

Boat : Connecting Life with with Mainstream & Supporting in Livelihood



Khalaguda Village is situated in inter part of Khairput comes under Andrahal GP of Khairput Block of Malkangiri district. Total 76 PVTG households are residing in the village. Mrs. Budri Sisa, Mrs. Bhanumati Sisa, Mrs. Rukmani Pujari, Mrs. Sukri Pujari and the members of their families lead the day to day life in a vulnerable condition. Their major source of income is fishing and cultivation in a small un-irrigated land to maintain their livelihood. They are traditional fisherman doing ferrying in Machakund river. They had an old small boat on which they ferrying people; caught fish from the river and sold in local hatt. They were able to generate a decent earning by selling fish and ferrying the people at that time.

In the meantime, their boats were getting old and not repairable. As a result, their income level went down and was insufficient to manage their house. For this reason, these families were in difficult condition. Day by day their living condition was deteriorating.

After intervention of OPELIP project, the above members requested the VDC, to get new boat for ferry as well as fishing for livelihood support. The VDC members realized that the boat was becoming old and not suitable for ferry as well as fishing as far as safety is

concern. After discussion in the VDC meeting, the committee finalized the proposals and agreed to provide financial support for purchase of new boat.

There are 5 fisherman user groups in the village supported Rs.3Lakh under CBM by OPELIP in the FY 2020-21 for net & boat purchase at the rate of Rs.60,000 per group. Each user group is having 10 members of fishermen for fishing and ferrying in river. This boat also used for ferrying people as there is no road communication to the village. Distance from Khalaguda to Chitrakonda by boat is 12 km which is the only way to reach to market. There are 200 households in the 4 Villages like Khalaguda, Patraput, Sindhiguda, Valiapadar are using boat for reaching to Chitrakonda market.

Individual IGA support provided Rs.30,000 each for 2 persons for purchasing of boat for livelihood improvement to support small entrepreneurs. With this amount, the beneficiary purchased two numbers of new boats. The families relieved with full of smile and happiness at the arrival of new boat.

They are also maintaining record to know and ascertain the earning from Boat. Now they are financially independent and able to manage their small family in a dignified manner and educate their children as it is complementing the objective of projects that was implemented in remote area which created an example for other Villages for Implementation.

