

ADATS Annual Project Update for the period Jan to Dec 2012

Project / Programmatic Cooperation Update

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| Period covered | January to December 2012 |

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| 1 | Progress Monitoring Protocol |
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A. Coolie Families Fully Access All State Welfare & Transfers

REVIVING UNITY & DISCIPLINE IN ALL VILLAGE CSUs

STAFF & FUNCTIONARIES

A.3. Election of 2 CSU Representatives per village every year

A total of 106 Representatives got changed in this reporting period, in all 5 Taluks, for the following reasons:

- Elderly persons replaced by middle aged and youth 56
- Selected to work as LCF workers in ADATS 8
- Elected as Cluster Secretaries 4
- Term Completed 26
- Bad Health 12

A.4. Annual Election and orientation of 87 Cluster Secretaries

11 Cluster Secretaries were replaced for the following reasons

- Appointed a LCF workers in ADATS 4
- Irregular in conducting Cluster/GP meets and attending Taluk meetings 5

- Removed on ADATS staff recommendations as they had become touts of political leaders

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A.5. Annual income declaration and tax payment to retain CSU membership

Please refer the table below, which clearly has the data concerned to the Tax declaration and Payment for the year 2012.

Profile of those who Declared their 2011 Income & Paid Sangha Tax for 2012

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|---|--------|------|
| No of Coolie Families who Paid their Sangha Tax in 2012 | 11,546 | 100% |
| No of Families who were Members Last year (2011) | 10,205 | 88% |
| Inactive Member families who Paid & renewed Membership after a gap of few years | 901 | 8% |
| Brand New Families who have joined the CSU for the very first time in 2012 | 440 | 4% |

| Taluk | Declared | Loss in Strength (Paid last year, but did not Declare this year) | Paid Up | Loss in Strength (Paid last year, but did not Pay this year) | Yet to Pay | |
|---------------|---------------|--|---------------|--|------------|-----------|
| Bagepalli | 3,596 | 748 | 3,594 | 748 | 2 | - |
| Chickballapur | 1,509 | - | 1,509 | - | - | - |
| Chintamani | 2,805 | 315 | 2,762 | 354 | 43 | 2% |
| Siddalaghatta | 2,073 | 332 | 2,057 | 332 | 16 | 1% |
| Gudibanda | 1,624 | - | 1,624 | - | - | - |
| Total | 11,607 | 1,395 | 11,546 | 1,434 | 61 | 1% |

A.6. Re-motivating return of 431 drop-out CSUs and 13,529 Cancelled families

A total of 901 dropped out CSU families declared their income and renewed membership for this year.

- 5 Dropped out CSUs realized their mistakes when they were excluded from Bio gas CDM project and declared their income and Renewed their Membership :- 95 Families.
- Inactive families in functioning CSUs were impressed by the performance of Area Mangers and requested to Take them back In CSUs :- 316 Families
- Members Realized their Mistakes and Renewed Membership :- 490 Families

MEMBERSHIP

A.7. Identification of women as a family managers and altering CSU membership to women's names (every year)

111 Women were identified as Family Mangers during last reporting period and Members has changed in their Names in the Month of January 2012.

Recently ADATS Mahila Trainers have listed 37 Coolie women who actively take part in Family Matters and also in agriculture Related issues, their Membership will be altered during next membership renewal season in Jan 2013.

A.8. Motivation of Coolie youth to represent families and alteration of CSU membership

None in this reporting period.

A.9. Annual membership appraisal at Executive Committee Meetings

24 Executive meetings were to be held in past 1 year, but an average of 16 meetings were held in each Taluk. In the month of January area managers were kept their focus on mainly Membership Renewal. The agendas of Executive committee meetings from November to January is about membership appraisal. As a result , this year a total of 440 new members declared their income and paid tax.

A.10. Conducting 500 weekly CSU Meetings

Of the 471 CSUs, 360 CSUs were very active in conducting their weekly CSU meetings. The common agenda was selection was Selection of new Villages to Build Biogas units under BCS CDM project, Monitoring Velcan Biogas, Monitoring the implementation of NREGA Works, Selection of Village Monitors for LCF, Children’s data entry, college youth data entry, updating children’s data and allotting scholarship, guiding CSU members on how to apply for Ration cards, Selecting end users for wood stove CDM, Repayment of CCF, Follow up civic benefits from the government, income declaration and membership renewal.

A.11. CSU level resolution of inter-Coolie squabbles

A total of 96 inter coolie squabbles were reported. 78 inter coolie squabbles were solved by CSUs at the Gram Panchayat level. The inter coolie squabbles reported were .

- Land Issues 45
- House site Problem 21
- Anganwadi Teachers selection 3
- Selection of SDMC members 5
- Clashes during NREGA works 14
- Live stock theft cases 1
- Old Grudges 7

A.12. Responsive Legal Aid & Aid Distress for land and wage struggles

In the Past one year an amount of Rs 2,001,450. Was paid out as legal aid, medical aid & aid distress. Below there is a Table which shows the No. of Cases and Amount Paid out .

| | No. Of Cases | Amount |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Medical Aid | 267 | 638,050 |
| Legal Aid & Aid Distress | 447 | 1,363,400 |
| Total | 714 | Rs 2,001,450 |

A.13. Conducting 87 weekly Cluster Meets attended by CSU Representatives and ADATS Field Staff

Functioning Village CSUs Fall Under 55 Gram Panchayats in 5 Taluks and average of 34 Cluster/GP meets were held in each Gram Panchayat of them a Majority were attended by ADATS field workers and Mahila Trainers. Issues that came up in the CSU meetings were re-discussed in these Cluster/GP meets. Suggestions and solutions were given for bigger issue that could not be resolved at the village level.

A.14. Scrutiny and approval of Sangha Fund spending decisions

This Year CSUs has Conducted special Mahila meetings on how to Spend their Sangha fund for their needs. They wisely even scrutinized children for scholarship allocation, keeping at least bank balance of Rs. 6000 each in their SB account for Day to day needs.

A.15. Scrutiny and approval of CCF decisions

This year only in Chintamani Taluk 2 Villages gave out loans. 21 CSU member approached Mahila Meetings for the financial support to their Business, But Mahila Meetings wisely selected 14 members who were given loans worth Rs 91,100.

MONTHLY TALUK COOLIE SANGHA MEETINGS

A.18. Conducting 2-day Taluks Coolie Sangha Meetings every month, attended by CS Functionaries and ADATS Staff

11 Taluk coolie Sangha meetings were held at Bagepalli and Siddalaghata, one was cancelled in each Taluk, due to preoccupation with cropping work.

10 Taluk coolie Sangha meetings were held at Chintamani, Chickballapur and Gudibanda, 2 were cancelled 1 due to cropping another for festival.

A.19. Election of 5 Taluks Secretaries every year: alternate annually by sex

In the Month of May 2012, during Taluk coolie Sangha meetings , election for Taluk secretaries was held. As per the “ alternate by sex” rule, women were elected in Bagepalli, Gudibanda and Siddalaghata. Men were elected in Chickballapur and Chintamani.

A.20. to A.22. Running of the Taluk Coolie Sangha Meetings

An average of 10 Taluk Coolie Sangha meeting were held with Quorum in each of the 5 Taluks. Topics discussed and decided were Introduction to the concept of LCF, Increasing membership coverage and empowering themselves in the next Gram Panchayats, Empowering Biogas workers as a Business women, formation of an End Users Producers company to trade in LCF offsets and farm produced, follow up of NREGA works and Civic benefits, possibility of having cold storage at GP level, implementation and functioning of biogas CDM projects.

A.25. Deposit of unspent Sangha Funds into village Fixed Deposits

ACCESSING STATE WELFARE & TRANSFERS

EGA WORKS

A.26. Execution of corruption-free EGA works for 100 days every year from 2009 onward

Below there is a Table from our Latest 8th Effect Monitoring report which clearly shows the execution NREGA works from April 2011 to March 2012. The Execution of NREGA works from April 2012 onwards will be reported in the Next effect Monitoring report which will be conducted in April 2013– June 2013.

| | | |
|--------|---|----------------|
| A.3.1. | No. of NREGA Works planned from Apr 2011 to Mar 2012 | 815 Works |
| | No. of NREGA Works done from Apr 2011 to Mar 2012 | 438 Works |
| | No. of NREGA Works not done from April 2011 to March 2012 | 377 Works |
| A.3.2. | Total No. of Days as entitlement | 100 Days |
| | Average No. of Days of NREGA Works obtained from Apr 2011 to Mar 2012 | 38 Days |
| | Average No. of Days of NREGA Works lost Apr 2011 to Mar 2012 | 62 Days |
| A.3.3. | Total NREGA Wages Paid out from April 2011 to March 2012 | Rs 3,12,75,650 |

A.27. Support to Gram Panchayat level issues and struggles that emanate from identifying leakages in the implementation of the EGA

82 Protests were made at the Gram Panchayat level to stop improper implementation of NREGA works. The main issues were delay in clearing pending bills, delay in issuing form No.6 to start works, pressuring GPs to make payment through electronic bank transfer(EBT), stop allotting NREGA works to contractors, and demanding that private banks open " No frill Accounts".

OBTAINING STATE BENEFITS

A.28. to A.32. Making annual Customer Demands & Satisfaction (CD&S) Surveys of pressing needs by 14,609 Member families

No CD & S Surveys have been conducted.

B. Coolie Women Attain a Person Status within their Families

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

B.1. Holding weekly *in camera* Mahila Meetings in 500 villages

In the 471 functioning villages, 237 Mahila meetings can be rated as very good, 128 as good, 64 as average and 42 as bad in regularly conducting quality Mahila meeting. The most common agendas in these Mahila meetings daily usage monitoring of Velcan biogas, repairing Velcan biogas units, Children's data entry, Children scholarship allotment and distribution, listing and sending women for family planning operations, discussions on new projects such as Wood stoves and LCF, Passing Health Bills and Aid distress, awareness on Govt. Health schemes, follow up on Anganwadi and Mid day meal scheme.

B.2. Reviewing *Vokkaku Sanchi Duddu* usage and replenishing “lost” capital with Sangha Funds

No Special grants has released during this reporting period.

In Bagepalli Taluk, Mahila trainers regularly monitor the usage of *Vokkaku Sanchi Duddu* in their Dairies. Through this, we noticed that an average of 15 families per CSU are being benefitted every year.

B.3. Checking that CSU Membership is in names of women family managers (every year)

Please refer # A7.

B.4. Heightened support to inter-caste marriages and festivals

217 Marriages took place during this reporting period. Of them 164 were arranged by families and 53 were choice marriages. 1 was inter caste at Bandahalli village in Chickballapur Taluk. The groom is Harijana boy and a CSU member and the Bride an upper caste Vokkaliga from a non CSU family. The boy received threats from the girl’s family. CSU members and ADATS staff supported them to marry.

CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

B.5. Election and skill/ assertiveness training of Women’s Committee Members

There are no Women’s committee members for the past 1 year in any Taluk.

B.6. Compulsory attendance of 87 WC Members at all CSU and Mahila Meetings

There are no Women’s committee members for the past 1 year in any Taluk.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

B.7. Monthly skill up gradation and procurement of basic medicines for VHWs

There are 459 VHWs in all 5 Taluks , of them 48 were newly selected. Mahila Trainers trained these newly appointed VHWs to use basic medicine kit. No special training was given to the remaining VHWs to upgrade their skills. But as usual, their basic medicine kits were stocked up after each Taluk coolie Sangha meetings every month.

B.8. Disposition funds to conduct surgeries and treat advanced reproductive ailment patients

134 Women were identified with reproductive health ailments during this reporting period. Of them 91 were taken to health camps conducted by specialized Bangalore hospitals in our Taluks. Follow up treatment has provided at free of cost to these patients. 43 women were directly taken to specialized hospitals by out Mahila trainers. 43 women availed disposition funds for surgeries during this reporting period.

B.9. Conducting Annual Health Check-ups for Coolie Children

No special Health camp was conducted.

B.10. Providing ambulance services for hauling patients from villages to government hospitals

The Government’s “108” ambulance service is increasingly being used by CSU members. As Compared hundreds of Call made every week in earlier days, ADATS vehicle were used only 28 times CSU members for the following purposes.

- Bring Back dead bodies 6
- Taking Referred patient to a specialized hospital 15
- Child Birth 7

B.11. Implementation of Biogas CDM Project of the BCS to provide 15,000 Coolie women with smoke free cooking

There is a Separate group of staff is there to implement and monitor the Both Biogas CDM Projects. Case workers salary is based on the performance on how many units they were able to build in a month. There was a healthy competition between the Bio Gas case workers which results faster implementation of the project. As on date 15,840 units have been built, of them were 15,019 units were Commissioned with End User Agreements executed.

| Taluk | Villages | Active CSU Members | Inactive Families | Non CSU Families | Total | | | |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Bagepalli | 278 | 1,484 | 28% | 965 | 18% | 2,783 | 53% | 5,232 |
| Chickballapur | 138 | 505 | 19% | 151 | 6% | 1,974 | 75% | 2,630 |
| Chintamani | 212 | 1,002 | 24% | 651 | 16% | 2,532 | 61% | 4,185 |
| Siddalaghatta | 158 | 719 | 23% | 325 | 10% | 2,054 | 66% | 3,098 |
| Gudibanda | 73 | 575 | 43% | 58 | 4% | 704 | 53% | 1,337 |
| Total | 859 | 4,285 | 26% | 2,150 | 13% | 10,047 | 61% | 16,482 |

These 15,019 Commissioned units have been used for a total of 16.67 million days, but days not used total to 1.94 million days. The balance, 14.73 actual usage days, have generated a total of 134,652 tCO_{2-e} of Certified Emission Reductions valued at Rs 147.66 million.

The total expenditure to construct these Biogas units have, to date, been Rs 200.09 million averaging to Rs 12,632 per unit.

C. Sustainable Land Use Practices Adopted

C.1. Transferring of properties in the names of wives

No Property has been changed in the names of Wives during this reporting period.

C.2. Decisions on crop choice, loan and collective sale taken in Mahila Meetings

It has become a common practice in coolie Sangha families that before cropping, coolie women were actively participate in during selection crop to their fields. The same will be discussed in Mahila meetings and CSU families help each other by providing seeds for the needy one.

Women play a major role keeping and retaining pulses. While marketing food crops, women's decision is final.

C.4. Encroaching and cultivating adjacent government waste lands

In Chintamani, ADATS staff facilitated 2 CSU members to apply for title deeds.

C.6. Redeeming and protection of mortgaged lands

No such cases found in all 5 Taluks.

C.7. Implementing a Dry Land Development Pilot Project on 200 family hectare plots

Once every 3 months ADATS Field Staff do a survival monitoring of trees planted under our Afforestation/Reforestation CDM Project. Of late, LCF Case Workers and LCF Village Monitors do this physical count and measurement.

Once again, the physical target of this Project has been far surpassed with 103,828 saplings planted on 909 acres (364 hectares) by 513 families in 128 villages, with a survival rate of 47%.

| Taluk | Villages | Families | Acres Planted | Saplings | Survived | Survival Rate |
|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bagepalli | 47 | 168 | 363 ac | 42,000 | 13,665 | 33% |
| Chickballapur | 8 | 16 | 31 ac | 3,801 | 2,546 | 67% |
| Chintamani | 45 | 189 | 272 ac | 31,434 | 20,216 | 64% |
| Siddalaghatta | 23 | 130 | 240 ac | 26,233 | 12,241 | 47% |
| Gudibanda | 5 | 10 | 3 ac | 360 | 236 | 66% |
| Total | 128 | 513 | 909 ac | 103,828 | 48,904 | 47% |

Apart from the A/R CDM 1,512 CSU Member families came forward take participate in Low Carbon Farming. A new team with 2 LCF Coordinators and 6 Case Workers was formed to take this effort forward.

A total of 85 LCF Village Monitors were selected by the 72 village CSUs – 37 in Bagepalli, 24 in Chintamani and 24 in Siddalaghatta Taluk. They underwent training sessions, with FCN-LCF experts involved in 2 of them.

LCF Village Monitors were now well trained in how to maintain Plot Diaries and take GPS readings. A few expert guidance was given to LCF staff and village monitors through NGO's who are already practicing LCF. A cadre has been developed which is very enthusiastic in taking the project forward, hoping to get good results by next cropping season.

PARTICIPATING FAMILIES IN THE MONSOON CROP SEASON, 2012

| LCF Case Worker | Villages | Families | Total Landholding | | Discrete Plots | | Selected for LCF | |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | Plots | Acres | Plots | Acres | Plots | LCF Acres |
| Mohan | 14 | 300 | 595 | 1,196 | 542 | 1,093 | 476 | 952 |
| Nagarjuna | 16 | 330 | 793 | 1,301 | 732 | 1,215 | 613 | 1,003 |
| Bravin Kumar | 13 | 267 | 519 | 982 | 421 | 780 | 347 | 554 |
| Ramesh | 10 | 177 | 364 | 809 | 340 | 735 | 274 | 534 |
| Ravi | 11 | 259 | 488 | 1,029 | 431 | 867 | 358 | 583 |
| Ramachandra | 8 | 179 | 426 | 683 | 405 | 644 | 340 | 495 |
| Total | 72 | 1,512 | 3,185 | 6,000 | 2,871 | 5,329 | 2,408 | 4,120 |

D. Coolie Families take Advantage of New Economic Opportunities

D.1. Releasing of need based CCF loans to borrowers

As reported in # A.15., a total just 14 loans totalling Rs 91,100 has been given out by 2 village CCFs in this reporting period.

D.2. Scrutiny and veto of CCF decisions taken in 443 mixed CSU meetings

Please see # A.15.

D.3. Provision of Veterinary care, insurance cover marketing and follow-up support

Nothing has been done.

D.4. Monitoring and recovering CCF overdue loans

During this reporting period, 511 loan instalments totalling Rs 4.56 million has been repaid in 110 village CCFs.

E. Coolie Children

E.1. & E.2. Listing of school-age children by Mahila Meetings

| | Children | | Boys | | Girls | |
|------------------------------|----------|------|--------|------|--------|------|
| Supported by Coolie Sangha | 55,683 | 100% | 29,329 | 100% | 26,354 | 100% |
| Left after Primary School | 10,474 | 20% | 5,218 | 18% | 5,256 | 20% |
| Left after Middle School | 5,511 | 10% | 2,915 | 10% | 2,596 | 10% |
| Left after Completing School | 15,005 | 27% | 7,738 | 26% | 7,267 | 28% |
| Left after College | 8,885 | 14% | 5,500 | 19% | 3,385 | 13% |
| Still in School | 15,808 | 30% | 7,958 | 27% | 7,850 | 30% |
| Failed to fully Support | 15,985 | 29% | 8,133 | 28% | 7,852 | 30% |
| Successes | 39,698 | 71% | 21,198 | 72% | 18,502 | 70% |

In the current 2012-13 school year, 15,808 are in school. They represent 93% of School Age Children (i.e. 5-16 age group) from Active Member families in functioning CSUs.

| | Children | | Boys | | Girls | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|------|-----|-------|--|
| Primary School (1 to 5) | 4,798 | 30% | 50% | 50% | | |
| Middle School (6 to 7) | 3,032 | 10% | 50% | 50% | | |
| High School (8 to 10) | 5,495 | 35% | 49% | 51% | | |
| PUC | 1,624 | 10% | 50% | 50% | | |
| Degree | 754 | 5% | 57% | 43% | | |

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|---------------|--------|----|-----|-----|
| Diploma/Other | 94 | 1% | 73% | 27% |
| Total | 15,808 | | 50% | 50% |

E.4. Appointing Balakendra Teachers and train on teaching skills

Balakendra teachers are now shifted as Biogas Workers. Year before last, there were 410 Balakendra teachers to keep a track on children's activities. Now they are 160 Biogas Workers, most of whom are voluntarily doing some Balakendra activities. So Mahila Meetings keep a constant vigil on school going children.

Mahila Meetings also take responsibility for enrolling children from *Anganwadi* to government schools. CSU Representatives update their children's data into the ADATS database, InfoNeeds. No new Balakendra teachers were appointed and no special training was conducted.

E.5. Conducting every evening Balakendra classes in 478 villages for children to learn and play

There were no more Balakendra teachers, No where Balakendra is functioning but in about 160 CSUs Biogas workers are doing tasks of Balakendra teachers such as Updating children's data, getting them for scholarship, etc.

E.6. Need assessment and allocation of scholarship benefits by Mahila Meetings

Updating of Children data into database is finished in the month of June 2012, Children data printout were given out to each CSU. A separate Mahila meeting in all the CSU's was called to allocate budget to support children education.

E.7. Distribution of child scholarships for 9,595 children in Middle & High School classes, based on support table

In the Month of July 2012, ADATS field workers and Mahila trainers collected all the minutes concerned to their area. The list of children and the amount to be paid for them was recorded in the Mahila meeting minutes. As per the Mahila meeting minute Extension workers entered the list of children to be benefitted and submitted to Desk workers. Convenient days were fixed for scholarship distribution. Scholarship was given out in the Month of July 2012 in all 5 Taluks Simultaneously.

Please see the table which shows the details of 2012-13 children scholarship distribution .

| | Number of Children | | Amount | |
|---|--------------------|------|-----------|------|
| Eligible for Scholarship | 13,223 | 100% | 5,858,250 | 100% |
| LESS: Children from Families who have not paid continuous tax | | 17% | 954,750 | 16% |
| Therefore can give | 13,223 | 100% | 4,903,500 | 84% |
| Scholarships given out | 10,560 | 80% | 4,491,450 | 92% |
| Yet to give out | 2,663 | 20% | 412,050 | 8% |

F. Coolie Youth Needs are Met

F.1. Forming Youth Groups

No new youth group was formed , all the 80 Youth groups were inactive.

F.2. Supporting Economic Ventures

Nothing has done

F.3. Supporting College Children

This academic year 2,397 youth were enrolled in college. ADATS staff supported 257 youth to avail scholarship from the government and also supported 28 youth to avail seats in hostel.

F.4. Conducting Life Skill Training Sessions

During this reporting period no youth were sent for Job skill training. As we mentioned in the earlier reports we were sending youth for Job skill training at Mangalkara Skill training institute, Puttaparthi and Janodaya, Bangalore. Both the Institutes were stopped training due to lack of budget. EWs tried very hard to find other institutions which have all facilities that Managalkara and Janodaya were providing, but couldn't find up to their mark.

But ADATS extension workers sent 24 Youth directly for Jobs Iskon temple for Retailing and Shabari enterprises for Guest Care.

2 Key results reached in 2012

In our next Effects Monitoring exercise, due in April-May 2013, Member Coolie families will examine the Outputs recorded here and examine Outcomes or Results obtained.

For an assessment of Results obtained in 2011-12 please see our 8th Effects Monitoring Report at <http://www.adats.com/documents/book3/0337/>

3 What are the key lessons learned in 2012

In our next Effects Monitoring exercise, due in April-May 2013, Member Coolie families will assess Results obtained and record lessons learnt.

4 Other issues