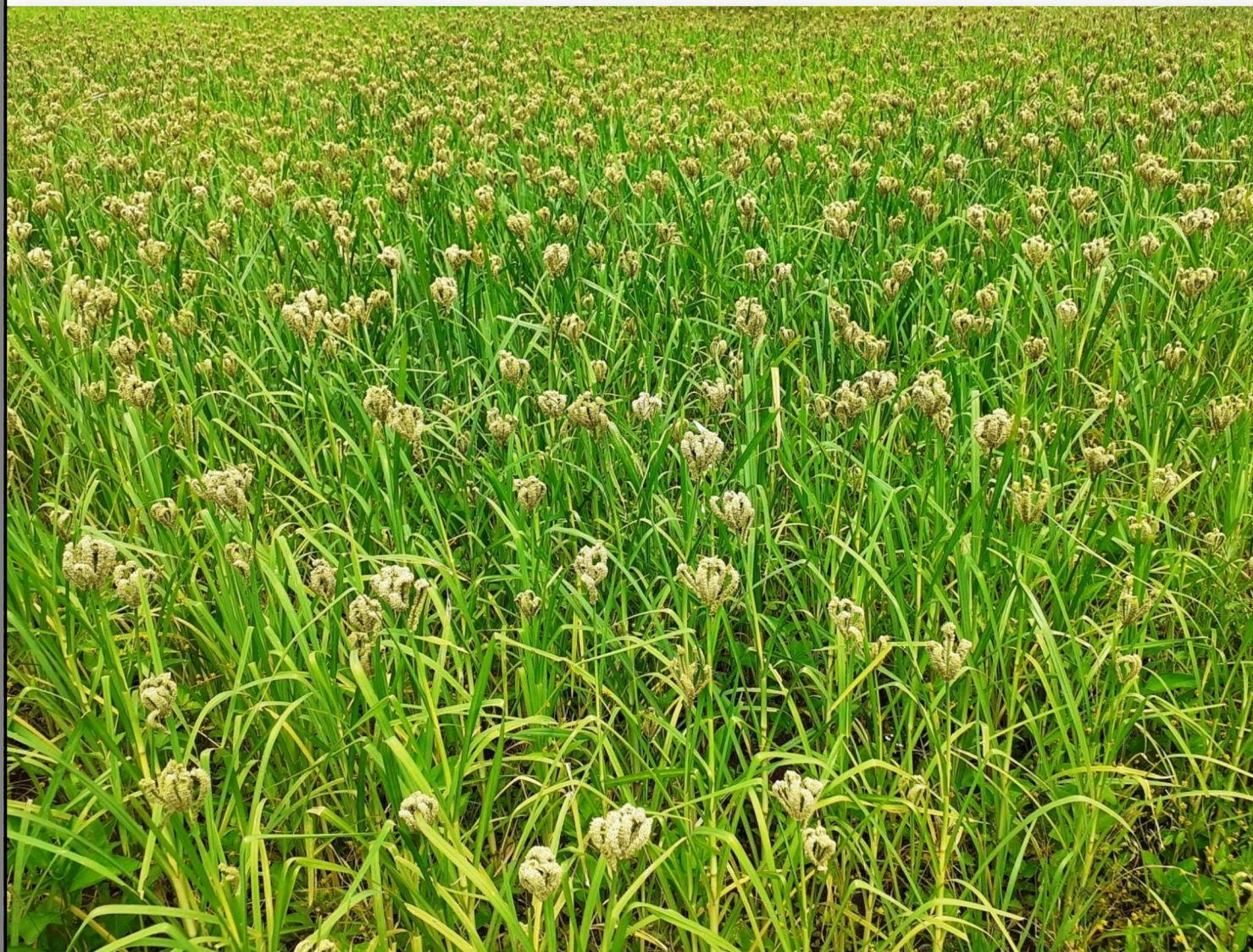


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Preface



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Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) was started its journey in 2000 as an organization to address the overall development needs of the people of Koraput, particularly the socio-economically excluded people such as the STs and the women. The initial journey was based on addressing the various challenges and issues of the farming community which later on expanded to focus on weaker sections of the society particularly the tribals, women and children. In the recent period, the organization has been focused on the issues of disables while implementing various programmes for them. Since its inception, KFA has become pioneer in organizing various activities in Koraput district of Odisha.

The annual report highlights the major achievements of the Koraput Farmers' Association for the financial year 2018-19. This report summarizes the major components of our programs being carried out during this period. The report presents the synoptic glimpse of the technical, managerial and the financial support being provided by KFA to bring cheers in the life and livelihoods of the marginalized communities before whom the requirements are many, but the resources and the means to access and control over those resources are limited. Particularly, we have focused our achievements in the form of qualitative data, while focusing on strategies as well as bottlenecks associated with such activities.

However, our efforts also encountered certain challenges which are internal as well as external in nature. Particularly, challenges with regard to promoting sustainable marketing facilities for the farmers, establishing transparency and accountability within the functioning of the self-governing institutions and bringing parity among the various section of people, are more or less hampered the overall achievements.

On behalf of KFA family, I convey my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been associated with our development efforts. Also, our thanks are due to our funding partners, staff members and well-wishers, whose regular support, critical feedbacks and encouragement have motivated us to achieve the desired goal. My special thanks to the vulnerable and marginalized communities of the operational area for giving us an opportunity to work for them and to be an integral part of their life struggle.

**Sarat Kumar Patnaik**  
**Secretary**

## BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION:

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Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) was established in the year 2000- 2001 with an aim to bring a qualitative change in the socio-economic conditions of the marginalized communities of Koraput district in the state of Odisha. It has been focusing its interventions for providing a sustainable livelihood options for the farming community with an emphasis on tribal and the rural poor. Apart from livelihood activities, the association works on education and health issues affecting people. Besides, since 2009, it has been facilitating the community based rehabilitation (CBR) works for the persons with disabilities. The major strategy of the organization is to organize and empower the community and work for a sustainable solution through collective action. The association has been able to establish linkages with various Govt. and non-Govt. agencies to transmit the viable policies, information to the beneficiaries to improve their stake in the development paradigm.

## VISION

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"We will see a Koraput where the vulnerable and marginalized communities live in a healthy and self-reliant society. People exercise their rights without fear and favor and live with dignity without exploitation and discrimination."

## JOURNEY SINCE INCEPTION...

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During the initial years i.e. in 2001-2002, KFA started working with the small & marginal farmers to give them a meaningful support so as to bring a qualitative change in Socio-Economic conditions in 6 villages under Umuri & Manabar Panchayats of Koraput Block.

- In 2003, KFA expanded its interventions to 2 more G.P.s of Semiliguda block namely Pakjhola & Daleiguda, with the support of World Food Program (WFP) & SPICES BOARD, Koraput. Add to this, thrust was given for preparation of organic manure and pesticides to reduce the cost of cultivation.
- In 2004 – 2005, KFA worked on promoting people's institutions like Farmer interested groups & women interested groups at village and Federations & Farmers' Cooperatives at Panchayat levels.
- In the year 2006 & 2007 KFA started working in 6 Panchayats of Lamtaput Block, with the support of Japan Bank for International Cooperation. In addition to the livelihood and sustainable agricultural activities KFA also started working on strengthening primary education and health facilities in its intervention areas.
- Again, since 2009, the Association has been facilitating CBR for the dignified and meaningful living of the persons with disabilities (PWDs).

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- In beginning of 2011 KFA started working with CWS on “PRI's good governance and social justice” in 2 more GPs of Lamtaput Block namely Tikarpada and Kumargandhana.
- In 2012-13, KFA has assessed the production and productivity achieved through implementing THE “INSIMP” programme block wise in a total of 9 blocks, out of the total 14 blocks of Koraput District.
- In 2014, the project “Sustainable Micro-Hydro through Energizing Rural Enterprises and Livelihoods” (SMRE) started in association of “Practical Action (India)” with an aims and objectives of the ‘Micro Hydro Project’ is “to cater the energy needs of the local community by generating electricity and will be utilized both for livelihood, through energy based enterprises & lightening the households” in the out-reach areas like Badamanjari of Semiliguda Block and Bonjangi of Paderu Sub-division of Andhra Pradesh.
- In the year, 2015-16, KFA involved in Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) programme sponsored by Odisha Government as well as in partnership with District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) started working towards accomplishing the objectives of the programme in 2 blocks namely Semiliguda & Nandapur of Koraput District. Simultaneously, KFA had developed an innovative market system using Participatory Market System Development (PMSD) approach which emphasizes on stakeholders’ participation, systems thinking, and facilitation under SMRE project.
- In the year 2016-17, KFA started working for the promotion of entrepreneurship programme under SMRE project where KFA facilitated to make the people of Badamanjari understand the impact of entrepreneurship on the development of community as a whole.
- In the the year 2017-18, KFA actively associated in “Swatchha Bharat Mission”, National Institution for Empowerment of Person with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) Programme, Capacity Building Programmes of PRI members and also associated with Centre for Environment & Education programmes.
- In the year 2018-19, KFA has been involved in “Special Programme in Promotion of Millets in Tribal Areas in Odisha” with the partnership of Govt. of Odisha. It is also being actively involved in the flagship programmes like “Swatchha Bharat Mission” and “Social Audit’ programmes of MGNREGA.
- At present, KFA’s project area comprises of 197 villages of 24 G.P. s in Lamataput, Semiliguda & Koraput Block of Koraput district.

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### **ORGANIZATION PROFILE:**

Registered Under	<b>Registration Number</b>
Societies Registration Act-1860	<b>Kpt/ 3100-100 /2000-2001</b>
Fcra Registration Act 1976	<b>104960075</b>
Income Tax Act Of 1961 U/S 12a	<b>149/07-08/2008-09/2746-48</b>
Income Tax Act Of 1961 U/S 80g	<b>153/07-08/2008-09/2749-52</b>
Income Tax Act 1961	<b>Pan No.: AAAAK4386N</b>
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<b>About The Project Area &amp; The Partner Communities:</b>	
Block	Lamataput, Semiliguda & Koraput
G.P.	(24) 10 In Koraput, 10 In Lamtaput & 4 In Semiliguda Block.
No. Of Villages	197, (Revenue Village: 147, Hamlets: 50)
Total Population Covered	1,26,452 (Male:61,980,Female:58137, Children:6000, Persons With Disabilities:335
Partner Communities	Tribals: (Paroja, Kandha, Gadaba,) Dalits: (Dambo, Harijan) Obc: (Mali, Rana,) Women Children Persons With Disabilities (PwDs)

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### Special Programmes for Promotion of Millets in Tribal Areas in Odisha

Government of Odisha is implementing the Odisha Millets Mission (OMM) programme in 14 districts covering 72 blocks with objectives like

- Increasing household consumption of millets by about 25% to enhance household nutrition security and to create demand for millets with focus on women and children
- Promoting millet processing enterprises at Gram Panchayats and Block level to ease processing at household and for value added markets
- Improving productivity of millets crop systems and make them profitable
- Developing millet enterprises and establishing market linkages to rural/urban markets with focus on women entrepreneurs
- Inclusion of millets in State Nutrition Programs and public distribution system.



The programme is of 5 years term & designed with Block as a programme unit, KFA has taken over the responsibilities to fulfill the objectives of the Mission and deliver the services to the target community in Koraput Block of Koraput District.

In this context, a Community Based Organization (CBO) was formed in facilitation of KFA, called “Maa Thakurani Self-Help Group” of Umuri GP of Koraput Block was being selected to render its services for the target community of the Block towards fulfilling the objectives of the mission and proper implementation of the programme at the sub block level.

In association of concerned CBO and other partners like Nabaghana Choudhury Development Society (NCDS), WASSAN, ATMA and Odisha Government KFA carried forward the steps of proper implementation of the programme specifically in Koraput Block by adopting various strategy and methodology



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### INTRODUCTION & ADOPTION OF SMI, LINE TRANSPLANTATION & LINE SOWING:



For the implementation of the programme, scientifically experienced methodology the System Millet Intensification (SMI) was being introduced by KFA among of the farmers of Koraput block. A survey was done to identify the millet farmers of Koraput block. Awareness programmes conducted, capacity building activities conducted to empower the target community, campaigns mode of strategy were taken to spread the methodology of SMI, Line Transplantation and Line

Sowing as agronomic practices.

For these agronomic practices (methodologies like SMI, LT & LS), Government of Odisha also declared incentives through Direct Bank Transfer (DBT) to encourage the farmers

### Challenges:

Though Govt. of Odisha declared the incentives for adopting the methodologies but initially the farmers were very reluctant to adopt the practices as they were very much familiar with traditional board-casting practices. SMI or Line transplanting or Line sowing was not at all a regular practice of farmers in the villages of Koraput block, KFA had conducted regular awareness meetings with the farmers to motivate them to go for SMI, line transplanting and line sowing, and it was a very big challenge before us to motivate the beneficiary farmers.

In the year 2018-19, Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) initiated & achieved in this context, as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Units
1	Name of the Block	Koraput
2	No of Gram Panchayats (GPs) Selected	6 (Mastiput, Mahadeiput, Umuri, Manabar, Padampur & Lankaput)
3	No of village identified as a part of the programme	36
4	No. of farmers identified	586



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5	No. of farmers adopted the methodology of SMI, LT & LS	386
6	No of farmers got the incentives for adopting the methodologies	386

### Activities relating to Swatchha Bharat Abhiyan



KFA in partnership with District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) started working towards accomplishing the objectives of the programme in 2 blocks namely Semiliguda & Nandapur of Koraput District. We have appointed 2 block coordinators and 2 Cluster coordinators to work closely with the line departments and block functionaries. The thrust has been given in creating awareness on the drawbacks of open defecation and promotion of latrine use for this;

the ground staffs of KFA are putting

all their effort for proper sanitation use. The mission will aim at changing people's attitudes, mind-sets and behaviors.

To keep villages clean, solid and liquid waste management will be ensured through gram through gram panchayats.

We are working towards achieving the water pipelines in all villages, ensuring water supply to all households by the end of year 2019.

### Social Audit on MGNREGA

In the year 2018-19, KFA has conducted 4 nos. of Social Audit programme at Lamtaput & Nandapur Block. Specifically on MGNREGS the Social Audit programmes were done with the facilitation of KFA and its members. Social Audit is the examination and assessment of a programme/scheme conducted with the active involvement of people and comparing official records with actual ground realities which is a powerful tool for social transformation, community participation and government accountability.



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In these programmes of the Social Audits all works executed under the MGNREGA in both the Lamtaput & Nandapur Blocks. Social Audit is different from Financial Audit. Financial audits involve inspecting and assessing documents related to financial transactions in an organization to provide a true picture of its profits, losses and financial stability. Social audits focus on the performance of a programme in fulfilling its intended social objectives and ethical vision through consultation with a range of stakeholders including social programme beneficiaries, community members, government officials and verifying the information obtained with documents and physical evidence.

In the process of Social Audit at both the Panchayats, these combines' people's participation and monitoring with the requirements of the audit discipline. About 1000 people have participated and presented their issues / problems related to MGNREGA before the concerned officials and demands for justice.

With the facilitation of KFA members at both the GPs, 458 issues were identified in regards to MGNREGA irregularities and presented before the "Public Hearing" conducted followed by the "Social Audits".

### **"Sustainable Micro-Hydro through Energizing Rural Enterprises and Livelihood"** – a follow up



With an inception in the year 2014 and successfully completion in the 2016 of the project "Sustainable Micro-Hydro through Energizing Rural Enterprises and Livelihoods" (SMRE) till now follow up initiatives being taken by KFA it-self. As the main aims and objectives of the 'Micro Hydro Project' is to cater the energy needs of the local community by generating electricity and will be utilized both for livelihood, through energy based enterprises & lightening the households' it has rehabilitated the existing defunct

MHPs and the enterprises established at the village Badamanjari of Semiliguda Block.

The then introduced Participatory Market System Development (PMSD), process adopted by the entrepreneurs till carried forward by them. Time to time they need assistance and cooperation of KFA. In this context, KFA extended its support both physically and financially. Through this process, small-scale farmers who were previously excluded from business opportunities were accessing now better functioning markets and sell their produces under much more stable and equitable conditions. In this context, in the year 2018-19 also KFA played

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a major towards creating network with various stakeholders for purchasing and selling of their produces and finished products. For a systemic approach entails taking account of critical actors, the relationships among them and the context that influences how they behave and interact in the market KFA till playing a vital role to carry forward the process for smooth running of business.

### **Environmental Impacts:**

KFA has been a keen protector of Environment. With the run of the enterprises whether it may damage the atmosphere or negative impact of environment of the village KFA here also have done some activities before installation of the enterprises. Which still exists and KFA also always creates awareness in its follow up programmes (visits) to the village. As a result, the electricity produced from MHP replaced the use of kerosene for lighting and use of diesel for operating engines in rural enterprises. Likewise, the electricity also had replaced the use of diesel fuel in the enterprises that further augmented in to the savings in the emission of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### **Community participation:**

With the regular follow-up visits of KFA to the project site as well as the village, these significant developments are found at present, like market chain has been developed extensively, MHP management committee is being maintaining properly and regularly. Due to overall community participation towards developmental process of the village the manufacturing companies as well as the end users, are supporting services and giving inputs time to time. In this context, also KFA played a major role towards building rapport between the community and the manufacturers.

### **PRI's Good Governance and Social Justice – a follow up**

The Project PRI's Good Governance and Social Justice was broadly covering, capacity building of the youths and women through appropriate orientation programmes and hand holding supports with IEC materials, simple hand books for enhancing understanding of youths and women to identify the local issues and find out appropriate plans to address the same. Reduction of social and gender in-equalities,

establishment of legal rights and socio-economic empowerment, creation of opportunities for the target population towards enterprise development to improve their livelihoods, development of





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true leadership qualities and their actions against violence to combat extremism as these were the burning issues which need to be addressed. Local forums of the youths and women need to be established and strengthened through this initiative for proper dialogue with the government as a pressure group.

With this backdrop, KFA in partnership with Centre for World Solidarity (CWS) implemented the project in two panchayats namely Kumargandhana and Tikarpara of Lamtaput block in Koraput District.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We humbly show our gratitude our partners. Without their association and support (in the year 2018-19) we couldn't have facilitate the process of developments...

We associated / partnered with...

1. Director Of Agriculture And Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar through PD\_ATMA, Koraput, Jeypore
2. Practical Action, Bhubaneswar &
3. Executive Engineer\_RWSS, Koraput

### Financial Summary