

Agricultural Development & Training Society (ADATS) Bagepalli 561 207  
7<sup>th</sup> ACTIVITY REPORT

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*“Coolie Sangha Building in Chickballapur District”*

**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**

20 CSU representatives were replaced during this reporting period. The reasons were listed below.

Staff and CSUs replaced disinterested Representatives	10
CSUs replaced Representatives who turned as touts to political “donors”	5
CSUs Replaced Representatives who were incompetent in Handling NREGA issues	3
Representatives died recently	2

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

There were only few inefficient Cluster secretaries, who were replaced during Last Reporting period. Now we have a good cadre of Cluster/GP Secretaries who are empowered to facilitate Member needs.

MEMBERSHIP

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

As we mentioned in Annual Report, this activity will be done in the month of January/ February. But Mahila Trainers listed 37 women who were actively take part in family decisions – especially in earning/spending family budgets, and also in agriculture related issues such as crop choice and sale of harvested crop.

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

Coolie Sangha decided not to differentiate Youth as a separate entity. Youth were always a part of the Coolie Sangha and they are the second generation Members. Most Youth were active in Coolie Sangha activities as they were the part of the family. So, no Youth have been separately Identified and motivated to represent their families.

**A.9. Annual membership appraisal at Executive Committee Meetings**

6 Executive Committee Meetings were supposed to be held. Of them only 3 meetings were conducted in these 3 months at each Taluk. Field Workers and Mahila Trainers told Cluster/GP Secretaries not to give membership to everyone just to show increase in

numbers. Because that could negatively effect the solidarity of the Coolie Sangha in the political and social arenas.

Other than Executive Meetings, a very enthusiastic drive was undertaken to introduce a business sense for the sustainability of the Coolie Sangha in the capitalistic era - i.e. facilitating CSUs to form a End User Producers Company capable of local and international trading of LCF produce as well as GHG Offsets produced through Energy CDM Projects and Low Carbon Farming.

#### A.10. Conducting 500 weekly CSU Meetings

Field Workers and Mahila Trainers rated the CSUs in concerned with their regularity in holding weekly CSU meets:

Very Good	216
Good	130
Average	125

The main topics discussed in Cluster/GP and village CSU Meetings during this reporting period were selection and implementation of the BCS/FCF Biogas Project in ADATS/Velcan villages (this was possible due to a special permission we obtained from the UNFCCC to implement BCS Biogas in Velcan villages); follow up of NREGA, membership renewal; facilitating CSU Members to apply for new Ration Cards; follow up on CCF Repayments in order to bring village CCFs to eligibility to borrow for Woodstoves; supporting LCF Monitors to record Plots Diaries; explaining to CSU Members the difference between Market Arrangements and individual Businesses; Importance of End Users Producers Company; follow up on State welfare resources at Panchayat level, etc.

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

22 Inter Coolie squabbles were reported during this reporting period. Of them 16 issues were solved at Village level and the remaining couldn't be resolved by CSUs.

The reported inter coolie squabbles were listed below

Land Issues	6
House site Problem	5
Anganwadi Teacher selection	4
Clashes during NREGA works	7

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

During this 3 months a huge no. of CSU members were benefitted under Medical aid, Legal Aid & Aid Distress. Please refer the table for the No. of Cases and Amount reached to the Beneficiaries.

	No. of Cases	Amount
Medical Aid	160	₹ 3,54,550
Legal Aid & Aid Distress	1,347	₹ 11,44,100
Total	1,507	₹ 14,98,650

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

An average of 8 Cluster/GP Meets were conducted in all 55 Gram Panchayats.

The common agendas of the meeting held were as follows;

Issues that came up in the village CSUs; reports on NREGA implementation and payments; demanding the provision of better amenities from the Panchayats; implementation of *Swacha Grama* scheme; selection of new villages for the BCS Biogas CDM and LCF.

#### A.15. Scrutiny and approval of CCF decisions

In the past 3 months, only 2 village CSUs in Chintamani Taluk scrutinized and approved loans. 21 Members demanded CCF loans; Mahila Meetings approved only 15. A total of ₹ 91,000 was released.

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

Staff and CSU Functionaries succeeded at bringing back discipline and regularity in Taluk Coolie Sangha meetings. As a result, all the 3 Taluk Coolie Sangha meetings were held with quorum in each Taluk.

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

Election of Taluk Secretaries will be conducted once every year in the month of May.

#### A.20. to A.23. Running of the Taluk Coolie Sangha Meetings

As mentioned in the earlier Activity Reports, 3 Taluk Coolie Sangha Meetings were held during this reporting period.

Apart from the common agenda in the month of December, senior and committed CSU Functionaries of all the Taluks had a one day Meeting at Bagepalli and a major sociopolitical decision was taken.

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

Coolie Sangha always kept vigil on NREGA activities. Panchayat officials still showed negligence in allotment of works and making timely payments. 9 issues related to NREGA implementation were taken up in these 3 months; all pertaining to delay in allotment of works. These were solved by village CSUs at the Panchayat level itself.

#### 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 survey was conducted

### B. COOLIE WOMEN ATTAIN A PERSON STATUS WITHIN THEIR FAMILIES

#### VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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

Of the 471 village CSUs, 406 Mahila Meetings were very active in conducting Mahila Meetings on a regular basis. The common agenda of these Mahila Meetings were as follows: Passing Aid distress, Medical & Legal Aid; Membership renewal and appraisal; repayment of CCF loans; listing of Woodstove End Users; importance of registering an End User Producer Company and role of women in the Company; monitoring regularity of Children and Teachers in government schools; monitoring daily usage of ADATS/Velcan Biogas units.

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

No special grants has released during this reporting period.

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

Please refer to A7.

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

122 marriages took place during this reporting period of 3 months. Of them, 86 were arranged by parents, and 36 were choice marriages.

But there were no inter-caste marriages during this reporting period.

### CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

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

No Women Committee Members for the past one year in all 5 Taluks.

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

No Women Committee Members for the past one year in all 5 Taluks.

### HEALTH ACTIVITIES

## B.7. Monthly skill upgradation and procurement of basic medicines for VHWs

No VHWs were replaced during this reporting period. As described in the earlier reports, basic medicine kits were procured according to the requirement of each village CSU and distributed to VHWs on the second day of Taluk Coolie Sangha meetings by Mahila Trainers.

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

58 women were identified with different health ailments by VHWs. 42 of them were treated and completely cured.

In Bagepalli and Gudibanda, Government hospitals have been upgraded to conduct surgeries. Mahila Trainers from Bagepalli and Gudibanda Taluk utilized this opportunity and were able to assist 28 women undergo treatment, free of cost.

In Chintamani, 8 well experienced VHWs took 14 women to specialized hospitals for further treatment at minimized cost.

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

During this reporting period ADATS vehicles were used 34 times for the following purposes:

Taking referred patients to city hospitals	26
Bringing emergency patients to hospitals	2
Transport dead bodies	6

## C. SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PRACTICES ADOPTED

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

No Property has been changed to the name of wives during this reporting period.

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

As we mentioned in the earlier reports, Mahila Meetings play a major role in crop choice and sale. But still there is no collective sale of farm produce. Now that Mahila Trainers are emphasizing more on registration of an End User Producers Company, maybe in future the Mahila Meetings will get empowered to collectively sell their farm produce, along with Carbon Trading.

## C.4. Encroaching and cultivating adjacent govt waste lands

No such cases found.

## C.6. Redeeming and protection of mortgaged lands

No such cases found .

## D. COOLIE FAMILIES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

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

Please refer to A.15

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

Please refer to 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

Only in Gudibanda Taluk, An amount of ₹ 6,000 has been repaid by 5 borrowers in the past 3 months.

## E. COOLIE CHILDREN

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

This Activity will be carried out in the month of May/June

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

No Balakendra Teachers

(STOP)

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

No Balakendra Teachers

(STOP)

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

This Activity will be carried out in the month of June/July

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

This Activity will be carried out in the month of July/ August

F. COOLIE YOUTH

F.1. Forming Youth Groups

(STOP)

F.2. Supporting Economic Ventures

(STOP)

F.3. Supporting College Children

This Activity will be carried out in the months of June to September

F.4. Conducting Life Skill Training Sessions

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