

Processing Unit: Brought Out a Great Social Change

DKDA-Parsali is implementing the OPELIP programme in Rayagada district for enhancement of living conditions and reduction of poverty of the beneficiary households. This is being achieved with capacity building of the target group, household and securing their food & nutrition security through proper price of forest product, sustainable agriculture practices for enhanced production, promoting income generating activity for alternate sustainable livelihoods. The key principle of the programme is participatory planning.



Parsali GP is situated in remote PVTG pocket of K.Singpur Block in Rayagada district where the Dangaria Kandha PVTG tribes are living in these thick mountainous areas. In the year 2018, Tarini SHG formed with 10 PVTG women members in Parsali. They collect monthly Rs.100 from each. After 6 months of savings, they opened a bank account at Lamp of K.Singpur and deposited their savings in bank. Regular meetings helped them for strengthening of team spirit. Ragi is the main food of PVTGs. Looking the availability of turmeric and ragi in the locality, the group planned for installation of a turmeric and Ragi processing unit in VDC and proposed the same in the meeting. Then in the VDA meeting, it was decided to provide support to Tarini SHG to set up a ragi and turmeric processing unit. Accordingly, fund was transferred to Group's bank account. Thereafter required machineries were procured and installed.

Earlier the women SHG of this village were not interested in taking the responsibility. Several times they showed their lack of confidence to take up the business. One of the major reasons was that they are unable to talk in Odia language. After mobilisation, training and capacity building, exposure visit, they are talking and responding. The drudgery reduction and

financial enhancement is the main purpose of this processing unit. These women are working hard in their sloppy mountainous shifting cultivation field. But they are not getting proper food if there is high or low monsoon appeared. They had no alternate income to deal with this natural calamity. Second thing is that ragi is main staple food pattern of Dangaria PVTG. To grind ragi they used to go 10 to 15 KM to nearby town with rented local vehicle which is expensive and time consuming. After this processing unit establishment, the community and women saved their time and money and became happy by reducing their overload. Another thing is this village is situated in the footstep of all Dangaria villages. So, all the villagers get chance to grind their ragi here instead of going far away and saved their money and time and all Dangari are very happy for this unit.

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Note: SHG women are working at processing unit at parsali

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