocks of Kandhamal Districts, the project attempts to achieve the following:

- Develop and strengthen adolescent girls and boys groups to stand up for their rights, defend against child marriage and seek justice
- Sensitize community to change their attitude towards child marriage create enabling environment for children's growth & wellbeing, especially girls.
- Strengthening and activation of child protection system at village, block and district level
- Developing strong network at district level of CSOs, State Women's Commission, SCPCR and Media.

### **Expected Outcome of the Project**

- Empowered children and adolescents will access justice and protect girls from being forced into child marriage.
- Children and Adolescent will continue their education till 12th Standard.
- Sensitized and active local institutions will create protective environment to reduce Child Marriage.
- Responsive system will enforce the prohibition of child marriage act to reduce child marriage.

**School Level Intervention- Project is working with 20 Schools to ensure care and protection of children and providing life skill education.**

- Middle Schools
- Ashram Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Higher Secondary Schools

### **Project Participants**

#### **Rights holders:**

- *Children and Adolescents (Girls and Boys)*

#### **Secondary duty bearers:**

- *Parents, Community Members, CSOs*

#### **Primary duty bearers:**

- ICDS workers, School teachers, CMPO, ASHA worker, Child protection officers, Police, DCPO, CWC, VCPC, PLCPC/Gram Panchayat Level Child Marriage Prohibition Task Force, BLCPC/Block level Child Marriage prohibition Task Force, DCPC/District level Child Marriage prohibition Task Force.



### Different stakeholders at different level

<b><u>Village Level</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adolescents Groups</li> <li>• Parents</li> <li>• Village Child Protection Committee</li> <li>• Self Help Group Mothers</li> <li>• School Management Committee</li> <li>• Youth Groups</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Ward Member</li> <li>• Anganwadi Didi</li> <li>• ASHA Didi</li> </ul>	<b><u>Gram Panchayats Level</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panchayat Level Child Protection Committee</li> <li>• Sarapanch (GP Head)</li> <li>• PRI Members</li> </ul>	<b><u>Block Level</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block Level Child Protection Committee</li> <li>• Block Development Officer</li> <li>• Child Marriage Prohibition Officer</li> <li>• Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• CSOs working on Children Issues</li> </ul>	<b><u>District Level</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Level Child Protection Committee</li> <li>• DPDU/DCPO</li> <li>• CWC</li> <li>• DSWO</li> <li>• District Labor Office</li> <li>• District CHILDLINE</li> <li>• DSWO</li> </ul>
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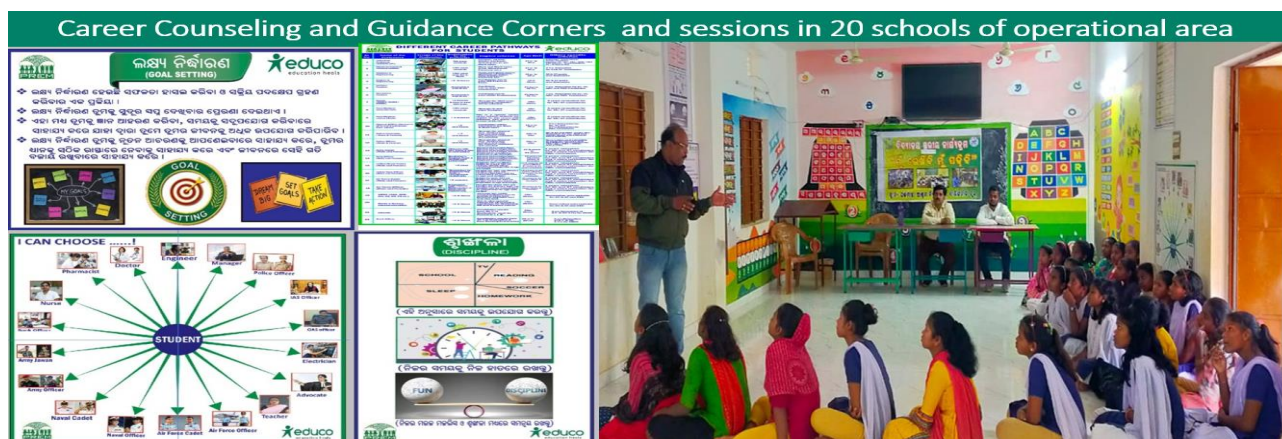
- 96 Adolescents groups have been formed in 96 villages covering 103 operational villages where 3994 adolescents between the age group 10 to 18 years have been registered
- 3994 adolescents between the age group 10 to 18 year have been sensitized on their rights, consequences of child marriage, child care and protection mechanisms, types of abuses and exploitations, reporting mechanism and taken Oath to report on child marriage cases and promised not to do early marriage.
- 88 vulnerable adolescents of operational area are linked to different skill development training centres and Industrial Training Institutes- 21 vulnerable Adolescents joined in General Duty Assistant (GDA), 12 Vulnerable adolescents joined in Phlebotomy Course (Para Medical Course), 47 Vulnerable adolescents joined in Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in different trade.
- GP level adolescent federation groups have been formed in 7 GPs. 206 adolescent leaders are the member of these federations. Project is strengthening these groups on different aspects especially on leadership and to present their issues before the local authorities to address.
- Block level Adolescent group federation have been formed. 28 adolescent leaders of 7 GPs of operational area are the members of this federation. These members have been trained on leadership and how to identify their issues and present before the local authorities.
- 66 Cultural Groups (Street Play Groups) have been formed by the adolescents and these adolescents are working as a change agent and performing street play in the villages to create awareness among the people
- Project has organised many meetings and sessions for the VCPC and SMC members to tracking the school and college going children/adolescents in the village and to establish child care and protection in the village. We have children tracking register in every operational village. The objective behind this is to send all children to school and



- colleges and link them with different skill development centres/institutes
- Project has set up Career Counseling and Guidance Corners in 20 schools of operational area where children are getting career Counseling and Guidance support in the Schools.
  - 1948 children/adolescents of 15 schools have been sensitized on Life Skill Education in 20 schools.
  - 2964 children and adolescents of 20 schools have been sensitized on child rights, consequences of child marriage and child marriage, reporting mechanisms, types of abuses and exploitations.
  - 3750 SHG members and 4376 youths members have been sensitized on their role and responsibilities to stop child marriage and to create protective environment in the villages
  - 412 PRI members have been sensitized on The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 and their role and responsibilities to stop child marriage and to establish child care protection mechanism in the GP and protective environment in the villages
  - 1275 Child Protection Committee members and other key stakeholder of the PGs have been sensitized on role and responsibilities of Task Force/PLCPC to stop child marriage and to establish child care protection mechanism in the GPs and to work towards declare child marriage free villages.
  - 191 Faith Leaders/Religious Leaders have been sensitized on The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 & their role to stop child marriage in the villages
  - 1344 VLCPC members have been sensitized on child care and protection mechanisms, consequence of Child marriage, Adverse factors of child labour, child marriage prohibition act, and their role to stop child marriage child labour, child abuses and to create protective environment in the village
  - Meetings, sessions and workshops have been organised with the with the line departments like ICDS/CDPO/CMPO, DCPO & DSWO, CWC, Police, CHILD LINE and District Labour Department for good rapport building, networking and to prepare convergence plan towards collective action.
  - National Girl Child Day observed on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 in 103 villages & Schools, where 5515 children/adolescents, youth, Self Help Group Mothers, ASHA, AWW, PRI and community people participated
  - World Day Against Child Labour observed on 12th June 2023 in 103 villages & Schools, where 5686 children/adolescents, youth, Self Help Group Mothers, ASHA, AWW, PRI and community people participated.
  - International Girl Child Day observed on 11th October 2023 in 103 villages & Schools, where 6846 children/adolescents, youth, Self Help Group Mothers, ASHA, AWW, PRI and community people participated.
  - Children's Day observed on 14th November 2023 in 103 villages and 17 schools, where 6782 adolescents, youth, Self Help Group Mothers, ASHA, AWW, PRI and community people participated.
  - Oath taking by all the key stakeholders of the communities to stop child marriage and work towards care and protection of Children is one of the key activities of the project.
  - PREM and Educo are now member of GP, block and district Level child protection committee/Task Force and we are closely working with the concern authorities at village, GP, block and district level.
  - 78 dropout children have been motivated to back to school and now they all are

continuing their education in different schools.

- 120 vulnerable children who were struggling to get residential schools have got seats in the residential schools/ hostels with the support of project team.
- 21 Drop out students have been joined in SIOS to continue their Education
- Children participation has been increased in the families, in the meeting of Village Level Child Protection Committee and GP level Child Protection Committee
- Adolescents/ groups are now active as compare to earlier. Siting regularly and are coming forward to present their issues before the local authorities
- Confidence level has been increased among the adolescents to participate and present their issues at different level
- Issues have been raised by the children in the school on corporal punishment and Gram Panchayats on different developmental activities.
- Initially adolescents were hesitating to sit and attend the meetings but now group members are organizing their monthly meeting with their own.
- 250 vulnerable children in the operational area have been identified and among them 125 children produced before CWC and they are linked under Ashirbad Yojana, Sponsorship scheme, Education scheme and other social protection schemes for further care and protection---- Remained 125 children are under process and they will produced before CWC very soon.
- Child Protection Committee/Child marriage prohibition task force meeting are taking place regularly in every quarter in the GPs, blocks and district where the members of task force attending the meetings. In the previous year these meetings were not taking place
- Now-a-days Gram Panchayats have started to discuss on children related issues especially to stop child marriage in their GP Meetings
- Out of 103 villages, 65 villages of the operational area have been declared as a child marriage free villages.
- Good rapport has been established with the GPs, ICDS/CDPO/CMPO, DCPO & DSWO, CWC, Police, CHILD LINE and District Labour Department for collective actions.
- 700 families have been registered to avail labor card and its benefits with the support of project team. We are closely working with the District Labour Department and Block Administration and supporting to the families for labor card registration





## **RURAL LIVELIHOODS - *AN INITIATIVE BY PREM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AZIM PREMJI FOUNDATION (APF)***

The Rural Livelihoods Program, launched by PREM in partnership with the Azim Premji Foundation (APF), is an integrated initiative aimed at strengthening the livelihoods, food security, and nutritional health of tribal communities in Gajapati District, Odisha. Operating primarily in the Mohana and R. Udayagiri Blocks, this program reached 5,013 women in 212 communities, providing them with resources and skills to improve agricultural productivity, livestock management, and market engagement. With a particular focus on increasing women's economic independence and addressing food and nutrition insecurity, the initiative has fostered substantial progress in household incomes, community health, and sustainable farming practices.

The Rural Livelihoods Program was initiated to address the key challenges facing these communities:

- **Food Security:** Many households experience food scarcity due to limited access to diverse crops and farming resources.
- **Nutrition and Health:** Malnutrition is prevalent, particularly among children, pregnant and lactating women, and adolescent girls.
- **Economic Stability:** Families lack consistent income sources, and many women remain economically dependent.

This program addresses these issues through a series of targeted interventions, including organic farming, livestock vaccinations, food gardens, and capacity-building sessions in nutrition and entrepreneurship. Additionally, partnerships with research institutions like the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) have introduced advanced agricultural methods to the region, enhancing productivity and sustainability.

### **Program Activities and Interventions**

The Rural Livelihoods Program carried out several key activities across two main blocks, engaging women farmers, community leaders, and local organizations in efforts to improve food security, generate income, and enhance nutrition. Below are detailed descriptions of each initiative:



### Promoting Improved Paddy Cultivation

A major initiative took root in the fields of R. Udayagiri and Mohana blocks to revolutionize paddy cultivation. This comprehensive intervention reached **846 farmers** from 49 villages in R. Udayagiri and **3,691 farmers** from 164 villages in Mohana. The program introduced these farmers to sustainable, pesticide-free farming techniques and the **System of Rice**





**Intensification (SRI)** method, which promises increased yields with minimal water use. Training sessions covered all aspects of paddy cultivation, from **seed selection and treatment** to **nursery raising, water and weed management, pest control**, and post-harvest handling.

The impact of this initiative was transformative, with **151 farmers** adopting the SRI method and **4,248 farmers** opting for line transplantation—a method that optimizes planting spaces and increases yields. In total, **2,656,616 kg of paddy** was harvested, generating income of **₹5,31,32,320**. However, traditional practices remained prevalent among 348 farmers, maintaining continuity of age-old methods alongside new techniques.

Despite the setbacks from a failed monsoon, farmers with access to perennial water sources continued cultivation, achieving remarkable success. Community coordinators provided disease management support, addressing common crop infections such as Rice Blast and Sheath Rot using natural bio-pesticides like **Agniastra** and pot compost. Their efforts in Kharif season underscored their resilience, as they adapted their methods to secure optimal yields amidst challenging conditions.

#### **Distribution of Vegetable Seeds and Promotion of Cultivation**

- Vegetable seeds were distributed to women farmers based on individual requests, focusing on varieties that grow well in the region's soil and climate and accordingly seeds like onions, runner beans, tomatoes, green chilies, brinjals, cowpeas, green peas, kosala saga, dolichos, and potatoes were distributed. By encouraging women to grow these crops commercially, the program has supported entrepreneurship among



participants, with a significant impact on household income. Cultivation and sale of vegetables provide a sustainable income stream, enabling women to contribute financially to their families and improve their economic standing.

- **Objective:** Empower women farmers to cultivate vegetables not only for household consumption but also as a potential source of income.

The increased access to fresh vegetables also improves nutritional intake, particularly for



children and mothers, leading to a healthier community. Additionally, growing vegetables in the backyards reduces household food expenses and contributes to a balanced diet.

**Celebration of Nutrition Week** During Nutrition Week, the program conducted celebrations in 49 hard-to-reach communities. In partnership with local Anganwadi centres, these celebrations involved pregnant women, lactating mothers, children under five, and adolescent



girls in discussions about nutrition. The program introduced practical demonstrations of local



recipes, which were prepared using seasonal vegetables.

**Some notable recipes shared include:**

- Poi Saga with Mustard/Rice Powder: A traditional leafy green dish demonstrated in Mohulamelani and Luhakhunti villages.
- Poi Saga with Dried Prawn: Enriched with protein, this dish incorporates dried prawns for added flavour.
- Palak Saga with Dal: Spinach curry combined with lentils to provide protein-rich nutrition.
- Mixed Vegetable Ghanta with Spinach, Brinjal, Potato, Green Pea, and Tomato: A nutritious mixed vegetable curry.
- Pumpkin Saga Curry with Fried Pumpkin Flowers: Showcasing how backyard produce can be utilized to create nutritious meals.
- Raw Jackfruit Chips: A snack option that uses locally grown jackfruit.





**Objective:** Raise awareness of local, nutritious foods and encourage dietary diversity by highlighting accessible recipes that use locally grown ingredients.

**Impact:** Through these celebrations, the program has promoted healthier eating habits, improved the nutritional knowledge of community members, and encouraged the use of organic gardening to diversify family diets. The recipes shared offer simple ways for families to incorporate more nutritious food into daily meals, which is particularly beneficial for children and pregnant women.

### **Nutrition Gardens: A Pathway to Food Security and Family Health**

In a transformative step toward improving food security and nutrition, Nutrition Gardens have been established across 5,000 households. This initiative represents the program's commitment to fostering self-sufficiency, healthier diets, and sustainable agricultural practices among communities. These gardens, sometimes referred to as "kitchen gardens" or "home gardens," are compact, family-managed plots strategically designed to grow a variety of vegetables, and tuber crops right at the doorstep.

**The underlying philosophy of Nutrition Gardens is simple but powerful:** empower households to produce their own fresh and nutritious food, reducing dependence on external food sources and promoting a balanced diet year-round. By cultivating diverse crops such as leafy greens, tomatoes, pumpkins, carrots, beans, tubers like sweet potatoes and yams, and even small fruit-bearing plants, families gain easy access to essential vitamins and minerals. These

gardens contribute not only to physical health but also to financial resilience, as surplus produce can be shared, bartered, or sold locally.

### Key Benefits and Impact of Nutrition Gardens:

1. **Enhanced Family Nutrition:** Nutrition Gardens ensure that families can regularly consume a mix of vegetables, greens, and fruits rich in vitamins A, C, and iron. This helps combat malnutrition and supports growth, immunity, and overall health—especially for vulnerable groups like children, pregnant women, and the elderly.
2. **Seasonal Crop Diversity:** By incorporating seasonal and perennial plants, Nutrition Gardens provide year-round harvests, enabling families to eat fresh produce across different seasons. This also fosters biodiversity and encourages the preservation of local



crop varieties.

3. **Cost Savings and Income Generation:** Families save on grocery expenses by growing their own food, a benefit particularly impactful in low-income households. When surplus crops are sold, it brings additional income, further enhancing household stability.
4. **Sustainable Farming Practices:** These gardens emphasize natural farming methods, using organic composts and pesticides that families can prepare themselves, like pot



compost and neem-based sprays. This reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, promoting environmentally friendly farming.

5. **Empowerment and Community Bonding:** As families manage their gardens, they gain practical agricultural skills and a sense of accomplishment in producing their own food. Community gatherings to share techniques and harvests strengthen social bonds and collective knowledge-sharing.
6. **Climate Resilience:** The garden's close proximity to the household allows for easier management during extreme weather events, helping families build resilience by securing an accessible food source, even in times of environmental stress.

The success of the Nutrition Garden initiative lies in its simplicity and its profound impact on family well-being. As these gardens flourish, they paint a vivid picture of hope, health, and self-reliance, transforming not just the diets but the lives of countless families. This initiative exemplifies the program's vision for a world where every household has the means to sustain itself with wholesome food—nurturing a generation of healthier, empowered individuals and thriving communities.

### **Organic Day Celebrations: Embracing Sustainable Farming for a Healthier Future:**

In a heartfelt celebration of sustainable agriculture, the project initiated weekly Organic Day celebrations across its operational villages. These events, rich in community spirit, bring together men, women, youth, and adolescents, uniting them around a common goal: to transition from chemical-dependent farming to a more harmonious and sustainable organic approach. Through hands-on training, demonstrations, and community engagement, Organic Days serve as both a classroom and a community forum, instilling knowledge and enthusiasm for organic practices among local farmers.



### **Organic Day Celebrations:**

**Hands-On Learning for Organic Inputs:** During each Organic Day, farmers and families are shown how to create organic pest repellents and fertilizers using easily accessible local



ingredients. Popular organic inputs like Agneyastra, Jivamrutha, Panchakasayam, and chilli-garlic solutions are prepared and demonstrated. These inputs are effective yet gentle, supporting crop health while enhancing soil vitality.

**Promoting Chemical-Free Farming:** By shifting away from chemical pesticides and fertilizers, the program addresses both environmental and health concerns. Organic Days encourage a more mindful approach, focusing on soil health, crop resilience, and consumer safety. This initiative also teaches the value of traditional, natural farming methods, many of which align closely with the community's heritage and ecological knowledge.

**Aerobic Compost Beds for Community Benefit:** To further support this organic transition, the project has established 300 aerobic compost beds across villages in the R. Udayagiri Block. These compost beds provide a ready source of organic material, supplying farmers with nutrient-rich compost to revitalize their soils. The aerobic composting process not only reduces organic waste but also produces a steady supply of high-quality compost that can be used in household gardens, paddy fields, and vegetable patches.

**Building Soil Health and Long-Term Sustainability:** The Organic Day program emphasizes the importance of nurturing the soil as a living system, focusing on regenerative practices that improve soil structure, fertility, and biodiversity. As these organic techniques are adopted widely, they create healthier fields and gardens, reduce dependency on costly chemical inputs, and foster long-term agricultural resilience.

**Community Empowerment and Knowledge Sharing:** Organic Days are not just about training; they foster a sense of unity and shared purpose among community members. Farmers learn from each other, exchanging personal insights and successes, and supporting each other in the journey toward organic farming. The program empowers individuals by making them active participants in their community's agricultural future.

**Youth and Adolescent Engagement:** Organic Days invite younger community members to join the movement, instilling in them a respect for the land and an understanding of sustainable farming practices. This intergenerational engagement strengthens the community's commitment to organic farming and encourages a shift toward healthier, more sustainable livelihoods for future generations.

Organic Day celebrations are a vibrant, hopeful reflection of the community's dedication to a healthier and more sustainable agricultural future. By embracing organic methods, the program and its participants are paving the way for farming that is not only productive but in harmony with nature. As fields flourish without chemicals, they become a testament to the power of community-led change, nurturing a legacy of healthy soil, robust crops, and empowered farmers, ready to pass these lessons down to the next generation.



**Livestock Health Initiatives:** Ethno-Veterinary Training and Vaccination Camps. The Rural Livelihoods Program has focused extensively on improving the health of livestock, a vital part of rural livelihoods. The program organized vaccination camps and ethno-veterinary training sessions to help farmers protect their animals from disease and promote traditional treatments.

**Vaccination Camps:** Conducted in partnership with the Veterinary Department, vaccination



camps were organized in Tankilipadar, Ranikhama, Khapuripata, and Rangamati villages. These camps provided vaccinations against diseases like enterotoxemia in goats and Newcastle disease in poultry, benefiting over 2,900 animals.

**Ethno-Veterinary Training:** Ethno-veterinary treatments were introduced to address common infections in livestock. Community members learned how to use locally available herbs and



plants to treat ailments such as foot and mouth disease and enterotoxemia. These treatments help reduce dependency on costly veterinary services.

**Objective:** Improve livestock health, reduce mortality rates, and provide sustainable animal healthcare solutions.

**Impact:** The vaccination and treatment initiatives have significantly improved livestock health, contributing to increased productivity and financial stability for families. Healthier livestock also means a reliable source of food (such as eggs and milk) and income, benefiting entire communities.

**Collaboration with Government and Research Bodies:** The program collaborated closely with the Horticulture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Odisha Lift Irrigation Corporation, and ICRISAT to leverage resources and expertise in sustainable agricultural practices.



**Collaboration with the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI)**



In collaboration with CTCRI, the program distributed fortified tuber seeds (Sweet Potato, Yam, Yam Bean, Elephant Foot Yam, Cassava, Taro) to 100 farmers. CTCRI also provided training sessions and resources to enhance tuber crop cultivation, including spades, hoes, sprayers, and water pump sets for irrigation.



**Objective:** Diversify crop cultivation, introduce fortified tuber crops, and equip farmers with necessary agricultural tools.

**Impact:** The introduction of tuber crops not only enhances food security but also provides farmers with high-nutrition crops that have a strong market potential. The availability of irrigation tools supports year-round farming, increasing agricultural productivity and



promoting sustainable practices.

### Distribution of Backyard Poultry Chicks

To support the diversification of rural livelihoods, **525 backyard poultry chicks** were distributed in Punjasargi and Bhurudi villages, enabling households to supplement their income through poultry farming.

Improve protein intake for families and create income opportunities through the sale of eggs and meat. The distribution of chicks has empowered women with a reliable source of nutrition and income. By raising poultry, families can meet their dietary needs and contribute to local food security.





### Capacity Building through Training on Tuber Crop Cultivation and Value Addition

In August and November 2023, training programs were held on tuber crop cultivation and value addition. Led by experts from CTCRI, these sessions educated farmers on marketing, value addition techniques, and the medicinal and nutritional benefits of tuber crops.



**Objective:** Build farmers' capacity to cultivate tuber crops and explore value-added products for increased income potential.

Through these trainings, farmers have acquired skills to enhance their productivity and marketability, adding to their income and improving the economic resilience of their households.

**Tuber Crops Day**, a convergence program at Karadapankal village in Birikote GP, Mohana Block was attended by 1,000 beneficiaries and 40 project associates. The event focused on the importance, processing, and value addition of tuber crops like tapioca, sweet potato with speeches by Dr. James George, Dr. M. Nedunchezhiyan, from CTCRI and other guests including Dr. Jacob Thundyil, President, PREM and the local MLA Mr. Dasarathi Gomango. The CTCRI officials educated the participants on the nutritional benefits and large-scale farming of tuber crops, urging farmers to expand cultivation across the district. In collaboration with CTCRI, PREM celebrated Tuber Crops Day, honoring 10 top tuber crop farmers with certificates and agricultural equipment.



### Recognition of Outstanding Farmers:

The program led to the recognition of 10 top tuber crop farmers in the region, who were honored for their contributions to promoting sustainable agriculture. The recognition of farmers like Mr. Anant Sabar and Mr. Sumonath Sabar at the national level, as well as their achievements in tuber crop cultivation, highlighted the positive impact of the program on local agricultural practices.



1. **Enhanced Food Security:** The introduction of diverse crops and backyard poultry has secured a more stable food supply for 4,630 households.
2. **Economic Empowerment of Women:** Through vegetable cultivation and poultry rearing, women have gained new income sources and strengthened their roles as contributors to family income.
3. **Healthier Livestock:** Vaccination and ethno-veterinary treatments have improved livestock health, reduced mortality and boosting productivity.
4. **Sustainable Practices:** Training sessions have introduced organic farming and water conservation practices, supporting long-term sustainability.
5. **Strengthened Partnerships:** Collaborations with CTCRI, government agencies, and local departments have brought expertise and resources to the communities, enhancing the program's effectiveness.

### Impact

01. Individuals at households started realizing the importance of growing Nutrition gardens and consuming different organic fresh leafy vegetables.
02. Women started using bio-fertilizers such as Jeevamruth, Magic (Pot) compost, and bio-pesticides such as Pancha-Kashyam and Agniastra.
03. The income of individual households, tracked at project level with the support of vegetable seeds, is found to be a total amount of Rs. 69,43,282

The Rural Livelihoods Program has laid a strong foundation for sustainable growth in Gajapati District, providing tribal communities with the tools and knowledge to achieve economic independence, food security, and improved health. Through continued support from PREM, APF, and allied institutions, this initiative will continue to drive positive changes, empower women, and promote sustainable agricultural practices in the region

## TRIBAL ACADEMY - PREM and UNFPA

Committed to the cause of the Adivasis in India, particularly those in Odisha, PREM brought forth strategically people's organizations at different levels to forge ahead their needs and issue based movement and to exert influence for decisions and policies in their favor. They were National Advocacy Council for the Development of the Indigenous People (NACDIP) and Odisha Adivasi Manch (OAM) to name the apex organisations. Tribal academies are but the wings of Odisha Adivasi Manch to function as a learning hub for the integrated development of the tribal communities in the absence of political will for it.

PREM and UNFPA, Odisha Office, launched a joint venture to work with four of the academies-Munda and Santali (Mayurbhanj), Lanjia Sabara (Gajapati) and Sabara from Rayagada district in 2023. The broad objective behind it was twofold: to preserve the tribal languages and their cultural heritages that were on the verge of extinction or in the process of erosion owing to exposure of present day generations to the outer world, higher education and modern ways of life. Secondly, it was to make them aware and involved in the ICPD program of action quite relevant to the tribal communities, adopted and bring about the three transformative results through two main mechanisms –Sun/Thursday Schools and the Newsletter. The second approach towards this end was to partner with Odisha Theological College so that the ICPD mandate got disseminated through a regular study course and the pastors and lay leaders active at grassroots. For women's emancipation and empowerment, PREM has adopted 29 gram Panchayats of Gajapati district to shape them into Model Girl Friendly Panchayats.

### Annual Plan -2023-2024:

- Tribal Academies for Accelerating Progress on ICPD mandate
- Partnering with Church-based organizations for dvancing ICPD mandate.
- Developing scalable model GFP in the context of PESA
- Technical Assistance to the Dept. of SSEPD, Govt. of Odisha on Strengthening Systems for Adolescents with Disabilities and Elderly
- Technical Assistance to the OSDMA for Capacity Building on Gender & Inclusion in Disaster Risk Reduction.

### Objectives:

- Dissemination of the messages incorporated in the ICPD mandate among the tribal communities and the backward Christian communities across the state of Odisha.
- Making primary and secondary stakeholders conscious of women's rights to Sexual and reproductive health and related services.
- Sensitizing all concerned on gender and establishing gender equality leading to women's participation in all decision making processes, importantly in Gram and Palli Sabhas
- Social security and empowerment of the adolescent with disability.

- Empowerment of Panchayat Raj Institutions for their effective functioning including that of the 4<sup>th</sup> Standing Committees, women's Help Desks and the Gram and Palli Sabhas as women inclusive and women friendly.
- Gender inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction
- Preservation of tribal languages, scripts and culture, value based traditions and integrating ICPD mandate into the articles written or materials produced thereupon.

### Strategy:

- Interactive capacity building workshops and training camps for both the primary and secondary stakeholders.
- Collaborative efforts with UNFPA and government line departments/structures.
- Public display of IEC materials in large gatherings of target population.
- Deploying external agency with expertise in social media, documentation etc to strengthen the tribal Academies for some required limited time period.

**TRIBAL ACADEMY: A consultative workshop of tribal leaders** was formally initiated on the development of frameworks and mechanisms for advancing ICPD mandates on the 5th June, 2023 at Pantha Nivas, Bhubaneswar. The total number of targeted participants counted 20 apart from Dr. Jacob Thundyil, president, PREM, Mr. Nadeem Noor, Head of UNFPA, Odisha state and 3 staffs of PREM-UNFPA project. In the meeting stress was laid on a monthly vernacular Newsletter and production of learning materials in mother tongues for adolescent girls and women on their rights, government schemes and health services as content thereof and for classes in sun/Thursday schools on a monthly basis. Weekly classes were envisaged on herbal treatment and on imparting knowledge on modern contraceptives and exclusive classes for ASHA and ICDS workers on the ICPD mandate. **Two workshops at the state level** followed for a total of 50 tribal leaders; one was the Consultative workshop on the revival of Academies, cultural heritage and language as vehicles of the ICPD program of action and the other at PREM's premises that dwelt upon the ICPD mandate oriented frameworks of Newsletters and Sunday school programs.

**4 sub state/district level workshops** were conducted for a total of 200 leaders from Mundari, Santali, Lanjia Saura and Saura academies on ICPD mandate, the status of their academies, and Sunday/ Thursday schools and the introduction of Newsletter as a mechanism for the dissemination of ICPD mandate. It was to search for the lost past culture, dig into its hidden cultural treasure of values, sweet language, revive them, preserve them for the present and future generations and intertwine them with ICPD program of action for the transformation of their communities.

**Media Magnet, a New Delhi based consultancy**, specialized in media communication and documentary film etc, hired for a term of 3 months to support the tribal Academies, went on a field study to the Munda and Santali academies in Mayurbhanj for a couple of days. **The PREM-UNFPA project held subsequently a state level brain storming** meeting for the 4 tribal academies including the Editorial Boards, traditional healers, the teachers of Sun/Thursday schools and the 4 project volunteers at Pantha Nivas, Bhubaneswar, on the 11th





March, 2024. ‘Gender or women’s issues’ being taken as the theme for the next edition of the next news letter, women and lady herbal practitioners were required to be consulted before writing the materials on the theme. Reformation of Editorial Boards, training of board members, Collection of materials for the next issue, presentation and analysis, writers’ meet and orientation, prioritization of materials collected, their fine tuning at different levels figured to be the points of attention before the printing of the newsletter. As a follow up, there was a two days event on the 27th and 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 for 22 participants comprising the editorial boards at the National Training and Resource Center of PREM keeping in view the ensuing 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Newsletters and dealt with many things related to the contents and the patterns of writing.

**Setting- up of ICPD Market Place in Tribal Festivals and Gatherings:** : Stalls of ICPD mandate based visual Aids / IEC materials were set by **The Lanjia Soura Academy** from Gumma block, Gajapati during the 74th conference of Saura Baptist Christian assembly with nearly 4 thousand people exposed to the stall and explained on the messages. Similar set up was made by the **Mundari Academy** during a four days long celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Sri Oal Guru Pandit Rohidas Singh Nag, inventor or originator of the Mundari script, educating thereby almost 3000 of the people who came to the Mela.

**ODISHA CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE in collaboration** with PREM and UNFPA conducted several workshops and training camps such as a *symposium* on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at OCTC, Gopalpur –on-Sea, a **national level workshop** for 55 distinguished persons like bishops, pastors and principals regarding a gender equitable society, a workshop for **the Pastors** from the Dioceses of Cuttack and Chhattisgarh (under the Church of North India) – all concerning gender and women's Empowerment basing them all on the theological and ethical perspectives; there were strategies designed for active support to and creation of avenues and creating awareness, setting the foundation for deeper engagement within the context of the faith community and society at large



**The governing body of OCTC** held 3 meetings of its own and the Advisory committee, a couple of meetings with the chief functionaries of UNFPA, Odisha State office and of PREM on the ICPD based course and the three modules it contains for students, pastors and preachers at grassroots and took necessary decisions and formed committees for progress along the course and awareness generation .

**SCALABLE MODEL GFP IN THE CONTEXT OF PSEA: 3 Review-cum-planning meetings** of the 11 Cluster Resource Persons under the Girl Friendly Panchayats were conducted-one centrally at the Training and Resource Center of PREM, Berhampur by Mr. Sandip Patnaik, consultant and Ms. Sanjukta Tripathy, Master Trainer-cum-Coordinator, Valerian D'Lima, Documentation Officer and Narendra Patnaik, P.M. attended the meeting and other two **block wise in Gumma and Mohana**, on the **GFP program** implemented in 29 gram Panchayats of Gajapati district. 3 Gram Panchayats under Gumma block **were covered by Review and planning meeting for the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions**. The **Objective in all of these** was assessment of the progress made along the project objectives (strengthening the 4<sup>th</sup> standing committees and women desks), finding out the areas of concern and challenges and to chalk out remedial action plans.



**Findings:** The Standing committees in 29 Panchayats were active, regular in their monthly meetings, fairly good in documenting the resolutions. So also was the status of the Women's Help desk. Its documentation too went on well as desired. It opened twice a week. There is need of some more training input to be given to women for their realization and the Women's Help Desk to be self sustaining. Different schools and Anganwadies have grants to meet the toilet and drinking water needs as action by the 4<sup>th</sup> Standing committees

**As out comes in the process,** the PRI members got enlightened on their roles and responsibilities and were well convinced and motivated towards proactive majors for Strengthening and support for regular functioning of women Help Desk. There is increased awareness and zeal s found among women for participation in Palli Sabhas and Gram Sabah and to Raise the voice on the issues pertaining to Girls/Women. The issues related to Girls/Women were identified, discussed intensive action planned on them.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPT. OF SSEPD: A Special summer camp** was held at Jatney by the institution of SSEPD, Govt. of Odisha, for 40 children with visual, hearing and locomotor disability from different districts for 4 days starting from 26th till 29th June 2023.. The resource teachers as well as the escorts of special schools, deputed to accompany, too participated in the program. There was building the capacity of 40 children of hearing and visual impairment from 14 different districts like Balasore, Bhadrak, Puri, Cuttack, Khurda, Balangir, Bargarh, Nayagarh, Berhampur, Keonjhar, Koraput, Dhenkanal, Mayurbhanj and Kandhamal. **Outlook India magazine** covered a featured story on the disability innovation and experience lab situated at - IIC, JATNI, as part of the disability empowerment work done by the SSEPD Department and a total of 35 adolescent students, along with teachers and escorts were involved in this programme.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE OSDMA**





1. **A Block level Workshop on Mainstreaming Gender in DRR** was organized for Mahakalpada Block of Kendrapara District on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at the Panchayat Samiti Conference Hall.
2. **Panchayat level Training program** was held, in Hatina Gram Panchayat, Rajanagar Block of Kendrapara district, on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 regarding 'Emergency Rescue Techniques, First-aid, Management of Gender Based Violence & Psychosocial Care' for 32 adolescent Girls of the GP.
3. **A Mock drill-followed** as a follow up on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023 at the Multipurpose Cyclone shelter, situated in Prasana Pur village of Hatina G.P. under Rajanagar block of Kendrapara district.
4. **A GP Level Orientation Programme** on Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Risk Reduction was organized at Batighar GP Office under Mahakalpada Block of Kendrapara district on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
5. A Block level Workshop on Mainstreaming Gender in DRR was organized for Rajanagar Block of Kendrapara district on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2023 at the Panchayat Samiti Conference Hall.

**Outcomes:** Officials gained knowledge on gender mainstreaming in DRR and the detailed plan thereof. All officials were inspired to make plan of Action to mitigate DRR. Officers were also persuaded to make gender inclusive plans and women and adolescent friendly infrastructure necessary. 31 adolescent Girls from all the villages of Hatina G.P. got equipped with theoretical knowledge and practical skills of Emergency Rescue, First-aid, Management of Gender Based Violence and Psychosocial care during disasters. They would share the care of women and girls to be taken during disasters and keep women prepared against calamities. The trained have with them First-aid kit and Aprons with skills of its use during emergency.

**LEARNING: .**

- Unlike before, families have allowed their young women to go for some serious services during disasters. Young adolescent girls have proved pretty active, keen on DRR and seemingly efficient in the techniques for rescue operation and first services..
- Although tribal and of less education, the members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Standing committees, understood their roles and played them honestly, boldly and successfully, commanding respect and understanding in their respective families, communities and Panchayats; they have surmounted the power and control of PEOs, ICDS workers and school teachers.
- The project volunteers of the 4 academies are found conversant with ICPD mandate; only its application will take some more time and training
- Incredibly enough, the Experience and Exposure Camp for Adolescents with Disabilities (AwDs) through its multifaceted approach has not only helped them cultivate essential life skills but has empowered them through their holistic development and meaningful engagement in the program.
- Clarity on ICPD and the roles and responsibilities in OCTC and among its governing body members is found clearer unlike before.

## MODEL VILLAGES

PREM in association with Missio International, Germany has initiated Model Village Programme to facilitate overall development of the community by the active participation and ownership of the community. The project intends to form a model village with a model vision, micro-plan and a model Gram Sabha and covers 100 villages in four blocks of Gajapati district such as Gumma, Mohana, Rayagada and Nuagada and at Goudagotha GP of Surada block in Ganjam district.

The evidence-based success through model village initiatives encourages the adjacent villages to adopt the same process to create their own village into a model one. The improved lifestyle of the villagers of model villages attracts the attention of the neighboring villages in the region. PREM through its Gruhini training, Asha Jyoti, Advanced Agricultural Training, empowers women and provide scope for entrepreneurship development and the entrepreneurs are motivated to act as change agents to clean the environment, send children to schools, adopt health care practices, operate savings bank accounts and participate in local governance etc. Their collective efforts are translated into building-up model villages

People of the model villages set the example by advocating their legitimate rights before government and other authorities. They have started raising questions about the irregularities and corruptions. Promotion and realization of scientific temper among the communities has resulted in reduction of blind belief and witch craft. IMR and MMR are reduced due to their inclination to avail health facilities and institutional delivery. People of these communities have become sensitized on community-based care of children, education of children, clean drinking water, clean and beautiful toilets and smokeless kitchen and litigation, violence, alcohol and tobacco free community and participation in government schemes

### *Features of Model Village:*

1. 100% Housing, 100% Toilets,
2. 100% Literacy,
3. 100% Smokeless Kitchen,
4. 100% Safe Drinking Water Facilities,
5. Alcohol Free & Litigation Free Villages,
6. Food Security for 12 months
7. Sustainable Income
8. Access to government schemes and programs
9. 100% admission and retention in ICDS centre and School
10. 100% immunization and health facilities





Following the above commandments successfully, Gudang Gorjang, a tribal village in Gumma Block of Gajapati District, Odisha initially was considered as the model village. The improved life style of the people from Gudang Gorjang village attracted other neighbouring villages and PREM organized the exposure visits to different stake holders to Gudang Gorjang village, which created mindset among the people to replicate this model initiative in their villages. As a result, there are 100 villages of Gajapati and Ganjam district reached to the status of model village. Gudang Gorjang village was awarded as one of the best village in the block by the district administration this year. People became organized and regularly maintain cleanliness and hygiene as per the village committee decisions. The people of this village became very keen for education and hence they have established a Mother Tongue Based Early Childhood Education Centre and all the context specific teaching and learning materials are provided by PREM and the teacher of this centre got training on the transaction process of MTMLECE. Besides, the youth group of these model villages take keen interest to monitor the model features of the village. A mini stadium has been established at Gudang Gorjang village where the youth group of the village plays regularly and enjoy their life. The PREM resource team monitor, supervise and provide hand holding support with technical assistance to these villages to continue their model features and slowly scaling up this process to other adjacent villages of the operational districts of Odisha.



## Programme Photographs



**1275 GP Level Child Protection Committee members and other key stakeholder of the PGs have been sensitized on role and responsibilities of Task Force/PLCPC to stop child marriage and to establish child care protection mechanism in the GPs and to work towards declare child marriage free villages.**



**Block level Adolescent group federation members are presenting their demands to the Block Development Officers (BDO) at Daringbadi, Kandhamal District- Action have been taken after this intervention**



**Meeting with BDO (Block Development Officer) and Giving Charter of Demand to address**



**412 PRI members have been sensitized on CMP Act and their role and responsibilities to stop child marriage and to establish child care protection mechanism in the GP and protective environment in the villages**





1344 VLCPC members have been sensitized on child care and protection mechanisms, consequence of Child marriage, Adverse factors of  
191 Faith Leaders/Religious Leaders have been sensitized on CMP Act & their role to stop child marriage in the villages



Oath taking by all the key stakeholders of the communities to Stop Child Marriage and, Child Labour and work towards care and protection of Children in the village







## GOVERNING BODY



**Dr. Jacob Mathew Thundyil**  
**President & Co founder of PREM**

Dr. Thundyil is the President and co-founder of PREM. He is the Governing Board Member of International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions (INAFI). He was the Board Member of Council for Advancement of People's Action & Rural Technology (CAPART) and one of the founder members of Voluntary Action Network of India (VANI). He is also the convener of National Advocacy Council for Development of Indigenous Communities (NACDIP)



**Ms. A. Padma Raju**  
**Vice-President**

A social worker engaged in the empowerment of tribals in southern districts of Odisha. She is currently working as Secretary of Centre for Community Development (CCD), Paralakhemundi, Gajapati



**Dr. Chacko Philip Paruwanany**  
**Secretary-cum-Treasurer & Co-Founder of PREM**

Dr. Chacko studied in Germany and is well experienced in mass communication and community health.





**Mr. M. Nageswara Rao**  
**Joint Secretary of PREM**

Mr. Rao, an Advocate by profession, has been providing legal aid to the poor and marginalized communities for asserting their constitutional rights. He has rich experience in dealing with cases relating to human rights, especially the tribals. He is also associated with several organizations as legal Advisor



**Ms. Minati Padhi,**  
**Member of PREM**

She is involved in organizing tribal communities, mobilizing women to form Self Help Groups and leadership building on gender discrimination, income generation through value addition of local product. Presently Ms Padhi is working as Secretary of Institute for Women's Development (IWD)



**Ms. Geeta Devi,**  
**Member of PREM**

Being a human right defender and legal practicer, Ms Geeta is involved in providing legal support to the victims of atrocities, discrimination, human right violation, domestic violence, child abuse. She also works for the promotion and protection of children and women rights



**Ms. Satyavati Choudhury,**  
**Member of PREM**

Ms. Satyavati, a social worker specialized in addressing the health-related issues of the women and children and now engaged in providing eye care service to the people. She heads an organization namely Jana Jagarana



**PEOPLE'S RURAL EDUCATION MOVEMENT: BERHAMPUR-GANJAM DIST., ODISHA  
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT(Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT(Rs.)
<b>OPENING BALANCES:</b>		<b>UTILIZATION:</b>	
F.C. Account	23,33,214.00	F.C. A/c. (As per R&P)	1,01,60,262.05
General Account	4,52,16,436.91	General A/c. (As per R & P)	4,11,06,967.49
			5,12,67,229.54
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		<b>PREM own Project Expenses</b>	
F.C. Account	91,52,464.91	PREM General Expenses	1,05,80,986.00
General Account	4,87,77,688.65		24,09,489.93
Other General A/c Income			
<b>BANK INTEREST:</b>		<b>CLOSING BALANCES:</b>	
F.C. Account	73,967.73	F.C. Account	13,99,384.59
General Account	24,44,039.71	General Account	4,66,13,953.25
			4,80,13,337.84
Gain on Mutual Fund			
<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>	<b>11,22,71,043.31</b>	<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>	<b>11,22,71,043.31</b>

As per our report attached  
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Chartered Accountants  
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(SHRAWAN KUMAR, F.C.A.)  
Partner  
Membership No 413548

(JACOB THUNDYIL)  
President  
- 6 SEP 2024



**PEOPLE'S RURAL EDUCATION MOVEMENT (PREM): BERHAMPUR: GANJAM DIST. ODISHA**  
**CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024**

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT(Rs.)	INCOME	AMOUNT(Rs.)
Expenditure met from Foreign Grant	1,01,60,262.05	<b>GRANTS FOREIGN (Incl. Interest)</b>	
Expenditure met from Indian Grant	4,11,06,967.49	Received during the year	92,26,432.64
PREM own Project Expenses	1,05,80,986.00	Add: Unutilised as on 01/04/2023	23,33,214.00
PREM General Expenses	24,09,489.93	Less: Unutilised as on 31/03/2024	13,99,384.59
			1,01,60,262.05
Depreciation	2,78,063.25	<b>GRANTS INDIAN (Incl. Interest)</b>	
		Received during the year	4,87,77,688.65
		Add: Transfer from Own Fund	(6,05,760.00)
		Add: Unutilized Balance of 01/04/2023	1,16,02,180.78
		Less: Unutilized Balance of 31/03/2024	1,86,67,141.94
			4,11,06,967.49
		<b>OTHER INCOMES:</b>	
		Other General A/c Income	48,78,991.40
		Corpus Fund Utilized for the year	50,00,000.00
		Bank Interest (General A/c)	24,44,039.71
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(9,45,508.07)		
<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>	<b>6,35,90,260.65</b>	<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>	<b>6,35,90,260.65</b>

As per our report attached,  
for A. John Morris & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
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