

GoI-UN Joint Programme on Convergence
Monthly Progress Report, for the Month of February 2011, District: North Bastar, Kanker

Name and Designation of the Nodal Officer:

Collector

North Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh

1. Progress during the reporting period:

Outputs	Activities planned to achieve this output (put in bullet points)	Timeline			
		W1	W2	W3	W4
1.1	Desk Review for the of situational analysis (at state level)				
1.2	Data availability review for the Civil Right sector (under Situational Analysis)				
1.3	Block level training of secretaries on importance of Decentralized Planning				
2.1	Facilitating district in Development of proposal under District Innovation Fund (DIF)				
3.1	Facilitating database updating of IAP works under LWE				
3.2	Developing Proposal for Piloting Micro Planning in 2-3 Gram Panchayats (Customization of the format for the Household schedule- Annexure 1)				
4.1	Attending the TL and other meetings				

If there is any deviation in the planned activities then pl. specifies what were the issues?

Any Other issue, challenge you would like to mention:

Looking forward, if an investment of about 1.37 lakhs, can be leveraged from, the GoI-UNJCP, for the piloting of the Micro Planning at 3 Gram Panchayat, of district Kanker, over next 3 months.

2. Plan for Next month:

Outputs	Activities planned to achieve this output (put in bullet points)	Timeline			
		W1	W2	W3	W4
1.1	Participating in the Workshop on Certificate course at SIRDI Nimora, CG				
1.2	Data Collection for the Situational Analysis (after finalization of the formats)				
2.1	Making a presentation on the DIF for the District Collector Sir				
3.1	Finalisation of the proposal for piloting the micro planning, and mobilising resources for it.				
3.2	Facilitation in the analysis of the LWE MIS/ IAP Progress				
4.1	Developing a case study for challenges in data collection/ collation for the district planning				
4.2	Participating in other workshops/ meetings etc				

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 District: North Bastar, Kanker

1.1 Desk Review for the of Situational Analysis (at state level) :

A two days workshop was organised at Uncief Raipur under, the leadership of State Planning Commission. The Member Secretary (Nodal Gol-UNJCP, Chhattisgarh), State Planning Commission, Chhattisgarh, Unicef State Chief (UN Nodal Officer- Gol-UNJCP), Chhattisgarh & Project Officer (M&E) Unicef, Raipur were present in the meeting, The workshop was participated by all the DFs, DSOs including State Convergence Facilitator (SCF) & SPO (State Programme Officer).

The objective of the workshop was to develop the basic framework on the commonly agreed points, for situational analysis. It was agreed to take the basic information, for the 7 key sectors, under the following major head:

- 1- Infrastructure
- 2- Service Indicators
- 3- Human resources
- 4- Financial head

The participants discussed among themselves about the different issues to be covered under given head, and then it was decided to check for the availability of data issue in each sector, before data collection process. The workshop ended with the understanding, that participant would confirm about the data availability under the assigned sector to them.

1.2 Data availability review for the Civil Right sector (under Situational Analysis)

In reference of the workshop at the state level, district Kanker was assigned the task, to check the availability of the data in the Civil Right Sector of the Situational Analysis. For this purpose the format has been drafted, shared & data collected through the following departments/ sections at the district level: Panchayat & Social Welfare Department, District Planning & Statistical Department, Revenue Department, Indira Aawas Section (Zila Panchayat) & Police Department. The information availability status, under the sector was, then shared with the State Convergent Facilitator and State Programme Officer and other Colleagues, under Gol-UNJCP.

1.3 Block level training of secretaries on importance of Decentralized Planning (Annexure -1)

This month the training of the panchayat secretaries were scheduled in the 3 remaining blocks as: Koilibeda, Durgkondal & Antagarh. The Koilibeda block could not be covered, as there had been a road block, due to naxal declared closed on the scheduled day. Even the presence of the panchayat secretary was too low in the other 2 blocks too (as most of them were also engaged in the census 2011 works). Thus, so far the participation under the training had been as:

Block	Panchayats	Total Participants	Total Secretary participated	% Secretary Participated
Antagarh	44	28	11	25.00
Bhanupratapur	47	39	36	76.60
Charama	59	78	48	81.36
Durgkondal	36	13	13	36.11
Kanker	61	48	48	78.69
Narharpur	65	40	38	58.46
Grand Total	312	246	194	62.18

These block level sensitization programmes pro videsa platform, to appreciate the need for the integrated planning among stakeholders. In these workshops most of the responses validated, the status that local situational analysis at the panchayat level, is not being done and panchayat do not have their own integrated village plan with them, which is updated time to time. Thus in respect to the 73rd and 74th amendment, which

advocates about local self government, there is need of a common understanding of the integrated plan at each level and for it, processes need to be strengthened at these levels. .

2.1 Facilitating district in Development of proposal under District Innovation Fund (DIF)

A Proposal was expected by state, under the District Innovation Fund (DIF), from each district under the 13th Finance Commission. There had been some observation from the State, according to which the DIF Proposal was required to be developed and sent to the State by 15th of February, 2011. The District Facilitator facilitated the development of the proposal from the district side, as per the following provisions:

SN	Particular	Place/ Level	Total Amt. (in lakhs Rs)
1	Piloting Call Centre for Public Grievances Redressal Mechanism (1 block)	Charama	7.84
2	Promoting use of Gram ++ as a Decision making tool for the District Planning	District	5.94
3	Decentralization through Village Level Micro Planning	District	81.69
4	Establishing efficient communication channels using the IT based Video Conferencing facility (From District to Block)	District	4.53
	Total		100.00

3.1 Facilitating database updating of IAP works under LWE:

Facilitated the DPSO section in updating/ analyzing data, under the Integrated Action Plan (IAP)/ Left Wing Extremism (LWE), so that it can be retrieved for the decision making and reporting purposes. Because of the timely updation of the data district can ensure efficient reporting/ monitoring of the works under IAP. This reporting is also used in the video conferencing (from national/ state to district level). The data can be retrieved on any desired parameter. At a given time, for the decision making as:

- 1- Abstract: Sector Wise
- 2- Abstract: Agency Wise
- 3- Abstract: Block Wise
- 4- Details: Sector wise, Agency wise, Activity wise...etc

3.2 Piloting Micro Planning:

As a part of the M&E framework for the district, it was agreed that Kanker would be doing piloting of the micro planning exercise in the district. In this regard, initial consultations were also held with the District Officials, which were quite encouraging and CEO, Zila Panchayat Sir, Kanker were also very keen to see the results, in field.

As per discussions with the M&E Officer, Unicef Raipur- Unicef will provide all technical support for this pilot project.

It was observed; that there has been limited experience and lack of active local NGOs to execute this activity in Kanker, thus finding the piloting partner would be a challenge locally. Based on this observation, it was shared and agreed, that if some experience NGO from Rajanandgaon (Rajnadgaon has earlier, did the micro planning processes as a part of the Integrated District Approach, through Unicef supported NGOs), would be interested to work, let us look for this option.

Based on this a proposal is being drafted through consultation, between District Planning Unit, Kanker and Samarthan representative (NGO), Raipur. The district also shared its requirement/ expectations from the micro-plan pilot proposal, so that the plan can be developed as per the requirement of the district and, at some stage it can be linked to the District Plan. This draft proposal would take up 2-3 Gram Panchayats, from district and execute the micro planning processes in these panchayats over the next 3 months duration. The final draft proposal would be ready by the, II week of the March, 2011.

During earlier round of discussions among stakeholders it was, quite clear that being a pilot project, in few panchayats, all the possible steps, need to be taken- to not compromise on quality and simultaneous documentation would be very important to disseminate the lessons learnt. **One of the challenges emerging is that, the piloting of the micro-**

planning has its cost implications, and about Rs 1,37 lakhs would be required to execute it, in next 3 months in the district. It is being requested from the State Planning Commission, Raipur that - can this fund be leveraged from the GoI-UNJCP.

One of the important aspect in reference to the micro planning are, the tools being used to appraise the situation at the local village level. These tools may be the – household schedule, institutional information, Focussed Group Discussions, Resource Maps etc. In one of these tools, the primary information is received through the **Household Format** under the micro planning. This household format becomes the key instrument for the effective representation of each household in the village micro planning process. In this background, the pre-developed format used in the Rajanadandgaon, Micro Planning Process- has been reviewed and customized according to the district's requirement which is annexure here as



Draft Household
Schedule.doc