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Koraput Farmers Association

Changing Lives of the Underserved

From the desk of President

Remaining small and yet impactful has been the strength of Koraput Farmers Association. This has been possible because of a committed team in place which drives the movement and hence sustains the activities. Irrespective of KFA's size and reach-out it has established itself as a credible organisation which gives immense satisfaction to the team. Perhaps, this credibility motivated a couple of philanthropic institutions to approach KFA for building collaboration. We are, therefore, hopeful of building new collaborations in the years to come.

We solicit suggestion and guidance from all quarters to make our work more impactful and sustainable.

Braja S. Mishra
President

From the desk of Secretary

It is indeed a great pleasure to realise that Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) has completed its twenty-two years journey in 2021- 2022 successfully. I present the Annual Report 2021-22 to reflect the yearlong activities of the organization so as to seek guidance and direction for venturing into new dimensions and accept emerging challenges.

Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) over the last decade has made all out efforts to establish itself as an organization committed towards welfare and empowerment of Small and Marginal Farmers, especially from Tribal and other marginalized communities. The organization has worked with multiple stakeholders: governmental agencies, private sector, media, international and national NGOs and multilateral organizations to create a platform for and an understanding towards this marginalized and voiceless section of the society. Taking impetus from its previous experience Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) this year articulated and highlighted issues of Small and Marginal Farmers at various forums and worked with them closely to ameliorate their socio-economic conditions.

Our major activities have been strengthening the capacity of Small and Marginal Farmers on adopting new and improved technologies/methods and sustainable farming ; organising Millet Mandi (*Mandia Mandi*) at strategic locations to ensure that farmers bring their produce with minimum or no logistical hassles and get minimum support prices (MSP); and working with weaver communities of Kotpad for enhancing their capacities to bring improvements and innovations in designs of the garments and linking to better value chains.

Besides, we created a massive data base about the details of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) - Digitization of SHGs with 4500 SHGs covering seven Blocks of Koraput District. The project was known as E-Shakti and supported by NABARD. This assignment provided us a unique opportunity connecting with large number of women of 167 villages, their collectives, their existing status and the challenges they face.

The Board and Staff members participated in various training and capacity development programmes conducted at state and national levels. We continue to focus on developing our own capacities so as to deliver efficiently and effectively for impacting the lives of marginalised.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the institutions (Govt, Non-Govt , Academic/Research and Community Based entities) well-wishers, and friends who have been supporting and guiding us in our endeavour.

Sarat Kumar Patnaik
Secretary

About Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA)

Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) came into being in the year 1999 and was incorporated under Societies Registration Act in the year 2000-2001. Koraput is naturally well-endowed district in southern Odisha. The district is considered most backward with low development index with majority of indigenous tribal population. Born with a purpose to be a voice for the farmers and advocating their rights, helping them leverage the Government schemes and improving their childhood, KFA has come a long way in its two decades of journey. Besides working with farmers, KFA is actively working in the cross sectoral programmes. KFA is working with children in the field of elementary education and their rights and livelihood enhancement of persons with Disabilities (PwD). It has partnered with government, Academic/research institutions, non-government organizations, international non-government organizations and international research institutions at different points of time. It worked relentlessly to bring in new technology and innovation to the ground level to improve productivity, market access and livelihood enhancement for the community. KFA strongly believes that it can only work as a catalyst where people have to take the responsibility of their own development

Our Vision

"We would like to see the vulnerable and underserved communities live with dignity and in a self-reliant way, where they can assert their rights, entitlement and efficiently participate in overall growth and development of society"

Our Mission

"To work closely with vulnerable groups like tribal and dalit in general and women,youth and children in particular so that they steer the process of development through sustainable use of natural resource base by using their traditional knowledge and better use of innovative scientific practices, enhancing their livelihoods and asserting their rights and entitlements"

Our on-going Programmes

"Sustainable Intensification of Potato for Achieving Self-Sufficiency in Odisha"

Koraput Farmers' Association in partnership with International Potato Centre (CIP) piloted the kharif potato cultivation in 50 acres in 2 blocks namely Koraput and Semiliguda in the year 2020. Looking into the success in the year 2021 horticulture department and International Potato Centre (CIP) came with a scheme to increase the coverage from 50 acre to 1000 acres. KFA played the role of a facilitator in the district for successful implementation of potato promotion programme.

Now kharif potato is increasingly becoming an important cash crop for the tribal farmers of Koraput. Needless to mention that potato is normally grown during the Rabi season in all over the state, however only in Koraput the kharif potato is being cultivated due to which the produce finds immediate market in the state and neighbouring regions where fresh potatoes are not available at that time. Thus, it is a profitable crop for the farmers of Koraput district.

Though the productivity is 7/8 tonnes per acre which is far below the national average 17/18 tonnes per acre, still the small and marginal farmers of the district prefer to go for it because the cost of the fresh potato during October and November is reasonably high at Rs. 25-30 per kg. We are happy to mention here that an experiment started with 50 acres has scaled up to 1500 acres covering 5-6 blocks in two years' time. The Agriculture and Farmer Empowerment department has a target of 2500 acres in the year 2023-24.

The farmers have been cultivating horticultural crops like ginger, sweet potato, tapioca, yam etc. quite for some time. But there is a huge scope of cultivating kharif potato in the district. We are grateful to International Potato Centre (CIP) for all the technical and knowledge support. We are now working towards experimenting the cultivation of resilient variety of potato in the district. The district of Koraput being located amidst the Eastern Ghat range, is bestowed with thriving forest biodiversity and crop genetic resources. People residing in the vicinity largely depend on the forest products, Agriculture and Horticulture crops for food, fodder, and fiber. The red laterite soil and climate of Koraput have been found suitable for promotion of potato cultivation both during the Kharif and Rabi seasons.

E-Shakti Digitization of SHGs.

Koraput Farmers' Association in partnership with NABARD is implementing the project called E-Shakti "Digitization of SHGs" in seven blocks of Koraput district namely Lamtaput, Boipariguda, Kundra, Kotpad, Boriguma, Jeypore and Narayanpatna. There are 167 female animators working closely with the SHGs as well as the individual members of SHGs for collecting data on various aspects of SHGs as institutions. They are facilitating the whole process of digitisation of 4500 SHGs and more than 45000 SHG members.

The unique part of the E-Shakti project is 'one-click' availability of the social and financial information of the Self Help Groups maintaining Saving Bank accounts with the banks. The

project has a dedicated website <https://eshakti.nabard.org>, in which information of the SHGs is uploaded monthly through an 'App', loaded on android based Mobile by the animators. The whole ecosystem is designed to capture all types of financial transactions and non-financial operations like meeting, decisions etc. at SHG level and store the same in digital form on E-Shakti portal. The data authenticity and transparency are ensured through sample audits by NABARD deputed officials. SMS alerts are sent to members on their savings and loan outstanding. MIS reports on groups are generated and progress are being tracked.

Some of the salient features of E-Shakti:

- a) Credit history of SHG members
- b) E-book keeping of financial transactions and non-financial operations
- c) Transparency on working of SHGs
- d) SMS alerts to all SHG members on transactions
- e) Generation of monthly balance sheets for each SHG
- f) Dynamic grading of SHGs
- g) System generated Loan Applications for the bankers
- h) Credit history of SHG members
- i) SHG Savings reports
- j) Branch wise list of non-credit linked SHGs
- k) Standardization of reports based on the requirements of Banks and other agencies

The process is being successfully implemented and reported to the Banks for grading of SHGs by clicking the E-shakti portal and finalize for credit linkages. Now there is no need to ask the SHGs to produce so many credentials for getting credit linkage.

Odisha Millet Mission

This is the 5th year of successful implementation Odisha Millets Mission by Koraput Farmers Association (KFA) in Koraput Block of Koraput district in partnership with Project Director, Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA). Thrust has been given on production and productivity in the first phase of the project tenure through applying scientific agronomic practices. In the 2nd phase thrust has been given on maintaining the FAQ and sells their produce through MANDIs with the Minimum Support Price fixed by the government of Odisha. Now it is the turn wherein we are working on making millet as an integral part of local food system and expanding the same to other parts of the state and country through promotional activities.

Objectives of the programme:

- ☞ Increase the household consumption by setting up decentralized processing units at panchayat and block levels.
- ☞ Improving productivity through adoption of improved agronomic practices

- ☞ Increased availability of millet seeds through community managed/community owned seed centres with focus on local varieties.
- ☞ Strengthening of farmer's cooperatives/Farmer Producer Organizations for better marketing
- ☞ Inclusion of millets in state nutrition programmes and the PDS.

This year the whole team of KFA worked on strengthening the community managed custom hiring centres, and seed centres with focus on local varieties in four locations of Koraput Block namely Panasput, Basuput, Manabar and Umuri. The women SHG members are taking all the responsibilities of managing the custom hiring centres and community managed seed centres. The followings are the sub-activities conducted in this year in addition to the regular agricultural activities.

Farmer's Involvement Abstract (for the year 2021-22)

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	No / Units / Rs.
01.	Total GPs Covered	12 out of 14
02.	Total Villages Covered	82 out of 123
03.	Total Farmers enlisted	1501
04.	Total cultivation land covered	775.9 Hectares
05.	Under Methodology (SMI)	515.3 Hectares
06.	Under Methodology (LT)	260.6 Hectares
07.	Farmers got incentives under OMM Programme	Rs. 17,27,750
08.	Incentives for adopting SMI Methodology	Rs. 13,33,150
09.	Incentives for adopting LT Methodology	Rs. 3,94,600
10.	Farmers registrations made for sale of their produces(Ragi) at Mondis at Koraput Block	1555
11.	No of Farmers sold their produces at Mondis	488
12.	No of quintals being sold by farmers at Mondis	6896 quintals
13.	Farmers benefitted from their selling produces from Mondis	Rs. 2,32,87,792

Strengthening of Custom Hiring Centre

Custom hiring centre is a centre where all the agriculture equipment (farm mechanisation) put together under one umbrella and given on hire to individual farmers and group farming and the responsibility of managing it has been given to one active SHG as per the decision of the other stakeholders of the locality. The individual farmers or group of farmers hire the services by paying a service charge, which is much below the market rate. The fund collected under service charges are kept in the bank account of the SHG, which in turn is used as expenses towards maintenance/upkeep of the machineries and adding new machineries. Farm mechanisation has substantially reduced the drudgery of the farmers, especially women and has helped in increasing productivity.

Community Managed Seed Centres

The community managed seed centres have been established with an intent to preserve the local varieties of millet seeds which are traditionally cultivated by the farmers. These traditional seeds are getting vanished because of external seed distribution through various schemes. The SHG which is managing the seed centre is responsible of gathering the traditional old variety of seeds and preserve them safely in the seed centres. When other farmers desire to multiply these seed they can take from the centre and after harvesting they need give back the double quantity so as to strengthen the seed bank as well as help the farmers- the regenerative varieties can be multiplied and kept in the centre for future use by the farmers.

Organization of millet-based food festivals

To educate people about the nutritional values of millets and popularise them among people in urban areas, KFA organized the millet based food festivals in four different locations of Koraput town. The food items prepared by SHG members were distributed free of cost to the people. Biscuits, Cakes, Mixture, Kheer Mix, Soup made from Finger and little millets are getting popularized among the people particularly in urban areas. Demand for these items have been increasing day by day. We are looking forward to develop the enterprising skills of SHG members to prepare and market the products.

Grassroot level training program (GRLTP)

With the support of NABARD, we conducted two grass root level training programs for women SHG members. The GRLTP program aims to create financial literacy and government schemes available for the women and other members of rural areas. The first GRLTP program was organized on 8th January 2021 in Semelaguda Village of Borigumma Block and the second program was organized 12th March 2022 in Mohadeiput village of Koraput block. The meetings were attended by DDM, NABARD and Manager Lead Bank, State Bank of India, Koraput. In addition to this the line department officials also attended as resource persons and oriented the participants on various schemes of government for SHG members as well as individual members of community particularly in rural areas. A total of 197 SHG members and women members participated in the training programs.

SFURTI (Millet Cluster)

Deomali Millet Cluster is one of the potential cluster projects which was proposed to be developed under the SFURTI scheme of MSME, Govt. of India. This cluster covers 89 villages under Pottangi, Similigua and Nandapur blocks of Koraput district. The detailed project report was prepared by technical agency KIIT Technology Business Incubator (KIIT- TBI) with necessary guidance. The project got due approval from the Govt of India in their 39th Meeting of SSC of SFURTI-28.05.2021.

Value added products from millets like millet soup, cookies, brownies, macrons, cupcake, millet kheer and flour will be prepared and marketed through this project. It will fetch extra share of revenue from the value chain and enhance farmers' income significantly. The raw material will be sourced by SPV (company set up to undertake the business) from the farmers' collectives. The value added products will be directly supplied to the value chains including through e-commerce platforms (Indiamart, Nutrex.com etc). Tie up has been made with marketing agency H2M Beverages who are already in the marketing of millet products. Forums like Asia Food Tech, AAHAR- International Food and Hospitality Fair, New Delhi, Panacea Natural Products Expo Limited, Mumbai, Health, Food and FMCG Products Expo, Chennai and SGCCI Food & Agri-tech, Surat will be roped in to promote marketing.

The tender process for civil construction has been completed and the work is in progress to set up the processing enterprise. We are expecting the construction to be completed within March-2023 and production to commence around Sept-Oct.

Awareness Campaign through MandiaRatha

A series of awareness campaigns were conducted in this year to make the community understand the processes of farmer registration in the M-Pass portal, how to maintain the FAQ standards for selling in the Mandis. We also make the community understand the MSP prices fixed by the government time to time. The awareness campaigns were conducted through a designed vehicle which moved every nook and corner of the Block and distributed hand-outs, public address systems etc.

Facilitation of Ragi Mandi

Koraput Farmers' Association has facilitated ragi mandis in Koraput Block. This year we have conducted ragi mandi in four locations, Padmapur, Suku, Mohadeiput and Umuri. A total of **6896** quintals sold by the farmers at MSP cost Rs. 33.77 per KG. About 500 farmers of Koraput block sold their produces in the mandis. An amount of Rs. 2,32,87,792/- has been disbursed to farmers bank accounts by TDCC.

Ease of selling millet at MSP has encouraged farmers to go for finger millet cultivation as well as expanding the area of cultivation. The team members of Koraput Farmers' Association along with the directors and staff members of Gupteswar Farmers' Producer Company are putting all out efforts to make the mandis successful.

NABARD POPI

Koraput Farmers' Association in partnership with NABARD and Odisha Millet Mission, are continuously striving to strengthen the farmer producer company called 'Gupteswar Farmers' Producer Company Ltd'. The entity was registered under companies Act. in the year 2015-16. At present the company has a turnover of Rs. 25,00,000/- (Twenty-Five Lakh) and doing business of Little Millet, Finger Millet and Cashew-nuts etc. it is also facilitating the seed supply of Kharif Potato to the farmers of the region. It has a plan to do business of millet-based food products.

Our Intervention on Covid-19 Pandemic (2nd wave)

We had to face new challenges and learn valuable lessons during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. We overcame the obstacles and gained strength. With our timely interventions, however, we could touch the lives of thousands of people in the district of Koraput (Operational Areas). We mobilized support from mostly the individual donors and Samaritans.

Besides, our staff members worked hand in hand with government departments for COVID vaccination and the delivery of critical medical equipment and others such as oxygen concentrators, Oximeters, Sanitizer, Mask etc. We came in contact with many agencies that were keen to support during the pandemic in the form of medical equipment and ration kits to the families in need. Our volunteers played an important role in maintaining the social distances during PDS distribution.

In urban areas also we supplied cooked food packets to the beggars and other socially excluded families for more than 40 days.

Our Board Members

Dr.Braja Sundar Mishra (President): A doctorate in Development Studies, an accomplished development professional and leader with 27 years of PAN India work experience with diversified sectors such as Education, Livelihood, and others in various capacities in different organizations – Govt. of India, NGO, INGO, Corporate and academic institutions.

Ms. Geeta Pradhan (Vice President): About 15 years of field level experiences working with women specifically from Tribal, vulnerable, and marginal communities. Having good leadership and communication skills.

Mr. Sarat Kumar Patnaik (Secretary): A post Graduate with 20 years of experiences in development sector worked with various international and national agencies as a consultant like UNICEF, 'Save the Children' & Govt. of Odisha.

Mrs. Dutika Nayak (Joint Secretary): Having National exposure on various agricultural activities and received awards and appreciations from National and State level Government and Non- government Agencies as a leading women farmer of Koraput District.

Mr. Satya Narayan Choudhury (Treasure): About 20 years of experiences in Production and marketing of Agriculture and Horticultural produces. Has working experience of value addition in Agricultural products.

Mr. Bidyadhar Choudhury (Executive Member): A mass communication professional with 30 years of experiences in various sectors having Mass Communication background and right now working for a leading newspaper 'The Indian Express'.

Ms. Dhanmati Mali (Executive Member): A leading women farmer having experiences of both production and marketing of Agriculture & Horticulture produces.

KORAPUT FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

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CONSOLIDATED RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2022

RECEIPT	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs	PAYMENT	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs
To Opening Balance			By Programme Facilitation Cost		
Cash in Hand	5,485.00		General Programme Expenses	79,250.00	
Cash at Bank	13,69,573.00	13,75,058.00	OMM Programme Expenses	12,43,955.00	
			E Shakti Programme Expenses	99,19,049.00	1,12,42,254.00
To Grant in Aid			By Administrative Expenses		
PD, ATMA, Koraput	7,10,550.00		General Programme	34,747.00	
NABARD/GRLTP	14,500.00		OMM Programme	1,36,445.00	
NABARD/POPI	80,000.00		E Shakti Programme	7,20,546.00	
BDO, Lamtaput	54,000.00		Sfuri Programme	344.00	8,92,082.00
RO, NABARD	1,15,83,135.00				
NI-MSME, GoI	11,25,000.00	1,35,67,185.00	By Fixed Assets		
To Bank Interest		67,694.00	Furniture	6,500.00	
To Donation		2,31,300.00	Motor Cycle (Glamour)	96,635.00	1,03,135.00
To Tender Fees		10,500.00			
			By Salary Advance	10,000.00	
			By GRLTP Prog. Advance	15,000.00	25,000.00
			By Closing Balance		
			Cash in Hand	5,485.00	
			Cash at Bank	29,83,781.00	29,89,266.00
		1,52,51,737.00			1,52,51,737.00

Place : Rayagada
Date : 15.09.2022

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2022

RECEIPT	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs	PAYMENT	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs
To Programme Facilitation Cost			By Grant in Aid		
General Programme Expa	79,250.00		PD, ATMA, Koraput	17,10,550.00	
OMM Programme Expan	12,43,955.00		NABARD/GRLTP	14,500.00	
E Shakti Programme Exp	99,19,049.00	1,12,42,254.00	NABARD/POPI	80,000.00	
			BDO, Lamtaput	54,000.00	
To Administrative Expenses			RO, NABARD	1,15,83,135.00	1,34,42,185.00
General Programme	34,747.00				
OMM Programme	1,36,445.00		By Bank Interest		67,694.00
E Shakti Programme	7,20,546.00		By Donation		2,31,300.00
Sfurti Programme	344.00	8,92,082.00	By Tender Fees		10,500.00
To Depreciation		44,787.00			
To Net Surplus		15,72,556.00			
		1,37,51,679.00			1,37,51,679.00

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Consolidated Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2022

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Capital Fund			Fixed Assets		
Opening Balance	4,25,578.00		(As per Schedule)		3,22,666.00
Add: Net Surplus	15,72,556.00	19,98,134.00			
Current Liabilities			Current Assets, Loans & Advances		
Temporary Loan	2,04,198.00		Security with Telephone	2,000.00	
Audit Fees	5,000.00		Adv to Deepamali Krushak Sangh	1,000.00	
Advance from Party	10,000.00	2,19,198.00	House Rent Security	2,400.00	
			Salary Advance	10,000.00	
To Advance from SFURTI Prog		11,25,000.00	GRLTP Prog. Advance	15,000.00	30,400.00
			Closing Balance		
			Cash in Hand	5,485.00	
			Cash at Bank	29,83,781.00	29,89,266.00
		<u>33,42,332.00</u>		-	<u>33,42,332.00</u>

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