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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 2015-16 it undertook several programmes & tried to intervene in the un-served and under-served areas and took care to ensure that poor and marginalized are benefited out of these 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.

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 12AAof 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
to the General Body. 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.

**ORGANOGRAM OF CDS**

![Organogram of CDS](image)

**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
- Transparency & Accountability
- Skill Building

TARGET GROUPS

- STs, SCs, OBCs
- Women and Children
- Small and Marginal Farmers
- PRI Representatives
- WSHG Members
- 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. The organization 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
- State Social Welfare Advisory Board, BBSR, Odisha
- Indian Student Association of Iowa State University - SANKALP, USA
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India
- DFID, UK / PRIA, New Delhi
- DAP, Australian High Commission, New Delhi
- Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in South Asia Region (ANSA-SAR)
- Key Stone Foundation, Kothgiri, Tamilnadu / Netherland
- State Institute of Rural Development, BBSR/ DRDA, Angul
- Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Angul
- FondazioneL’Albero Della Vita Onlus (FADV- Italy)
- Nehru Yuva Kendra (Angul)
- Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

CDS undertook several programmes during the year 2015-16. 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

The project encouraged 100 women farmers to undertake agro-horticultural activities, especially vegetable cultivations and daily consumables fruits like papaya, banana (ripe and raw), and 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.

All the beneficiaries are provided with quality planting materials like hybrid seedling of papaya, drum-stick, and tissue culture of banana along with different kind of seeds like potato, tomato, onion, pumpkin, beans, green leaves (palang) etc.
To educate the women farmers on scientific and improved agricultural practices and increase the production and productivity of the land, CDS organised an exposure visit programme. The basic objective of this visit was development of skills and capacities of these women farmers as regards scientific and integrated agriculture.

In addition to the above to enhance food and nutritional security and income generation of the families of these women farmers covered under the project, CDS also arranged 70 Kg seeds of high yielding pigeonpea varieties (for example ICPL 14002) through the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Odisha state office, Bhubaneswar & distributed among them.

2. **Primary Education Programme**

**CDS** is working on primary education since the year 2003. In order to provide quality education to the children belonging to the poor and the marginalized class the organization is running a child education centre (CDS Public School) from its own sources with help of the communities at Palasuni, village of Bhubaneswar.

Every year 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.
3. National Environment Awareness Campaign

During the current year the organisation participated in NEAC 2014-15 on Combating Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought.

A workshop was organised at Prajna Jagruti Sikskha Niketan, Fulpada. The school authorities & teachers deliberated that they would try to educate the school children on mitigating land degradation although the same is not there in the school syllabus.

The Sarapanch of local Gram Panchayat raj institution participated in the programme & expressed in the meeting that she would take step to incorporate medicinal plantation programme in the agenda of Gram Panchayat and Panchayat Samiti.

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 centre 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 the blocks of Angul district for implementing the Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin).

5. Disaster Risk Reduction Program

CDS with financial and technical support from FADV has implemented a child focused disaster risk reduction project 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. The project intervention period was originally planned as 15th July 2014 to 31st December 2016, but unfortunately ended on 31st March 2016 due to withdrawal of funding support for the 3rd year.

Several activities were initiated under the project with focus on mobilizing the community and children and building the capacity of staffs as described here under –
After setting the field office and appointing the field staffs the project work was started with orientation on the program on child focused DRR. Individual household survey was conducted after village level meetings. Volunteers and staffs were provided 3 days training at state capital Bhubaneswar for 3 days for on ground implementation of the project. Base line report of the project area has been developed after conducting study and analysis with support of a consultant. Village disaster management committee (VDMC) are formed in all 10 project village. More than 100 children were indentified to take the lead in child focused DRR. Two training programmes were organized for them on concept & terminology of DRR. Children clubs had been formed at each village level. HVCA exercise were conducted in all 10 project villages & small scale mitigation activities like renovation of 1 open well and 12 tube-well with raised platforms were undertaken after identified by the community for improvement in water and sanitation situation of the villages.

Taskforce members were chosen and training program for them on search & rescue, first aid, psychological first aid, early warning & relief were organized at the multipurpose flood shelter of the project area located at Dandisahi within the project area by the state level skilled trainers from civil defense, UNDP & St.Jhon’s Ambulance. Refresher training programs were also organized as suggested by the villagers. Mock-drills were organized in each project village involving skilled state level trainers.

Community development works like providing search and rescue equipments to 9 project villages, organizing farmer’s and scientist interaction for appropriate livelihood option, short term tailoring training program for women, training of women SHG members on mushroom cultivation & making of incense sticks and candle were organized to generate earnings for their families, construction of a bathing ghat in one village to improve water and sanitation situation were also executed. Looking to the need for some of the project villages small scale mitigation works like development of a village link road in two villages, emergency repairing of roads in 3 villages & making a boat for another vulnerable village were also executed.

After getting permission from two school authorities, school disaster management committees (SDMC) are formed along with capacity building initiatives and training. In addition to that small scale structural and nonstructural retrofitting activities like electrification, earthling, approach road, repairing of furniture were undertaken in both the schools including work for improvement in water and sanitation situation. Training to task force members in both the schools were imparted by the state level skilled trainers from civil defense & St. John’s ambulance. Awareness programme on sanitation & hygiene, assessment & development of school safety plan were also organized.

In addition to that the girl’s high school which had a long open verandah having threat of any kind disaster was covered with construction of support wall and grillage with steel gate creating vast usage space. Finally this work has been completed with finishing touchup.

Wall paintings have been done on school walls with the message of the hardware & software activities conducted under the project in that particular school. Assets created at the village level
for community usage along with the search-rescue-first aid kits provided were kept in the project villages with custody of VDMCs.

School Task Force Training Program

Emergency Road Repair Works in Singhgaon & Pokharikula

Providing a Boat to Rouliadia village

Link Road Development in Jagannathpur
CDS integrated with the work of child focused DRR in 10 most vulnerable villages of Pattamundei block under Kendrapada district of Odisha. To start with the process of creating resilience to disaster CDS started the process of Village Disaster Management Plan with special attention and focus on children.

*Orientation on Mock Drill*

*School safety assessment & approval*  
*Awareness on wash & hygiene in School*
Development of community based disaster management plans were initiated with village committee formation, village task force selection and response planning after identification of disaster of each project village on Scheduled dates.
Fixing of Iron Gate & Grills at Maa Dhankhai Girl’s High School

To a step forward CDS succeeded in approving the village contingency plan in respective Gram Sabha so that some small scale and large scale mitigation issues can be addressed by Gram Panchayats.
Improving village water & sanitation

6. 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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7. 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 programmes. 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. (Prof) Narayan Chandra Sahu, HOD, Dept. of Odia, Utkal University, BBSR
2. Dr. Debasish Patra, Odia Lecturer, Rajdhani College, BBSR
3. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Biswal, Chairman, Pattamundai Block, Kendrapada
4. Mr. Baijayant Bhattacharya, Finance & Administration, FADV Country Office, Kolkata
5. Mr. Biplab Chakrabarty, Program Manager, FADV
6. Ms. Santosini Bhoi, Sarpanch, Fulpada GP, Angul
7. Mr. Mr. Meghanad Behera, DRR Consultant, UNDP, OSDMA
8. Mr. Pradeep Ku Mohanty, DRR Consultant, UNDP
9. Ms. Sangita Mallick, Consultant Wash & Hygiene , BBSR
10. Mr. Gourhari Nanda, Trainer Civil Defense & St. Jhon"s Ambulance
11. Dr. Chandramani Sahoo, Trainer St. Jhon"s Ambulance
12. Dr. Bikram Keshari Mohanty, Trainer St. Jhon"s Ambulance
13. Mr. Prasanna Ku. Mallick, OMDC, Kendrapada
14. Mr. Pramod Kumar Barik, OMDC, Kendrapada
15. Mr. Akshaya kumar Mohanty, BLISS, Kendrapada