

Diversion Drain for Irrigation: A Ray of Hope for Cultivation

(A project under RKVY)

Baghamari, a PVTG dominated village has 1122 population consisting of 195 households at Mohana Block of Gajapati district. Most of the people in the village are farmer. They usually cultivate paddy during Kharif and vegetable in less area during the Rabi season. This is not only insufficient for their food security but also motivate them to migrate for daily wages. OPELIP came into force to improve the livelihoods of the tribal people. As per decision

of the community, one diversion drain consisting 230 ft. length have been constructed out of RKVY fund with an estimated cost of Rs.2.15 lakhs only to divert some part of water to the lands of the farmers to ensure livelihood throughout the year through cultivation. Now, about 24 families are getting benefits from this irrigation system.



During the Kharif, more than 10 ha of land were cultivated with paddy in line transplantation method of cultivation. After Kharif the farmers have started cultivating sunflower. Leli, one of the lead farmers, said about the benefit of DBI constructed by OPELIP and its benefits for the

community. With a smile, he expressed that the diversion drain not only support to increase the way of livelihood but also brought smile on the face of the PVTGs farmers. Now they have formed a user group for future maintenance of the diversion drain.





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