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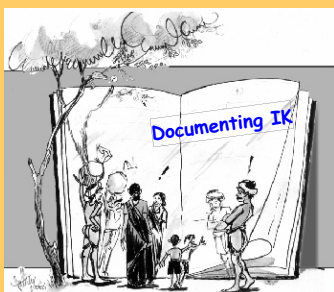
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Project Objective :

Empowered Local and Indigenous communities revive, build upon, protect, share and manage their eco-system specific knowledge, skills and practices that help improve and sustain natural resources and its ecosystem services, health and livelihoods

Project Rationale :

SAMBANDH involved in conservation of the traditional knowledge related to biodiversity and its promotion for providing health and livelihood security to the rural poor with the participation of more than 1500 local healers in 13 districts of Orissa since last 14 years. The project helps to establish a participatory documentation methodology and has established a bridge between the traditional knowledge holders and the modern scientific world in providing scientific touch for conservation and promotion of traditional knowledge.

Project Activities:

The major activities under the Project area :

- ☞ Systematic documentation of the indigenous knowledge and their assessment by using modern scientific tool for the sustainable management of the resources.
- ☞ Preparation of Community Knowledge register – Participatory approach in documentation and assessment of the traditional knowledge.
- ☞ Home Herbal Gardens – easily accessible health security at the door step.
- ☞ Green Health Clubs- Younger generation in the process of revival of the traditional knowledge.
- ☞ Floristic assessment of the village protected forest for establishment of MPCAs.
- ☞ Community based enterprise – Healing Heritage Producer's Company for providing livelihood security.



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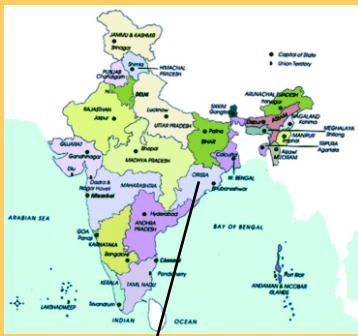
Geographical Area : 5 villages at Cuttack, Rayagada, Phulbani, Ganjam & Mayurbhanj Districts in Orissa

No. of Beneficiaries : 300 Households

SGP Grant : USD 46,409

Co Financing : USD 35,000





Linkages and Networking:

Linkage established with SGP & its partners and other resource agencies like Indian Institute of Forest Management [IIFM], Bhopal, Institute of Mineral & Material Technology [IMMT], Bhubaneswar, Department of Science & Technology [DST], New Delhi, Regional Plant Research Centre [RPC], Bhubaneswar, Department of Indian Medicine & Homeopathy [DIMH], Bhubaneswar, Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Tradition [FRLHT], Bangalore, Orissa University of Agriculture Technology [OUAT], Bhubaneswar, Forest Department, Orissa, CAPART, & Different NGOs from Orissa and Jharkhand, Representatives of Association of Local Healers.

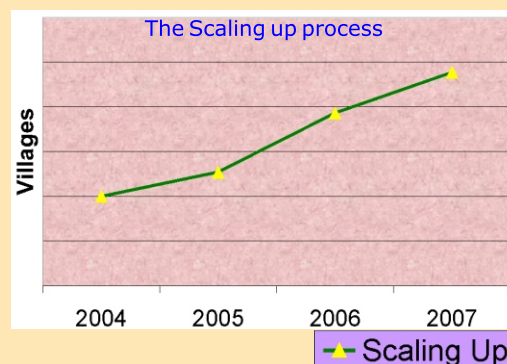
Achievements at a Glance:

The process of documentation is being continued in 10 districts of Orissa, 14 states in India & also in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Thailand.

Quarterly journal "The Tradition" and monthly e-journal on Traditional knowledge and its different aspects is being published and disseminated.

Four Community Knowledge register [CKR] has been prepared for conservation and sustainable use of IK. Now near about more than 100 CKRs are on the making.

1011 Home Herbal Gardens have been established for providing primary health security at the doorstep. Up scaled: 8824 Nos of HHGs have been promoted to provide health security to a population of around 50,000. It has been found that HHGs helps to reduce the primary health expenditure upto 67% and dependency of PHC for primary health problems upto 78%.



150 No. of VRPs have been trained & functioning as barefoot health provider of the villages. Now more than 1000 VRPs trained and work as village herbal health worker.

08 No. of Green Health Clubs have been formed with 272 no of students to make them aware of the importance of IK in health tradition and medicinal plants. Quarterly newsletter "Sabuja Sena" has been published and distributed. Now the program has been up scaled to 72 schools involving more than 2200 students.

The Quantitative floristic assessment conducted 5 village-protected forests at Kandhamal, Ganjam, Cuttack, Rayagada and Mayurbhanj to prepare an inventory of the locally available medicinal plants, their use by the local community and assessment of their threat status and to develop the conservation measures for those species.

The community owned enterprise "Healing Heritage Producers' Company Ltd." (HHPCL) has been established in 2006 for production and value addition of Herbal preparations. This helps to provide alternative livelihood for 500 stakeholders through herbal production.

Assessment of the Impact:

Create awareness among the public on IK and its contemporary relevance.

"Local Health Tradition" has been included as a mandate in AYUSH, Govt. of India under 11th five year plan of Planning Commission. A committee has been established by the Planning Commission at central level, in which Sambandh has been included, for promotion of Local health tradition in India.

In Orissa 41 medicinal plant species has been assessed under different categories of threat for conservation prioritization leads to establishment of 5 medicinal plant conservation areas (MPCA) in Orissa.

A campaign for PGS as a means of Organic certification for products has been started by all of our partners in Eastern India.

SAMBANDH has become the steering Committee Member, Community Knowledge Service, Asia (initiated by UNDP Equator Initiatives and Eco-agriculture partners).



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