

PRERAK Annual Report 2022-23

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Message from the Director:

Dear Reader, Friends and Colleagues...

PRERAK's Annual Report highlights our programme in the area community development and social welfare undertaken this period and its impact on the lives of children, particularly disabled children, tribal women, single women, aged women, small marginal farmers, PVTG, tribal community, poor and underprivileged families. We have been able to make difference due to strong belief and practice of livelihood promotional activities in the community, life skilling practices of disabled children and the incredible support from local communities, parents, self-help groups, donors, partner organization, and indeed the community trainers and field organizers as Champions of Change.



Towards the end of the year we faced, like the rest of the world, unprecedented challenges, due to pandemic. The pandemic affected all of us but our disabled children, tribal communities faced the dual challenges of public health and loss of educational vital for them to develop their full potential. PRERAK while committed to support disabled children and tribal communities and poor and underprivileged families to be protected from the pandemic will continue to access quality nutrition, education, health services, livelihood skill and opportunities for their overall development. These are just few of the many heart-warming stories of impact from the ground. And as we steer ourselves to face the new normal, our commitment to the rights of tribal community continue to remain at the very heart of what we stand for.

I congratulate PRERAK's team on a successful year, and wish them continued commitment to serve India.

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About PRERAK:

PRERAK was started in 1989 for promoting the social, economical, political, educational and cultural life of the under privileged and marginalized sections of the society. It was founded by a few intellectual and experienced community volunteers to empower these communities and provide them with the required skills and capacity to fight against any social injustice. At PRERAK, we focus on preparing innovative strategies to create awareness in communities about their fundamental rights and duties and help them utilize their rights to live with dignity.

PRERAK, the social development organization is registered under Madhya Pradesh Society Registration Act 1973, Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act under the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government, PWD act under the Department of Panchayat and Social Welfare and also 12A Income Tax act under Government of India, Ministry of Finance.

VISION:

To develop such a rural creative community which is self-sufficient, healthy, peaceful, and which can develop itself continuously by getting free from all kinds of exploitation and injustice.

MISSION:

To start such a process of development, in which empowerment of backward, tribal people, person with disabilities and especially women's is done and to make their reach to the natural resources, schemes so that they can progress towards the direction of village level self-governance through collective development.

STRATEGY & OBJECTIVES:

At PRERAK, we aim to help build self-sufficient empowered communities. Our key strategy to help achieve our goal is to build and strengthen community involvement in the process of development. By building capacity of the communities through awareness generation, community mobilization, formation of community groups to address rights based issues identified by people themselves, and creating linkages with markets and various government departments or schemes, the communities are encouraged to focus on and manage various issues collectively.

To create a lasting impact and to help the communities to self-sustain, we work with an underlying aim of empowering women by giving them opportunities to establish their rights and also work on promoting indigenous knowledge for managing and protecting their natural resources.

In this regard some of our key objectives are:

- To create awareness about various issues faced by the communities, provide a common platform to think analytically and to take action, and promote collective effort for community development.
- To promote people's economic condition through participatory action and sustainable development process which will include community based natural resource management and conservation for enhanced livelihood, strengthening of Gram Sabha's, PRIs and other local institutions and implementation of acts and schemes set up for the benefit of indigenous people.
- To empower women to demand their rights with their communities and be more involved in the decision making processes.

- To empower people with disability by promoting community based rehabilitation and mainstream children with special need through inclusive education.

Program Overview

Saksham Divyang Vidyalay:

Saksham Divyang Vidyalay is located at about 5 Km from Rajim city in district Gariaband, (C.G.). It is a special residential school for the childrens from class 1 to 08th who are suffering from Visual Impairment (VI), Hearing Impairment (HI) and Intellectual Disability (ID). The total strength of the school is for 60 childrens. This school is running by PRERAK through the support of District Social Welfare Department, Gariaband, (C.G.).

Total no. of students enrolled in the school for the session 2022-23

S.N	V.I.	H.I.	I.D.	Total student
1.	28	26	06	60



Major activities and achievements:

Braille education for Visually impaired children: With the help of Special Educators, brail education has been provided to all the 28 visually impaired children through brail books and brail writing skills

and techniques. The students were taught skills to read and write in braile language.

Education in Sign Language for Hearing



impaired children: 26 childrens suffering from Hearing Impairment has been provided education in sign language to learn and express their feelings and to communicate with the help of the sign language.

Special education for children with Intellectual



Disability: 06 children suffering from Intellectual Disability were given education by Special Educators with the help of visual demonstration. These childrens were taught to perform their daily living skills like brushing of teeths, bathing, wearing cloths, cleaniliness, playing, knowledge and information regarding their environment,

material used in daily life, education through TLM, etc.

Play activities and co-curricular activities:

Chhattisgarh state level para-athletic event:

Regular sports activities and training to the special children on race, shotput, javelin, long jump, etc. were given by the special educators in the school.

On 11-13 January 2023, State level para-athletic event was organized by Chhattisgarh para sports committee at Swami Vivekanand stadium, kota, Raipur, (C.G.). In this event students from Saksham Divyang Vidyalay have also participated and have shown excellent performance in the sports event. As a result, the special children from the school has achieved success in securing 12 Gold medal, 1 Silver medal and 3 Bronze medal in the various sports category of race, shotput, discus throw, long jump, high jump, javelin throw etc.

S.N	Gold medal	Silver medal	Bronze medal
1.	12	01	03

National level para-athletic event: 16 years old visually impaired student of the school 'Bhisma Narayan Dhruv' has selected by the C.G. para

sports committee to participate in the National Paralympic sports at Ahmedabad, Gujarat organized by National Paralympic Committee, Government of India from 27 –



29 January 2023. Bhisma has participated in 100m, 200m, 400m and 1500m race in under-19 category. He has shown very good performance in all these categories and have secured 4th position in the event and have received certificate of appreciation from the organizing committee.

Celebration of “International day of persons with disabilities”:

On 03rd December 2022, International day of persons with disabilities day was celebrated and organized by the Social Welfare Department, Gariaband and Education Department, Gariaband, (C.G.) at Middle school, Majarkata, Gariaband, (C.G.).

This day was celebrated to motivate the persons with disabilities and to celebrate their achievements and to generate awareness in public regarding the disability. During the event respected dignitaries from the Social Welfare Department and Education department have motivated the children to have a bright future. Various sports events like 100m and 200m race, jalebi race, rope pulling, kho-kho and cultural programs like singing, dancing etc have been organized for the persons with disabilities.

In these events, 42 children's from Saksham Divyang Vidyalay have participated. Archana, Harita, Kejal, Yashwant, Guman, Toshana, Premshankar, Suman and Jitendra have participated in group singing competition in which their group have secured 2nd position in the event.



Social & Educational Inclusion & Rehabilitation of the people with disability:

This project is designed for the 100 children's and youngster with disabilities in Chhura block from Gariband District of C.G. with the support of Paul Hamlyn Foundation. Under this project, the strategy has been adopted for the holistic development of children's and Youngsters with special need. The community, families, community- based organization, and other relevant agencies acts as stakeholders for mentioned program. However, the active participation and involvement of all these stakeholders are important in the process of decision making, planning, implementation, monitoring and development process.

Early intervention, preventive measures and medical rehabilitation of children with disabilities through medical cum screening camps, corrective surgeries, provision of aid and appliances, training and orientation on mobility, daily living skills for inclusion in social setups ensures the sustainability of the children with special need.

Objectives:

- To ensure identification of children's with disabilities.& youth requiring education and health intervention in order to receive appropriate services and treatment at the end of the project



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- Generate awareness for brining additional changes to wipe out social stigma attached to disabilities.
- To avail the need based medical services at the reach of the children's with disabilities.
- To provide appropriate carrier related guidance to the children's with disabilities.
- To facilitate in providing need- based services of education and health care to children with special needs.
- To eradicated discrimination against persons with disabilities through inclusive education.

Activities:

Intensive care services for CWSN:



- Intensive services under the project interventions include door to door services to the children with special needs. Services are provided and monitored as per the direction and suggestion of physiotherapist.
- The services provided under intensive care are physical exercise, physiotherapy, daily living skills, educational interventions, socio- cultural interventions, school enrollment, social inclusion etc.

Educational support for CWSN:

- The children with special need like visually impaired children and mentally retired children are getting educational supports at regular interval in their home.
- The care givers and Special educators' visit the home of the children with specially need and help them mainstreaming in education with other children. They provide the study materials and support them in their study course and curriculum in different subject e.g. Mathematics, English, Hindi, science, Sanskrit etc.

Enrollment of children with disabilities in school:

- Enrollment of 60 children with disabilities at schools have been done under this project for their better education.

Enrollment at different level				
Anganwadi	Primary School	Middle School	High School	Total enrollment
14 children	25 children	16 children	5 children	60 children

Referral and curative services for Children with special need & care (CWSN):



- Referral of 8 CWSN to District hospital Gariaband and AIIMS Raipur for their treatment has been done by the project staff in the month of February to March 2023.
- The physical and mental health check-up of all the referral has been done by the Doctors and the beneficiaries has been provided with proper medicines and treatments.

Village/ Cluster/ Block level meetings with PwD's and their families:



- Cluster level meeting with PwDs and their families was conducted on 21st February 2023 at Gram Panchayat Bhavan, Mudhagaon in Mudhagaon Cluster. Total 47 participants were present in this meeting.
- The main objective of the meeting was to motivate and inspire parents about their roles and responsibilities for the children with disabilities, aware them about the government schemes for the person with disabilities and to remove the social stigma present in the society against the persons with disability.

Training of regular school teacher, AWW, PRI members, SMC members:

- The Awareness program of regular school teachers, SMC members and Anganwadi workers was conducted on 17th March 2023 at

Middle School Mudhagaon in Mudhagaon Cluster with 53 participants.

- The Main object of this program is to aware school teachers and Anganwadi workers about disability and inclusion of disable persons in education.
- In this training participants received information about the disability, Causes of disability, roles of school teachers for children with special need, awareness on prevention of disability and awareness on enrolling children with disabilities in school and giving special care.



DPO strengthening and training:

- Organised DPO Strengthening and Training on 14th march 2023 at Anganwadi Kendra of Ghatkarra Village in Panduka Cluster with 26 participants including the members of Jai Shri Ram DPO.
- The main object of the training was to strengthening DPO; train DPO in skills like leadership, documentation, advocacy etc.

Physiotherapy services for CWSN:

Make arrangement of Physiotherapist for 32 children with Cerebral Palsy disability in Panduka



and Mudhagaon clusters. These children's needs regular physiotherapy for showing improvement in their mobility. For this reason Physiotherapist from Gariabandh and Chhura make regular visits in the Panduka and Mudhagaon clusters and gave physiotherapy to the Cerebral palsy children. Physiotherapist also train our care giver so that they can also gave therapies and inputs to the children as per the instruction by the physiotherapist. Also the parents of children were told and instructed by the physiotherapist for doing exercise at home and time to time with the children for better results and improvement in the children.

Guide and support for entitlements and social security benefits:

Provide support to 20 children's with disabilities in preparing disability certificate from District hospital, Gariaband.



Inclusive Development of Children & Youngster with Disability:

PRERAK has implemented this project in Chhura block of Gariyaband District. Through this project work with 100 Children with disabilities including Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Autism, Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic, Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired children has been done.



Through this project focus on inclusive development of Children's and youngster with disabilities have been done.

Objectives: Through inclusive development the project focuses on 6 different categories or sectors like:

- Education
- Health
- Livelihood
- Social inclusion
- Empowerment and
- Community based rehabilitation.

Strategies:

- Door to door visit.
- Family and school teacher counseling.
- Discussion and sharing information on govt. schemes on disability and RTE Act 2009.
- Liaison with govt. officials on govt. departments of disability and education.

- Dissemination of information among community dwellers on disability, nutrition, health etc. of children with special need.
- Formation and strengthening the capacity of community-based organization for accessing the benefits for children with special need govt. department.
- Organizing time to time meeting with CBOs on disability, nutrition, health etc. of children with special need.

Target groups:

PRERAK is working with 100 children with special needs, among them are 43 female and 57 are male. The children are getting the physical exercises, physiotherapy services, daily living skills, supportive education, and techniques on mobility of visually impaired children and orthopedic children in their door step.

The total children with special need are given below:

Sl. No	Disability	Male	Female	Total
2	Cerebral Palsy	21	15	36
3	Visual Impaired	20	05	24
	Hearing Impaired	03	04	02
4	Intellectual disability/Learning Problem/Mental Retardation	07	10	17
6	Multiple Disability	06	09	15
	Total	57	43	100

Major activities and achievements:

Intensive care services: Intensive services under the project interventions include door step services to the children with special needs. Services are provided and monitored as per the direction and suggestion of physiotherapist. The services provided under intensive care services are physical exercise, physiotherapy, daily living skills, educational interventions, socio-cultural interventions, school enrollment, social inclusion etc.



Physical exercise: During the year, 34 children with cerebral palsy have been provided with physical exercises through door-to-door visit by field workers on daily basis with active support and guidance from the Physiotherapist from Chhura Public Health Centre.

Daily living skills: The children with special need like Visually impaired children and children with Intellectual disability are getting educational supports at regular interval in their home.

The care givers and I.E. Facilitator visits the houses of the children with specially need and help them mainstreaming in education with other children. They provide the study materials and support them in their study course curriculum and break down course curriculum in different subject e.g. Mathematics, English, Hindi, science, Sanskrit etc.

This service from the care givers and I.E. Facilitator greatly improving the standards of the children with

disabilities and the children are being able to stand par with the normal children in the formal schools.

Socio cultural intervention: Regular interaction with community members, CBOs, DPOs, Parents Federation, SMC members, child club etc. has been done by the care givers and I.E. Facilitator to mobilize the community persons and parents for the social inclusion of children with special need in their community like participation in socio cultural festivals like Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, Nagpachami, Basant Panchami etc.



Enrollment in school: Regular home visit, interactions and meeting with parents of the children with disabilities was done to generate the awareness regarding the importance of child education.

As a result school enrollment of 30 children (Male 17 and female 13) has been done by the project.

Preparation of disability certificates:

In order to receive the benefit from Government welfare schemes, facility, and reservation support has been given to the childrens with disabilities in getting disability certificate from the District hospital, Gariaband.

As a result during the year, 28 disabled children have received the disability certificates from District hospital, Gariaband.



Cluster wise no. of children's received disability certificates			
Cluster	Male	Female	Total
Panduka	05	04	09
Khadma	04	03	07
Churra	04	03	07
IE Facilitator	03	02	05
Total	16	12	28

Scholarship and pensions:

PRERAK has supported 38 Children's with disabilities from the project intervention area in getting scholarship and pension:

No. of children's getting disability certificate and pension			
Cluster	Male	Female	Total
Panduka	06	05	11
Khadma	04	03	07
Churra	03	04	07
I E Facilitator	07	06	13
Total	20	18	38



Promotion of Sustainable Tribal Livelihood:

Project objectives: Promotion of sustainable tribal livelihood project was implemented in 21 villages of Gariaband and 24 villages of Bodla block from Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh state with an objective:

- Enhanced adaptive capacity of small farmers community to climate change and social shocks
- Improve livelihood of small holder farmers
- Community institutions are strong and effectively promote/ support livelihood activities of their members.

Key activities:

Development of Experimental learning plot (ELP):



Development of 10 experimental learning plots was done by the PRERAK in the year 2022-23 in which 6 ELP are in Gariaband and the remaining 4 are in Kabirdham district from C.G. These ELPs are developed to showcase the ecological farming techniques to the farmers like mixed cropping, line sowing method, preparation of organic manures like jivamrit and use it, preparation of organic pesticides like teenparni, pachparni, saptparni, dashparni etc. and use it in the ELP for getting good yield and harmful chemical free foods.

State Level Community Seed Fair Program:

- “State level Community Seed Fair” was organised at Community Hall of Janpad panchayat, Gariyaband on 16 -17 Dec. 2022.
- 26 Seed saver and seed producers from different districts of Chhattisgarh have participated in the exhibition during the seed fair.



- More than 300 varieties of paddy, 300 plus varieties of traditional brinjal and 200 plus varieties of vegetable including the 6 feet tall bottle gourd, varieties of Desi Gur, 65 types of NTFP and 40 plus varieties of locally available forest foods were in highlight during the event.
- In Kabirdham district, Community seed fair and food festival was organized at Bodala block headquarter.



- More than 100 different varieties of indigenous seed from PVTG Baiga community were displayed in the seed fair for example Rice varieties were Jholar, annada, kundru saraya etc., Millets like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi etc., Fruits

like Guava, Tamarind etc, Vegetables like Bottle guard, pumpkin etc.

- During the program officials from government departments and different stakeholders like Jila Panchayat President Mrs. Smriti Thakur, Deputy Director of Agriculture Mr. S.K. Bhoi, Krishi Sthayi Sadashya Mr. Firtu Ram Kanwar, Jila panchayat members, President and Vice – President of Jila Baiga Samaj, State President of Baiga samaj, Sarpanch, Teachers, Veterinary Departments etc. were present.
- The Food festival was also organized during the event with the agricultural and Kitchen Garden produces of Baiga Community and dishes were made through it some of the dishes that were made in program were Kochai badi, Kodo Rice, Kutki Kheer, Kutki Upma, Kutki Halwa, Mahua Laddu, Ragi Paratha etc.

Exposure visit of farmers to successful livelihood project:



- Organised exposure visit for the farmers to the project intervention area of Sahbhagi Samaj Sevi Sanstha, Charama, Kanker, (C.G.) from 07.10.2022 to 08.10.2022.
- Ahinsha Club Ngo, Bargarh District, Odisha from 30.10.2022 to 31.10.2022
- Visit to Karihkachar, Kota, Bilaspur, (C.G.) from 07.09.2022 – 08.09.2022 to learn the best livelihood practices.

Organizing visit of Government line department to STL project models:



- From time to time PRERAK has organized visit of officials from Agriculture, Veterinary and other department to the successful practices followed by the farmers in the project intervention areas.
- Dr. Ishwar Singh (Senior scientist), Dr. Shalu Abraham (Subject matter specialist) from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gariaband., Mr. R.N. Sharma – Veterinary Department, Gariaband has visited Patoradadar, Kurrabahara, Mardakala, Begarpala, Paragaondih, Chindabhata, Dhawalpur, Kamepur, Dahibahar and Saatdaar to look at the ecological farming practices followed by the farming in paddy farming, groundnut, madiya, kodo, kutki, and the income generation activities like goatry, poultry and fishery.

Establishment of Fingerling production unit:

- On 12.07.2022, a fingerling production unit was setup in village Begarpala from Begarpala panchayat from Gariaband block.
- Finger size of Rohu, Katla and Mrikal was provided to the farmers from Durga SHG Begarpala for preparation of fingerling production unit. After proper care, maintaining cleanliness in the pond, food management for the fingerlings, growth in the size of fingerlings has been seen. The fish from this unit is now

sold to the farmers from the nearby villages for the purpose of fish farming.

Promotion of Fishery through CBO:



- 20 Kg of fish seeds was provided to the member of Farmer's group in village Chikhali from Saatdhar cluster of Gariaband block for promoting fish farming.
- The farmers groups were also provided training regarding the best fishing practices including management of pond, food management for fish, cleanliness etc. The started following these practices, as result growth in the fish were seen. The fishing from this pond can be done next year in 2023.

Livelihood enhancement through Goatry & Poultry practices:

- Support for 1 goat to 90 women's (50 families from Gariaband and 40 families from Kabirdham) was done to connecting them to income generation activities.
- Each women farmers have also contributed 1 goat from their side as a community contribution.
- Support for 5 chicks to 100 women's (60 families from Gariaband and 40 families from Kabirdham) was given for promoting income generation activity.



Livelihood enhancement through NTFP collective marketing:

- Livelihood enhancement of 200 women farmers (50 women from Gariaband and 150 women from Kabirdham) was done through supporting them in NTFP collective marketing.

Establishment of Seed Bank:

- One seed bank was established in village Bhaisatara from Gariaband block to promote use of traditional seeds



amongst the farmers.

Meeting with Champion farmers:



- Throughout the year total 6 meetings with 60 Champion farmers from the project villages from Gariaband and Kabirdham district was organized for sharing of the best practices of agro-ecological farming techniques with each other and with village people.
- During these meetings the Champion farmers have shared knowledge regarding the use of traditional seeds, line sowing method, mixed cropping, preparation of organic manure and pesticides like jivamrit, ghan-jivamrit, matka khad, teenparni, pachparni, saptparni dashparni etc.

Recognition of Champion farmers:



- During the State level seed fair program on 16.12.2022 at Gariaband a program for

honoring 30 Champion farmers from the project intervention area was done which were pioneered in following and spreading awareness regarding the use of ecological farming practices.

- All the 30 Champion farmers were given certificate of appreciation along a trophy by the chief guest of the program Mrs. Smriti Thakur (President of Jila Panchayat), Mr. S.K. Bhoi (Deputy Director of Agriculture, Gariaband) and Mr. Firtu Ram Kanwar (Krishi Sthayi Sadashya).

Promotion of Kitchen garden:

- For securing nutritional demand of the tribal community, backyard kitchen practices was promoted by PRERAK in which 800 kitchen gardens were established in project villages of Gariaband whereas 700 kitchen garden in Kabirdham district.
- Total 480 Rage bed, 405 Circle bed and 615 Mancha were prepared in the household of the small farmers from the project areas.
- Total 25 types of vegetable seeds were distributed by PRERAK through convergence



from the agriculture department.

- As a result, food and nutritional security of about 1500 families was done through the project.

Promoting Sustainable Use & Management of Natural Resources & Strengthening Community Livelihood:

The Project Initiated in the year 2012. It focuses on ensuring entitlement specially Community Forest Rights given to the tribal communities and forest dwellers under the Forest Right Act. We are working with 320 Villages from 16 blocks of 13 Districts of Chhattisgarh, and working with 42000 households.

Targeted Groups are Men and Women from Indigenous Communities and Primitive tribes of Chhattisgarh.

Objectives:

- Strengthening the network of CSOs and CBOs as effective change facilitators.
- Strengthening the Last buffer: community-based tenure and resources protection.
- Enhancing sustainable resource management and livelihoods.
- Empowered Adivasi women and youth.
- Policy Dialogue around India's climate-forest aspirations.

Key Activities:

Training Program for the FRC Members, PRI Members:

173 Nos of Training program in 173 Villages of project location for the FRC members and PRI members had conducted where 936 Female and 862 Male members from the community participated towards the access of the Community Forest rights and claim. 92 Nos of Claim process in the project villages submitted in the gram Sabha level and the SDLC level. project staffs providing the hand holding support to the community members, pri members and the FRC members towards the documentation collection, submission, present during the Gram Sabha and the SDLC level. The

role of the PRI members to Discussed with the Submission status with the Block and Dist. level officials. The pending claim of 6 villages in the gram Sabha level is verified by the FRC members and the PRIs and again submitted for the Further process.

Biodiversity Mapping Training:

26 Nos of Biodiversity mapping program conducted in the project villages where 390



Members from FRC, 48 SHGs members, 71 PRI members and 123 CBOs participated and visit all the Community Access Forest and they mapped the density of the access area which

allocated and provided by the Govt to conservation, protection and management of their forest. By the use of GPS machine all the members from the Community rounds entire the forest, listed all the Medicinal plants, Mines and natural resources which available in their forest. Other natural resources like water, Wild animals. identified the different species, 42 Nos of Medicinal Plants collected from the forest which are the livelihood option for the Tribal communities among the CFR access areas. Most of The Tribals get the financial support from the Forest from their NTFP collection so during the Mapping community members planned for the Protection and Conservation of the Access Forest with regular monitoring to the Forest with their traditional system that is 2 Members from a household visited and provided protect to the

forest in rotationally. **Facilitation program to the FRC members for Boundary Walks:**



89 Nos of Facilitation program in the Village level had conducted where 675 Female and 586 Nos of Male members participated and visits the entire forest of their Locality where they make a transit work to their Access Forest area to mapping the boundary of the Community Forest with some Identification proof i.e., by put there in some stones, colors in the tress and other methods which they can easily got informed about their mapped forest. By the use of GPS machine all the communities' members and FRC members take the Location (longitude and latitude) of the forest. All the participated communities' members took the Rich to valley work for the implementation of the Water and soil conservation program in their forest. Areas selected for the plantation program with the linkage of forest department.

Post CFR Management: -Awareness meeting:



337 Nos of Village Level meeting conducted in the project location where 3297 Male and 2863 Nos of

Female members participated. Most of the Members from the Self-Help Groups, Forest Right Committee, Village CBOs and Members from the Gram panchayat participated in the village level meeting. This is an ongoing activity conducted in regular basic in all the project areas. Communities living in the 5th scheduled area of the state are giving more prioritized and being sensitized during the meeting for their forest protection, conservation and management with proper gramsabha participation in every village where women members are highlighted the village issues with involvement in Management plan in GPDP.

2 Days orientation Training of Forest Management Committee:

6 Nos of orientation program had conducted for the Forest Management committee and the Gram



Sabha Members had conducted where 302 Nos of members (142 Female and 158 Male) participated where management and conservation plan of the Community Forest planned. the process of Rich to valley water and soil conservation, plantation, Management and strengthen of the committee prepared. One of the Members from the FRC managed the documentation of the committee. FRC committee collected the Claim documents and submitted in the SDLC level after passed in the Gram Sabha. All the forest development project related to stop the soil erosion and plantation had prepared to pass through the gram Sabha. Female participation increased in the Gram Sabha to share the different issues and development on Forest management.

Preparation of Community Forest Management Plan:



Community Forest Management plan for the Access CFR areas to be conducted in 42 Nos of project villages where 16 Nos of management plan for the FRC prepared and the Initial stage of the Management is followed by the community members where they started in the area mapping prepared the Boundary wall, Community Information Board established, Account opened for the FRC committee in the name of President, Secretary and the treasurer for the fund mobilization and budgeting plan prepared in the gram Sabha for the Management and implementation of Forest development and management projects in the CFR area. Orientation training to the FRC members in the villages also providing by the project staffs for the Record keeping and maintenance. 498 Male and 687 Nos of Female members covered in the Documentation and Management plan.

Support to Forest Management Committee:

84 Nos of Village Forest management committee given support for the Resource register, box, measurement tape and Board for the documentation process. provided training program to the



Management committee on the Document writing process, Establish of the Community Information

board in the access community forest areas, Box to storage all the Management committee documents i.e., register, bank passbook, seals and stamps, Tap for the Mapping of area during the GPS mapping process. All the documents managed by the President, secretary and the Treasures of the Committee in the office and regularly followed by all the members during their weekly and monthly meeting for the other community information and to show the officials for fund raising for their committee.

Plantation Program:

13 District Level plantation program had completed in the CFR access area where 12 Varieties of Plants



provided to the Management committee. Most of medicinal plants i.e., Harda, bahada, amla, Bamboo, neem plants are planted the CFR access community forest and with the linkages of Forest department we provided additional support on boundary fencing on Safety measures to the plants



from Animals and members of the Committee taking the Protection of all the Plants. 170 Nos of Community got the financial support towards the program during the plantation process as on labour work and all the plant will provide livelihood support also after some years. after the Plantation activities line department also providing supports to other Management committee from their schemes under plantation program.

Barefoot Ecology and Conservation Plans:

2 Nos of Program conducted where we provided the Management plan module in 2 Nos of Villages from our project location of Dhamtari District and Kanker District where community members, FRC members, PRI members and others CBOs oriented on the PESA act, Management plan prepared by the community and FRC members. Women groups from the members Visited the Access Forest Area along with the barefoot ecologist to implemented all the schemes and Govt linkages with the Model villages. Barefoot ecologist from the Villages visited regularly to the Panchayats and the Blocks for the linkages. shared information with the community for their Livelihood enhancement program through the NTFP collection and sold it in Nearest market with a good quality of MSP. Community Members from the Villages organized weekly meetings for strengthen the Committee

Women Empowerment & Gender Sensitization:

29 Nos of women empowerment and gender sensitization program had conducted in the 12 Nos of District in the Project area where 2675 Women members from SHGs, FRC women members, village CBOs and women from PRI representative participated and orientated on the Women empowerment activities, linkages in SHGs schemes, Participation increased in Gramsabhas, Visited to Block and District level offices for the Claim and submission status. Management of the

plan, Preparation of Village development plan, strengthening of the Village market system, Implementation to initiating the collective marketing process was implemented in the Project villages where all the tribal communities' female members are taking the responsibilities for livelihood enhancement. All the women participation from the community involved in the



NTFP marketing and value addition process to surplus the collection of their produce with negotiate with the market role players and the big traders with standard weighing and MSP system.

Capacity Building to Project Staffs:

16 Nos of Community Trainer, 12 Nos of Community organizer, State community trainer and the core team participated in the Training program,. All the participants got the lesson learnt from the trainer on PESA act and the implementation process in Chhattisgarh state and the 5th scheduled area which most of our project villages includes in the PESA act. Till Nos of Villages not supported from the Act and also chhattisgarh govt not provided permission directly to the Tribal communities for the Marketing and selling power to Kendu leaf as the total selling cycle is operating by the forest department of the state. During the formation of Forest management committee, the official from the forest dept also involved and added in the secretary post in most of committee so as per the PESA act no members from the forest dept will include in the management committee. Awareness created among all the project staffs about the information spreads to all the village level through

the personal intervention, village meetings, proposed in gramsabhas and other panchayats meeting on PESA act. Members from the GRAM SABHA of Bilaspur, kota villages now strengthen and manage the local market in their process and collection the revenue from the Market with the actual price with proper management of cash and all records maintenance.

Community Awareness on Natural Resources and Climate Change:



285 Nos of Meeting conducted with a participant of 3659 where 1642 Nos of Male and 2017 Nos of Female plan for the adoption of Mixed cropping system and promote the Millets farming in most of the Hilly areas. Most of the Tribal communities are doing the Little and pearn millet which a major source to reduce the Climate change and shg members from the communities followed up the mixed crops in their agriculture land like of sowing the Pulses in Paddy and Millet. Due to check the Climate change most of our communities promote the plantation activities in Forests and outside the villages. With the help of Govt schemes most of villages get the water harvesting and water conservation structures in Forest to conserve the waste water which a source for the agriculture.

Linkages with Govt. welfare Schemes:



1685 Nos of Communities access the Work from MGNREGA and Plantation and work in construction of Water Harvesting Structures in Villages schemes where they got the work opportunities of 21 Days from different projects from the Govt like plantation work, land development, construction of water harvesting structure in villages. 143 Nos of Village level meeting completed where 2635 Nos of Community, 1432 Male and 1203 Nos of female participated in the Village level meetings where Gram rojagar sahayak, Members from the Public Distribution System, Livestock Inspector, Village sarpanch, AWW workers also participated and shared all the Govt schemes. 2250 Nos of Plants provided by the Forest department for the Plantation program in Project Villages.

Training to the Communities on Wild Foods collection:

Training and orientation to the communities on wild food conducted in 135 Nos of project villages where 2786 Nos of Community members, 1332



Male and 1454 Nos of Female members Participated. 23 varieties seeds collected by

the community members till where most of the Seeds grown in the summer season. Almost the income generation seeds collected in the summer season also. In the rainy season communities' members collected the Bamboo shoot and the Forest mushroom from the forest and sold in the nearest market. Communities from the tribals areas sold the bamboo shoots @ 40 Rupees per kg and the Mushroom is 100 rupees per Kg. They sold it in nearest markets. Due to lack of Challenges in MSP all the wild food demand decreases day to day.

To Facilitate Recognition of Forest Rights Act & Social Welfare Schemes in about 25 villages of Gariaband district:

The project is started in the year 2022 in about 25 villages from Chhura and Gariaband block from Gariaband district of Chhattisgarh. The project focuses on provided handholding support to the tribal communities and forest dwellers in getting their entitlement of Community Forest Rights which is ensured by the Forest Right Act 2006. The project is implemented by PRERAK with the support of Ajim Premji Philanthropic Initiative (APPI).



Objectives:

- To provide handholding support to the tribal communities and forest dwellers in getting entitlement of Community Forest Rights.
- Ensuring Individual Forest Rights of tribal communities living in the forest area.
- Ensuring all social security benefits to the village peoples living inside and outside of the project intervention area.
- To strength and build capacity of village level community institutions like Forest Rights Committee (FRC), Community Forest Resource Rights Management Committee (CFRRMC), Gram sabhas, CBO's, women groups etc.
- Focus of adaptation of Post CFR management plan for the protection of forest.

Activities:

Formation and Reconstruction of Forest Rights Committee (FRC):



Formation of FRC in 25 villages from the project intervention area has been done in the year 2022. This is the first step in the process of demanding Community Forest Rights.

Training of village level cadre and project staffs on the provisions of Forest Right Act 2006:



- Organised capacity building training workshop for the 25 village level cadres and the project staffs on important provisions of Forest Right

Act for developing an understanding related to the targeted issues.

Training of project staffs on social welfare services and government schemes:



- 3 days training workshop on social security services like Health insurance, pensions for oldage, widows and person with disabilities, and government schemes such as MGNREGA, PDS, etc. was organized to the project staffs and village cadre in the month of May 2022.
- Through these training programs capacity building of all the project staffs and 25 village cadres were done which then delivered these knowledge and its benefits to the village communities from the villages of the project intervention area.
- As a result of these trainings, direct benefits to the village community have been provided by the project staffs in getting the benefits of the social security services and government schemes as mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Category	Total No.
1.	Job Card	271
2.	Job Card Update	461
3.	To give Payment for Work	119

4.	Work Demand	621
5.	Old age Pension	174
6.	Oldage Pension	89
7.	Widow Pension	160
8.	Disability Pension	27
9.	Disability Certificate	45
10.	Ration Card Preparation	266
11.	Update Ration Card	104
12.	Add name in Ration Card	457
13.	Ayushman Card Preparation	766
14.	Benefits taken from Ayushman Card	169
15.	Digital Labour Card Preparation	1132
17.	Covid Vaccination	4160
18.	Farmer KYC	582
19.	Aadhar Account link	346

Claim submission for Community Forest Right (CFR) entitlement:

- Meetings with gram sabhas and FRC across the 25 villages has been done to generate awareness and empower the gram sabhas and FRC to initiate the process of preparing Community Forest Right (CFR) claim.
- In 2022, PRERAK has provided handholding support to FRC's across the 3 villages namely Jhalkhamar, Barbahar and Amjhar from Chhura block of Gariaband in the boundary walk, resource mapping, G.P.S mapping, and in CFR

claim preparation and submission at SDLC level.

- As a result of all the efforts, these 3 villages have received their CFR entitlement of about 263.08 Hectare, 381.1 Hectare and 2084.05 Hectare respectively.



which a handholding support is needed for them to initiate the process of claiming IFR.



Handholding support for Individual Forest Rights claim preparation and submission:

- In last year, PRERAK has provided handholding support to 221 individuals across the 25 villages from the project intervention area in the preparation and claim submission of Individual Forest Rights (IFR) entitlement at the Sub Divisional Level Committee (SDLC).
- The village people on the ground level lacks necessary understanding regarding the legal provisions of the Forest Rights Acts due to

Siyan Sewa Sadan – Oldage Home :

Siyan Sewa Sadan is an oldage home operated by PRERAK with the support of Social Welfare Department, Government of Chhattisgarh at Bhilai village, under gram panchayat Patharmohada for the persons above 60 years of age and who do not have any person to look after for their care and daily needs. Siyan Sewa Sadan is about 4 Km from the District headquarter, Gariaband, (C.G.). This oldage home is operated by PRERAK from the year 2018 onwards. Services and care to 25 beneficiaries are being provided through this Oldage home.



Objective: The main objective of running Siyan Sewa Sadan is to provide a shelter, daily care, proper health and other necessary services to the destitute and helpless older persons.

Major Activities: Different types of activities and programmes are carried out throughout the year in Siyan Sewa Sadan by the citizens of the Gariaband district, youths, members of district administration, local leaders, media person etc. All the stakeholders has shown interest in performing traditional festivals and celebrating their family functions like birthday, anniversary, etc.

Visit of the Mayor of Gariaband District: Mayor of Gariaband District Mr. Gaffu Menon along with youths of the Gariaband Mr. Tejpal Kukreja, Mr. Ritik Sinha and Mr. G.D. Upasane had visited the Siyan Sewa Sadan on 18th April 2022 and took

update on the condition of the older person. For the facilities for the older person Honorable Mayor had donated 4 coolers to the Siyan Sewa Sadan and had distributed sarees to the older womens and lungi's to the Older men of the Siyan Sewa Sadan. SDOP



Gariaband, Mr. Pushpendra Nayak was also present during the program.

Mental Health camp: Doctor Umesh Soni, Dr. Nirala (Psychiatrist) from District Hospital, Gariaband had visited Siyan Sewa Sadan on

12th May 2022 and organized a Mental Health awareness camp at the centre. The doctors have motivated the senior citizens to don't take stress and also impart knowledge regarding the stress management techniques.

After that the doctor have performed some basic exercises to the senior citizens for removing stress from the body and muscles. At last dance, singing and drawing and painting activities were done with the senior citizens.

Covid-19 vaccination camp for the senior citizens: On 14th June 2023, Covid-19 vaccination camp was organized for the senior citizens of Siyan Sewa Sadan by the Social Welfare Department, District – Gariaband. During the camp, 1st dose of vaccine was given to 3 beneficiaries, 2nd dose of vaccination to 4 beneficiaries and Booster dose was given to 5 senior citizens. This camp was headed by Mrs. S. Tiwari and with the support of Mitandin

provided by the health department and Social Welfare Department.



International Yoga Day celebration: On 21st June 2022, International Yoga Day celebration was done with the senior citizens of the centre. This day, simple stretching exercise, pranayama and meditation has been done with all the senior citizens under the supervision of Mr. Komal Sahu, Manager of the Siyan Sewa Sadan.

Independence Day celebration: On 15th August 2022, Independence Day celebration was done with the senior citizens of the centre. Mrs. Jamuna Sahu, Japanpad Panchayat member was the chief guest of the program. After doing the prayer, flag hosting was done by Mrs. Jamuna Sahu. Village stakeholders Mr. Padum Dhruv, Umesh Dhruv, Ravi Yadav, village peoples from village Bhilai, Teachers from the Primary and Middle school from village Bhilai have participated in the celebration along with all the staffs of the Siyan Sewa Sadan for celebrating this auspicious day.

International Day for Olderly person: With the support of District Social Welfare Department and PRERAK, International Day for Olderly person was celebrated at Siyan Sewa Sadan on 01st October 2022.

S.P. of Gariaband Mr. J.R. Thakur, Mr. Avinash Bhoi (Upper Collector), Mr. Chandresh Singh Thakur (D.S.P), Mr. D.P. Thakur (Deputy Director of District Social Welfare Department), Mr. Narendra Devangan (District Child Welfare Committee), Mr. Pushpendra Nayak (SDOP), Mr. Nawaratna Sahab (Chief Medical Health Officer), Dr. Rajkumar Kanauje (Ayush Department) and Mr. Ramgulal Sinha (Director of PRERAK) were present as the chief guests during the program.

All the guest have addressed the public regarding the importance of elder persons in our life and reminded the public regarding the duties which all of us have towards our elder persons. The participants from the district administration have informed the details of the welfare schemes provided by the government to the older persons. At last, the respective guests have distributed sweets and cloths to the older persons present during the program.



Gharonda Centre :

Gharonda Centre is running by PRERAK from June 2022 onwards at Bhilai village under Patharmohada gram panchayat located at about 4 Kms from the Gariaband district headquarter.



Objectives: The object of running this centre is to provide free shelter and care to the adults suffering from Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability and multiple disabilities.

Gharonda centre is established with an objective to provide life long shelter and care to the adults suffering from four major types of disabilities mentioned under the National Trust Act which are Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability and multiple disabilities and whose biological / legal guardian and families of such persons which are not able to take care of them. Under this Act, the beneficiaries are able to live a life with dignity and respect in the society.

Target Beneficiary: Adults suffering from Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability and multiple disabilities.

Beneficiaries enrolled in Gharonda centre: Services to total 25 beneficiaries have given through the centre. Out of these 25 beneficiaries, 13 are suffering from Intellectual Disability, 10 from

Cerebral Palsy, 01 from Autism and 01 from Multiple disability.

S. N	Total beneficiaries	Male	Female	M R	CP	Autism	I D
1.	25	22	03	13	10	01	1



Proper arrangements for the beneficiaries have been made in our Gharonda Ashram including separate rooms for girls and boys, cleaned and well facilitated toilets separates for both male and females, training hall, kitchen, dining hall, computer class, sewing machine room, playing area and first aid room and class room for the Beneficiaries.

Key activities:

- Providing care facilities based on outcome-orientated need.
- Giving proper educational and vocational training and daily living skills like brushing, bathing, maintaining cleanliness, kitchen garden, etc.

- Providing special education to the beneficiaries according to their IQ level.
- Teaching with the help of TLM material.
- Providing food, health care, and emotional support to the beneficiaries.
- Trying to develop manners in the beneficiaries through behavioral change activities.
- Organising health camp for the beneficiaries.
- To generate awareness in the society and try to break the social taboos and dis-beliefs towards the person with disabilities.



Other Activities:

Conservation of Traditional Seeds:



PRERAK has established an organic agricultural study and training centre called “Vasundhara” in Bhilai village, Gariaband, (C.G.) to:

- Disseminate scientific knowledge on increasing agricultural yield by adopting simple and inexpensive techniques of cultivation.
- And to establish a diversity plot to promotion of traditional seed conservation, production, multiplication, storage and distribution.

Through Vasundhara centre, we promote ecological farming techniques to the farmers by organizing exposure visits, training and demonstration on ecological farming methods like SRI technique, line sowing method, mixed cropping, use of traditional seeds, organic manure and pesticides preparation like Jivamrit, Ghanjivamrit, Teenparni, Pachparni, Saptparni, Dasparni etc.



Activities:

- Collection, conservation, multiplication, storage and distribution of community based indigenous varieties seed among local farmers like paddy seeds, millets, pulses, vegetable seeds etc.
- Formation and strengthening capacity of seed savers to adopt modernised techniques for better conservation of local varieties of seed.
- Popularize the conservation and cultivation of community based indigenous varieties of seed among farmers groups through different models of demonstration.
- Distribution of IEC materials for spread awareness on source of nutrition in food of community based indigenous varieties of seeds.
- Organising workshop on conservation, cultivation community based indigenous variety of seed among farmers.
- Promote kitchen garden practices for vegetable farming amongst the farmers.



- Developing the potentialities of staffs and other beneficiaries through organising different

exposure visit and conducting different training programme on relevant issues.

- Conducting proper documentation of all process relating to conservation, collection, cultivation, multiplication, storage and distribution of community based indigenous varieties of seed.



International Women Day Celebration:

International Women Day Celebration: On 08th March 2023, International Women Day was celebrated in village Jatiatora from Chhura block from Gariaband district of C.G. by PRERAK and participation from the village community, stakeholders including the Sarpanch, PRI members, school teachers and village leaders.



The main theme of the program was on women empowerment and celebrating participation and contribution of women's in the management and protection of the forest which comes under their entitlement of Community Forest Rights region.

Organising Rally:

The International Women Day Celebration started with a rally in village Jatiatora with a banner, poster

and slogan in which the messages of women empowerment and their contributions were stated.



Messages by the Chief Guest of the program:

Mrs. Lokeshwari Dhruv, President of Janpad panchayat Chhura, Mrs. Keshari Dhruv (Member of District Panchayat, Gariaband), Mrs. Hemlata Dhruv. Mr. Piramal Patel village leader from village Jatiatora, Mr. Bhirsham Markam (Former Sarpanch of Barwamuda panchayat) and Mr. Ramgular Sinha (President of PRERAK) were the chief guests of the program.



During the program all the respected dignitaries have address the public gathering and recognised the contribution of womens from day to day life to their important contribution in the making of a good society. The members from the Janpad and District panchayats have informed about the important government schemes for the women and have given emphasised on the slogan of “Beti Bacho Beti Padhao” by the Government of India program. As the area comes under the forest region so special request were made to the public regarding the maintenance of protection of forest through afforestation, protection of forests from fires, strengthening of Community Forest Resource Rights Mangament Committee at the village level and the role of women in the sustainable use of forest produce and forest management.

Group dance performance by the school students:

Group dance competition was organised for the school children’s from village Jatiatora and nearby village. 4 groups have participated in this competition and have given performance on the cultural program. After the competition, the winner has been given gifts to motivate the participants.



Play activities for the women participants:

At last play activities for the local women participants have been organised in which spoon race and chair race was organised. All the participants have enjoyed the play activities. Gifts have been distributed to the winners of each games.



