

## **Progress in the MoEF SGP supported Projects**

This is kindly bringing to the notice of the Chair that *18 projects have been supported under the Scaling up Grants by MoEF GoI-GEF SGP from 2005- 2009.*

The year wise details of the projects sanctioned over the years and their delivery of grants is attached at Annexure I. In all **Rs 161.35 lacs were given as grants by MoEF GoI and a co financing of nearly Rs 837 lacs** have been raised jointly by the projects in the last 7/8 years.

Out of **18 projects supported 10 projects** have been recognized by National and International Institutions, Donors and National and State Governments for their works in

1. **Biodiversity Conservation;** inventory and documentation of Medicinal Tubers in (CENDECT, TN) with medicinal values, linking to conservation of species and medicines formulations; creation of Community Biodiversity Registers (CBRs) as the documentation of the resources and knowledge of local communities at the local, regional and national levels by the people themselves.

Establishment of community based seed Germplasm Banks; mass multiplication of crop varieties, Food Sovereignty through Women Leadership and Secure Agro Bio Diversity with establishment of self sustainability market based Farmers' Cooperative, (Lok Panchyat, Maharashtra and Sangata Sansthan, Chhattisgarh) medicinal plants and tubers; endemic varieties of seeds etc.

Establishment of tribal herbal bazaars, tribal herbal clinics; propagation of threatened species, medicinal plants, endemic horticulture fruits, (Jagriti, HP and Sambandh, Orissa); sustainable harvesting of forest produce and introduction of drudgery-reducing interventions and corresponding reduction in forest resource dependence.

Socialization and integration processes for the Pardhi (primitive tribes) families and mainstreaming them in protecting local biodiversity into the village community (Dalit Sangh, MP).

2. **Land degradation and increased land productivity;** establish community-based germplasm bank (live and seed material) of indigenous fodder species and their documentation in dry agro-climatic regions of Rayalseema in Andhra Pradesh (Animal Care land, AP). To conserve and improve the productivity of indigenous fodder species of the project site.  
Design, construction and management of water-harvesting structures, land-bundling, stone weirs etc in 17 villages by local communities. Total of nearly 5700 hectares brought under land development and better productivity through irrigation. Introduce cultivation of high valued cropping system, leading to additional incomes. Ensure people's participation in sharing costs, decisions and roles in leading to the structures. Implementation, of nearly 600 hectares of agricultural and community land in 3 villages in the Patar micro-watershed, of the soil and water conservation activities. (PHD Foundation and WOSCA)
3. **Climate Change and energy efficiency leading to increased adaptive capacities of the local tribal communities;** Processing of Coconut Husk for Employment Generation and check decay of coconuts through whetting. These facilities have

been developed through a society 'Vayalar Fibre Mills' with 672 Households (HHs) (Peekay Trees Foundation). This is to ensure the local availability of coconut fibre instead of depending for the same to outside supply sources. Nearly 26,000 HHs are involved in uninterrupted supply of 21,000 dried coconuts @ Rs 0.35 paisa per piece per day for de husking in the unit and 20 women and 2 men are directly getting employed. The average daily output of coir fibre from Vayalar Fibre Mills is around 1,200 kg. Other women linked through energy efficient, improved spinning wheels (235). Conserving the bio-diversity through energy conservation and reduce the fuel wood pressure by promoting biogas as means of cooking energy. Nearly 110 bio gas units promoted through (IBTADA, Rajasthan, SARVAGEEN Sansthan UP, Chattarsal Sansthan, Uttarakhand). Savings of 120 MTs of fuel wood saved every year since last 6 years. Reduction in carbon emission of 200 Mts from reduced use of wood plus additional savings of carbon from reduced use of dung cakes. The projects have created organic manure of high quality from biogas slurry that has led to improve the quality and productivity of land.

4. **Sustainable livelihoods and Natural Resources Conservation** of the beneficiaries enhanced; linking the projects agricultural produce with markets for better incomes; creating institutional business models as producer companies, opening marketing outlets as their shops etc; promoting Coconut-Based Agro-ecosystem and Efficient Product Utilization for Augmenting On-Farm Income, Improving Quality of Environment and Conserving Natural Resources (Peekay Trees Foundation, Lok Panchyat, Jagriti). Conserve the biodiversity, including the integrity and diversity of species and ecosystems in 13 GPs of Sadar and Ghatagoan blocks of Keonjhar district.(WOSCA, Orissa). To promote Sustainable use of biological resources through women SHGs, referring to the use of components of forest & agro based biological diversity without undermining the natural resource base by the protected areas (Samrakshan, MP).

These projects **10 have been conferred awards and leveraged large funds as co-financing;**

1. **WOSCA** (Orissa – **co financing Rs 210 lacs** from Nabard and Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Award; Best State Level NGO Award and community workers also recognised),
2. **JAGRITI** (Himachal Pradesh – **co financing Rs 50 Lacs** from DST, Communities, Banks and other sources and UNEP SEED Award, UNDP CO and EARTHDAY Network best NGO AWARD community workers also recognised),
3. **PHD Foundation** (Rajasthan – **co financing Rs 220 lacs** from Dabur, Rotary International, French Charities, Banks, Communities and various private sector Companies and BEST NGO Award from UNDP CO and CII community workers also recognised),
4. **Dalit Sangh** (Madhya Pradesh – **co financing Rs 12 lacs** from State Forest Deptt, MNERGA, DC Funds and Banks and Best NGO Award TWICE by State Government and community workers also recognised),
5. **Animal Care land** (Andhra Pradesh – **co financing Rs 70 lacs** from NABARD, Banks, Livestock Deptt, DC Office and Communities – Best Award by the State Animal Husbandry Deptt),

6. **IBTADA** (Rajasthan – **co financing of Rs 23 lacs** from NABARD, Banks, MNREGA, DC Funds, and communities – Best State Government Award and community workers also recognised),
7. **Chattarsal Sansthan** (Uttarakhand - **co financing of Rs 24 lacs** from Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT), DC Funds, Banks, DC Handicrafts, other donors, - Best Award from UNDP CO and EARTHDAY Network and community workers also recognised )
8. **Peekay Tree and Crops Foundation** (Kerala - **co financing of Rs 153 lacs** from State COIR Board, IGPRI, Malaysia, Banks, and communities community workers also recognised),
9. **Lok Panchayat** (Maharashtra - **co financing of Rs 29 lacs** from NABARD, Local Banks, Agriculture Deptt, Agriculture University, ICAR and communities – Best NGO State Government Award and community workers also recognised) and
10. **Sambandh** (Orissa - **co financing of Rs 26 lacs** from UNDP CO, GERMAN AGRO and MISEROR, NABARD, Agriculture Deptt, village communities and ASHOKA TRUST Best Entrepreneur Award – and Healers and Community workers also recognised).
11. **The other 8 projects have garnered nearly Rs 40 lacs as co financing.**

A total of **305 villages** (nearly **38,000 households (HHs) directly** and another **40,000 HHs indirectly** through kinship relations and uptake of technology adoption and being a part of the local institutions created; have been benefitted from the range of schemes and activities the projects have undertaken through these 18 projects.

In the 18 projects more than **290 women Self help Groups (SHGs)** have been formed, they have nearly **5200 as women members** who are linked to banks, are regularly meeting and taking decisions, making regular savings and having credit systems established. They have leveraged **banks loans nearly Rs 85 lacs** and the repayments are quite regularly made. These sustainable systems continue to encourage actions in projects.

More than **13500 informal / formal, kinship based, common trade based village meetings** have been held in all these projects in last 5 years; and a total of nearly **50,000 hours have been spent in community trust building** for actions and vision by the NGOs. **Nearly 66,000 hectares of land area addressed for better land productivity.**

**26 brochures and knowledge sharing materials** have been made on the projects and have been uploaded on the **GEF SGP website ([www.sgpindia.org](http://www.sgpindia.org))**. **More than 100 places the case studies have been shared by GEF/SGP and the partners nationally and Internationally workshops and trainings.**

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