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From the Desk of the Executive Director ..............

The state of Odisha is known for its poverty and impoverishment where about half of its population lives under the poverty line and in a state of impoverishment. The Govt. of the day is doing its best to address several issues concerning the poor and the marginalized. But still the results are yet to show at the ground level. As a responsible civil society organization Centre for Development Services (CDS) is working hard to supplement the Govt. effort by contributing its bit for betterment of the society.

The organization has come a long way since its establishment in the late 1990s. During the year 2014-15 it undertook several programmes and new partnerships were forged. CDS tried to undertake the programme in the un-served and under-served areas and took care to ensure that poor and marginalized are benefited out of the programmes of the organisation.

While implementing the programmes many organisations and people provided moral support to the organisation in implementing various programmes of the Organisation. Our supporters and donors reposed their faith on the organisation for which I am thankful to them. I am thankful to

District Water & Sanitation Mission (Angul), Indian Student Association of Iowa State University - Sankalp (USA), Fondazione L’Albero Della Vita Onlus (FADV- Italy), Nehru Yuva Kendra (Angul) for their assistance and support. Many charitable people provided their support for fulfilling the objectives of the organization. I am thankful to them. Last, but not least, the small staff of the organization deserves a special mention for without their active support it would not have been possible to achieve the spectacular results we were able to reach.

I expect that all these people and organization will continue to provide their support to the organization in the future also.

Er. M. K. Tripathy
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- A Brief Profile -

GENESIS OF THE ORGANISATION

Centre for Development Service (CDS) has come a long way since its establishment in the late 1990s by a group of people deeply concerned about widespread poverty in the district of Angul who wanted to work for the poor and the marginalized groups by pooling local resources together. It started as a small movement specifically aimed at addressing the local needs of the poor and the socio-economically backward section of the society. In the absence of resources, the organization focused on empowering people through awareness generation so that they could demand and exercise their just rights. Later these initiatives assumed formal shape and became more organized when the organization was registered under Society Registration Act, 1860 and FCRA.

LEGAL STATUS

- CDS is registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act of XXI) in the year 1998-99 with registration No. ANL 1604/75 at the district level & later registered at the state level in the year 2003-04 with valid registration No. 21586/21
- The organization is registered under the foreign contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 in the year 2003 with valid registration no. 104830124
- Registered u/s 12AA of income Tax 1961 bearing No. 117/2002-2003
- Registered u/s 80G of income Tax Act 1962 bearing No. 235 of 2009-10
- The organization has got permanent Account No. AAAAC1945R

The organization has a vibrant executive committee consisting of board members from social sciences, engineering, education background who play a supportive role. Our board has laid down the principles of democracy, equity and social justice as the guiding principles of the organization.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF CDS

CDS is a democratically governed institution which is based on democratic principles of equality and accountability. The General Body is the supreme decision-making body of the organisation which meets at least once a year and major policy decisions are taken at this forum. For day-to-day functioning of the organisation a Governing Body is elected by the General Body for a fixed term. Besides, the Governing Body also elects the various office bearers who are accountable
Executive Director is the Chief Functionary of the organisation who manages the affairs of the organisation in good faith in the best interest of the organisation. A broad outline of the organisation structure is given below.

**ORGANOGRAF OF CDS**

[Diagram of organisational structure]

**Vision Statement**

CDS environs a society which is based on an egalitarian principle in which the poorest of the poor is also assured the right to survival and a society in which all the people have access to equal opportunity without discrimination on grounds of caste, class, race, religion or region.

**Mission Statement**

To work for the empowerment of the people, especially the poor and marginalized so that they can undertake the development agenda on their own.

**OBJECTIVE OF THE ORGANISATION**

The detailed objectives are enumerated in the Memorandum of Association of the organisation. However some of the important objectives which are dear to the heart of CDS are –

(a) The main objective of the society is to carry out such activities in transferring appropriate technology in social, economic, educational, health, habitat and environment, agricultural and other allied fields for the development and welfare of people in general and more particularly for the rural masses in a sustainable manner.
(b) To take up developmental, research and extension programmes/projects so as to make best use of science and technology for the benefits of the society.

(c) To execute programmes for the protection and growth of environment and natural resources in particular.

(d) To provide guidance, aid and assistance to voluntary organization of the rural poor youth, women, handicapped, tribal people and other sections of the society specially for the backward and suffering humanity.

(e) To locate/identify appropriate technology for food, clothing, shelter, health and sanitation of people for their development through action, research, development and training.

(f) To prepare/execute plans for development of different area or to execute such plans sponsored by or on behalf of government, cooperatives statutory bodies, philanthropic organizations, foreign agencies, united nations organisation, industrial and commercial houses and other voluntary organisations.

(g) To establish, start run and manage educational and research institutions in various fields and faculties to conduct research work in social, economic, cultural, developmental and allied fields in a sustainable manner.

(h) To take up programmes/projects for up-liftment of women, children and other socially backward groups disadvantaged and disabled.

(i) To provide fellowships, awards, scholarships and to hold competitions.

(j) To publish books, booklets, pamphlets, resource materials like journals, magazines, periodicals, survey reports, research paper and souvenirs.

(k) To take up awareness campaigns on appropriate technology transfer among the target groups and other matters of general interest.

(l) To hold different seminars, symposia, meetings and discussions.

(m) To locate/identify and promote projects for upliftment of youth in the field of sports and cultural affairs.

(n) To execute programmes with low investment for providing employment to unemployed youth and helpless women.
STRATEGY

Our strategy is to empower the people and make them aware regarding their rights and duties so that they take care of the development process on their own.

STRENGTH

The real strength of the organization is the people and stakeholders who have extended their unqualified support to the organization in every respect.

CORE VALUES

- Honesty
- Thorough Professionalism
- Secular
- Gender-sensitive
- Sincere to the cause
- Committed to the values

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF OPERATION

The Geographical area of operation of the organization is throughout the state of Odisha. At present the organisation is working in Angul district along with Bhubaneswar in Khurda district & Pattamundai Block in Kendrapada district of Odisha.
CURRENT PRIORITY AREAS

The organization has outlined the following activities as its priority areas for the next couple of years

- Livelihood
- Health & Sanitation
- Education
- Environment
- Disaster Management
- Agriculture
- Women & Child Development
- Governance
- Capacity Building

TARGET GROUPS

- STs, SCs, OBCs
- Women and Children
- Small and Marginal Farmers
- PRI Representatives
- Grass-root level Institutions
- Poor & Marginalised
- Below Poverty Lines

HUMAN RESOURCES

CDS has a small but dedicated band of professionals who are implementing all the activities of the organisation efficiently. From time to time the staffs of the organisation are provided training both inside and outside the organisation to enable them to contribute more positively. At present the organisation has 34 no. of full time professionals. Besides that there are 12 paid volunteers who are also working for the organisation.

WE ARE PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH

- Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India
- BASAID, Switzerland
- District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM), Angul
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

CDS undertook several programmes during the year 2014-15. While implementing the programme care was taken to ensure that poor and marginalized were covered under the various programmes of the organisation. A brief profile of activities is given below.

1. Programme on Livelihood

CDS, an association of a group of committed and professional social workers, has been working in the field of integrated rural development. The focus of the organization is empowerment of poor and marginalized section of the society through intervention with active involvement of the community.
In course of its intervention SANKALP, USA has supported the organization to implement a project titled "Promotion of Agro-Horticultural Activities among Women Farmers for Livelihood Enhancement in Banarpal & Angul Block of Angul District in Odisha"

The project encouraged 100 women farmers to undertake agro-horticultural activities, especially vegetable cultivations and daily consumables fruits like banana (ripe and raw), drum sticks etc. as backyard products. With a little help and motivation, the target group can grow vegetables and fruits that will not only fulfill the needs of the family but will generate enough surpluses to earn some money for their families.

2. Community Based Environmental Governance

Geographical location of Odisha makes it one of the most ecologically diverse regions and it also happens to one of the most mineral rich places. Rich mineral deposits have invited high scale exploitative mining and rapid growth of mineral-based industries. The district of Angul happens to be one of the biggest hub of these mineral based industries which are also highly polluting degrading the environment rapidly. The operational area of Centre for Development Services (CDS) covers Angul district which is declared as critically polluted by Odisha State Pollution Control Board.

Poor and marginalised are hardly left with any choice in the environmental decision making process dominated by capitalist forces and consequences are a serious violation of human right to live and earn sustainable livelihood.

In this context a project was being implemented by CDS with the support of Keystone Foundation, Tamilnadu / (Netherland) in 4 select Gram Panchayats (lowest governance unit) of Angul district with focus on empowerment of the communities for protecting their basic rights to life and livelihood which is being increasingly threatened and adversely affected by a growing environmental degradation owing to unmindful industrial growth and absence of proper environmental governance.
3. Primary Education Programme

CDS is working on primary education since 2003. In order to provide quality education to the children belonging to the poor and the marginalized class the organization is running a public school from its own sources with help of the communities at Palasuni, village of Bhubaneswar.

More than 80 children from Pre-nursery to Class - V are provided quality education here through trained teachers and care givers. Extracurricular activities were also organized throughout the year.

4. Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin)

The organization was selected by district/state govt. authorities based on its previous working experiences on water & sanitation to provide its staffs on out sourcing basis for setting up block resource centres for implementation of Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin) in Angul district of Odisha.

Thus with the support from District Water & Sanitation Mission, Angul for setting up Block Resource Centres, 16 persons were employed by CDS on contractual basis as Block Coordinator & Cluster Coordinator respectively in all blocks of Angul district for implementing the Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin).

5. Disaster Risk Reduction Program

With financial and technical support from FADV, Italy CDS has been implementing a child focused disaster risk reduction project since 15th July 2014 with an objective to reduce the vulnerability of community and children in Pattamundai block under Kendrapada district of Odisha by improving preparedness and mitigation capacity of the school and community with their active participation.
Base line study has also been conducted in the project area. Village disaster management committees are formed in all 10 project villages of its operational area. More than 100 children have been identified to take the lead in child focused DRR project. Two Training programmes were organized for them on concept & terminology of DRR. Children clubs have been formed at the village level. HVCA exercise has been conducted in all the project villages. Small scale mitigation activities like renovation of tube-wells with raised platforms were executed for improvement in water and sanitation situation of the villages. Taskforce members have been chosen and training program for them on search & rescue, first aid, psychological first aid were organized at the multipurpose flood shelter of the project area by the state level skilled trainers.

Several initiatives are also under taken for benefit of the community which includes providing search and rescue equipment, organising farmer’s and scientist interaction for appropriate livelihood option, short term tailoring training program for women’s/ adolescent girls to generate earnings for their families etc.

School disaster management committees (SDMC) are also formed along with capacity building initiatives and training in two high schools. In addition to that small scale structural and nonstructural retrofitting activities like electrification, earth filling, approach road, repairing of furniture were undertaken in two high schools including work for improvement in water and sanitation situation.
6. Relief & response Program

Low pressure followed by heavy rainfall commenced from 3\textsuperscript{rd} August 2014 has resulted in release of water from the Hirakud dam. This combined with incessant rain in the catchment areas caused the floods in rivers Mahanadi, Bramhani, Baitarani and their tributaries affecting riverside districts, blocks and villages and its adjoining areas.

CDS responded to flood in Pattamundai Block of Kendrapada district of Odisha with financial support from FADV. The response project with specific target to children, pregnant and lactating women and other vulnerable groups has been completed in five villages of the area on 15th December 2014.

The response project has intervened in three result areas such as – Livelihood, food security and nutrition, Water sanitation and hygiene, Sports and recreational activities for children.

The project started in consultation with the village community management groups and collection of information about the target groups. Assessment of malnutrition has been conducted by nutrition consultant Dr. Mamata Pradhan. The children were provided Zincovit (multivitamin) and de-warming syrup. Awareness generation was made among target groups.
and stakeholders during the program. Target children under five years of age, lactating and pregnant women were also provided with nutrition supplement (Chattua) for about a month. To improve the access of vulnerable groups to nutritional foods, they were provided with seeds and seedlings. Cash for work are conducted in all response villages for development of village link roads under the project.

Apart from the above WASH awareness programme were also organized in all 5 affected project villages to change the attitude and practices of the community. Besides that general health checkup cum free medicine distribution camps were organized in 6 villages in collaboration with local PHC and free medicines were distributed to the flood affected people. Sports materials for
cricket match were distributed to the children of all 5 villages and a tournament was organized among them along with prize distribution to the winner and runners-up.

9. Training and Capacity Building

From time to time the organisation sends its professionals to various organisations and agencies to undergo training and capacity-building programmes. The members of the organisation attended the following seminars and workshops which helped them strengthening their inner-self to work more efficiently.

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10. Guests of the Year

The Organisation feels privileged to have received dignitaries and officials during the year who have taken time off their busy schedule and visited the organization / participated in different activities. In the course of their visit they have given many words of advice which have worked as elixir to achieve the goals and have determined us to work even harder. Names of them are described here under -

1. Dr. Debabrata Panigrahi, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Angul
2. Dr. A. K. Sahoo, Ex. Scientist, RRL, BBSR
3. Mr. Debnarayan Bej, FADV Regional Coordinator, Asia
4. Mr. Kishore Ch. Tarai, MLA, Pattamundai, Kendrapada
5. Mr. Sarat Ku Tripathy, Odisha State Coordinator, ICRISAT
6. Mr. Bikram Mohapatra, Program Manager, FADV
7. Dr. Kamal Lochan Mishra CGM, OSDMA
8. Ms. Kalika Mohapatra, Handicapped International
9. Mr. Predeep Kumar Mishra, Save the Children
10. Mr. Yudhistir Panigrahi, DRR Consultant, Unicef, BBSR
11. Mr. Meghanad Behera, UNDP, OSDMA
12. Mr. Pradeep Ku Mohanty, DRR Consultant, UNDP
13. Mr. Gourhari Nanda, Trainer Civil Defense & St. Jhon"s Ambulance
14. Dr. Chandramani Sahoo, Trainer Civil Defense & St. Jhon"s Ambulance
15. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Biswal, Chairman Panchayat Samiti, Pattamundai
16. Mr. Baijayant Bhattacharya, Finance & Administration, FADV Country Office, Kolkata
17. Mr. Biplab Chakrabarty, Program Manager, FADV

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