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Executive Summary

In the Institution Building, the theme focussed in Auditing of registered Village Organizations and conducting General Body meetings of VOs. The theme organized exposure cum training program for the training pool staff to SERP, Andhra Pradesh to learn the processes of CLF formation. The Training pool staff were also sent to Shabhangi Shikshan Kendra (SSK), Lucknow for learning Participatory Rural Appraisal process and Participatory Training Methodology so that they could enhance their capacity to work efficiently in the field.

So far as the progress of Micro-Finance in the project is concerned, the major emphasis was on the finalization of the CLF Books of Record and its rolling out in the 1st Phase blocks. The focus was on the capacity building of the Project staff and cadres to ensure in time book keeping, micro planning in a more sustained and participatory way and functioning of bank branches. The theme also focussed on the SHG bank A/c opening and linkage. With the effort from the thematic team, bank A/c of more than 90% of the SHGs formed till June, 2011 were opened and more than 4000 Groups were credit-linked with banks amounting to Rs. 19.27 crores at an average of Rs. 46,000.00 per SHG.

In the Livelihoods, the Project facilitated SRI in 1288 villages, in which 1,10,921 SHG Households took up SRI in 21682 acres of land. To provide handhold support, the project trained 2772 Village Resource Persons on this System. Nearly 750 additional VRPs have been trained on the processes of Cross Verification Mechanism.

For the promotion of Vermi-compost, nearly 80,000 SHG HHs have initiated Vermi-compost pit in the backyard, for which they have contributed Rs. 2 crore in the VOs.

In Purnia, the Project facilitated SHG Households for clean energy, for which a memorandum has been signed with TERI for 500 SHG HHs. The total cost of the project is Rs.15, 96,000/-. The unit cost per household is Rs. 3192/-, out of which SHG Household contributed Rs. 1000/- and TERI will contribute Rs. 2192/-.

On the JOBS front, a total of 1105 Youths were placed till Sep, 11. Altogether 7 training centres were established by CIDC for imparting training on construction trade.

A total 325051 SHG Members were made signature literate out of which in this quarter, 40807 Members learnt how to sign.

During this quarter, 315 new VOs initiated Health Saving amounting to Rs. 70.09 Lakh. In total 1680 VOs have mobilized 1.78 crore as Health Saving. A total of 1304 VOs received the HRF from the project of which during this quarter 103 VOs received this fund amounting to Rs.1.54 crores.

1238 VOs have procured the food grains for its members for the 1st time, 346 VOs have done the procurement for the 2nd time and for 3 or more times 164 VOs were engaged in the procurement of the food grains.

On the convergence front, 19724 Members were linked with one or the other social security programs and 52154 SHG HHs were enrolled in Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana.

In Communication, ICON Communications, New Delhi was finalized for conducting communication need assessment of staff and community. Vision EIS Consulting Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi were being involved in providing training on process documentation to the staff and community cadres.

For the preparation of SPIP for NRLM, three levels of consultations were organized. Firstly, State level Consultation workshop was organized in which representatives from Govt. Departments, Banks, NGOs, United Nation Agencies and Academicians participated. Secondly, a two day orientation programme was organized for DDCs, Director DRDAs and BDOs in Gaya. Thirdly, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries gave their feedback on SPIP. The feedbacks from all three consultations were incorporated in the strategic planning of the rolling out of NRLM in Bihar.

Institution & Capacity Building

SHG FORMATION

In all the project districts, 140 teams of the Community Resource Persons have mobilized approx. 26000 poor into 2494 SHGs. In the older villages, 3005 SHGs were formed by the project staff. Thus, altogether 5499 SHGs were formed during this quarter.

SHG formation

The table shows that almost 45% of the SHGs were formed by the Community Resource Persons and the remaining 55% of the groups were formed by Project staff.

District	Total no. of SHG formed	No. of SHGs formed by the Staff	No. of SHGs formed by CRPs	No. of CRP teams involved
Gaya	619	475	144	13
Madhubani	857	577	280	14
Nalanda	747	611	136	11
Muzaffarpur	995	514	481	19
Khagaria	531	347	184	9
Purnia	739	338	401	23
Kosi	1011	143	863	51
Total	5499	3005	2494	140

SHG TRAINING

A total of 5350 SHGs were given training on Module1, 4323 SHGs on Module2, 4005 SHGs on Module3 and 3706 SHGs on Module4.

VILLAGE ORGANIZATION FORMATION

During the quarter, 402 VOs were formed. Out of 402 VOs, 34 teams of CRPs formed 68 VOs in Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Khagaria and Purnia Districts. The remaining 337 VOs were formed by the project staff.

Sl.	District	No. of SHG trained (All Modules)			
		Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
1	Gaya	1174	1180	1170	922
2	Madhubani	496	452	504	418
3	Nalanda	684	722	510	418
4	Muzaffarpur	542	365	361	488
5	Khagaria	448	384	354	476
6	Purnia	822	460	450	556
7	Kosi	1184	760	656	428
	Total	5350	4323	4005	3706

Indicators	Gaya	Nalanda	Muzaffarpur	Madhubani	Purnia	Khagaria	Kosi	State
Village intervened	967	341	471	250	266	112	250	2657
SHG formed	9156	5975	7219	5926	6781	4015	5364	44436
% share of the District	21	13	16	13	15	9	12	
Avg. No of SHG per BPIU	832	854	1031	847	969	1338	413	808

So far as the cumulative progress is concerned, the total number of villages entered is 2657, with approx. 44400 SHGs with the coverage of around 5,65,000 poor HHs.

From the table, we may say that average SHG per village is 16.7 and the average number of members per SHG is 11.4. The share of district Gaya, in the SHG formation is more in comparison to other Districts. The data comparison may not be done with the Kosi Area, as they have 13 blocks of which 11 BPIUs have been entered in the Dec, 10.

VO formation

The table shows that almost 83% of the total VOs formed in the quarter have been formed by the Project Staff and 17% by CRPs.

District	Total no. of VO formed	No. of VO formed by the Staff	No. of VO formed by VO CRPs	No. of CRP teams involved
Gaya	89	89	0	0
Madhubani	54	44	10	5
Nalanda	57	57	0	0
Muzaffarpur	56	40	16	8
Khagaria	45	31	14	6
Purnia	59	34	28	15
Kosi	42	42	0	0
Total	402	337	68	34

Village Organization – Capacity Building

A total of 466 VOs were given training on Module1, 423 VOs on Module2 and 417 VOs on Module3. All these village level trainings were imparted by Project Staff. Further, 265 VOs exposed to the best practicing VOs across districts.

VO Training and Exposure Visits

Sl.	District	No. of VO trained (All Modules)			Exposure Visits
		M1	M2	M3	
1	Gaya	125	123	123	107
2	Madhubani	46	44	31	16
3	Nalanda	68	61	43	39
4	Muzaffarpur	58	35	21	50
5	Khagaria	46	43	55	2
6	Purnia	109	103	130	41
7	Kosi	14	14	14	10
	Total	466	423	417	265

Orientation of Community Cadre and Project Staff on VO Registration and Action Plan

A one day orientation to Book keepers,

Community Mobilizers, Community Coordinators, Area Coordinators and training officers on VO registration and VO action plan & Budget was organized in each of Khagaria & Purnia districts. Altogether 67 participants participated in the orientation workshop.

The main objective of this orientation programme is to make the participants capable for the registration and planning of VO to prepare the documents, VO level plan and budget for its implementation. The topics relating to the need and process of registration, importance and preparation of VO action plan and budget was discussed in the workshop. The key articles of the bye-laws were also discussed during the orientation workshop.

Status of VO Registration

The table shows that 72 VOs have been trained and 67 VOs registration documents have been submitted, of which 31 VOs have been registered.

Particular	District wise Status (Till September, 2011)						Total
	Gaya	Nalanda	Muzaffarpur	Madhubani	Khagaria	Purnia	
Training to EC members on VO registration (no. of VOs)	15	10	13	12	10	12	72
Training to EC members on financial, administrative and statutory systems (no. of VOs)	15	10	13	12	10	12	12
Training to VO on formation, registration and documentation (no. of VOs)	15	10	13	12	10	12	72
Training to Community cadres and staffs on VO registration (no. of participants)	15	10	11	12	10	12	70
Building capacity for preparing VO action plan and budget (no. of participants)	15	10	11	12	10	12	70
No. of VO/ PG Registered	11	5	5	0	10	0	31
Documents submitted to AR for registration (no. of VOs)	4	5	6	9	0	12	36
VO Rating (no. of VOs)	6	3	4	3	10	1	27
Annual General Meeting (no. of VOs)	5	2	5	0	4	0	16

Auditing of Registered Village Organization

P. Jyoti & Co. was selected from the approved list of chartered Accountants firms empanelled by the office of Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Bihar.

The books of account and other statutory records of 14 VOs in the districts of Muzaffarpur (5), Khagaria (4) and Nalanda (5) have been audited for the establishment of financial and statutory system of VO.

The main focus is to have an overview of the VO accounting system and examining the pattern of management, delegation, general ledger, loan ledger, profit and loss account, sale register, stock book and purchase book. The auditor also suggested -

- a. Proper custody and maintenance of movable and immovable properties.
- b. Proper maintenance of account relating to receipt and payment.
- c. To keep all the necessaries registers and records required by VO.

Training cum Exposure Visit of Staff to SERP

During this quarter, 30 project staff visited SERP, Hyderabad for 3 days training cum exposure visit to learn the processes of CLF formation.



The major objective of this training is to develop clear understanding of VO visioning, learn about the processes involved in the formation of CLF from VO, systems placed at the CLF, for example - type of record keeping, institutional architecture of CLF, fund flow mechanism, type and role of cadres of CLF etc.

After returning from the SERP, the participants were involved in development of CLF guidelines, community operational manual of CLF and its training modules.

TRAINING POOL STAFF - CAPACITY BUILDING

Training of Trainers on 'Participatory Training Methodology

During this quarter, 26 training pool staff attended 8 days training program at Shabhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK), Lucknow on Participatory Training Methodology. The objective of this TOT is to prepare master-level peer education trainers.

Training of Community on Participatory Training Methodology

During this quarter, 25 Master Trainer Community Resource Persons (MT- CRP) attended 5 days training program at Shabhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow on Participatory Training Methodology. These MT-CRPs were directly involved in imparting training to community and make better use of training on community. The objective of the training was to make them understand the concepts of PTM and apply these methodologies in the field.

The methodologies used in this training have been made highly interactive as a result of which, it is easier for the participants to grasp the subject. Focus is placed on using methods of adult learning such as

small group discussion, case study, role-plays, simulations, use of power point, Video Films, video reviews, etc. Participatory learning games and energizers are also used to create conducive environment for participants.

Training of Staff on Participatory Rural Appraisal

51 training pool staff in 2 batches attended 5 days Training program on Participatory Rural Appraisal at Shabhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK), Lucknow on Participatory Rural Appraisal. The main objective was to enhance the capacity of community facilitators on data collection, presentation, analysis and interpretation through social mapping, seasonality, livelihood analysis, Venn diagrams, matrix scoring, timelines, transect walks, wealth ranking etc.

The participants shared their learning from the training program and prepared the action plan for implementing their learning in the field. They are forming cluster level PRA teams to cover the left out poor through social mapping.

Finalization of Community Institution Material Policy

The establishment of material policy which was earlier approved from the SPMU has been delegated to the BPIUs. A new policy was framed to allow the BPIUs in taking decision on transferring the establishment material to the Community Institutions within the standard time frame.

Visit of Project CRP to the Livelihood School-BASIX for Capacity Building

In the month of July, 37 members including adopted SHGs members and

few male members from the Livelihood School- BASIX Project called 'Pathways for the Poorest' visited village Parewa in JEEViKA for an exposure visit to interact with members of SHGs formed by BRLPS. After seeing the positive results, the Livelihood School invited the Community Resource Persons (CRP) from BRLP to their project villages so that they could train, motivate and counsel their Adopted SHG members.

In September, a team of 4 experienced CRPs from Sheikhwara village in Bodhgaya block of Gaya district were sent for 5 days to 'Livelihood Pathways for the Poorest' project in Gaya implemented by the Livelihood School and supported by Grameen Foundation, USA.

The objective was to motivate the SHG members to continue attending weekly meetings, depositing savings and building awareness about the benefits from attending regular meetings and savings, drawing inspirations from their own experiences, to train the SHG members to follow Panchsutra norms and also to encourage the SHG members to explore and take up livelihood activities, with the objective of ensuring cash flow to the households.

It was a good learning process for the project CRPs and was helpful in building up their confidence in imparting training to other projects' SHG members.



Micro Finance

So far as the progress of Micro-Finance in the project is concerned, the major emphasis was on consolidating the efforts that were put in with respect to systems laid down and business processes at community institutions. In this regard, within the Micro Finance Spectrum, following have been the achievements in respect of the targets both in terms of quantity as well as quality.

FINALIZATION OF CLF BOOKS OF RECORDS AND IT'S ROLLING OUT IN 1ST PHASE BLOCKS

The project has been in the phase where the higher level of federations are required in order to monitor and facilitate the activities of the community institutions existing at village level. The nurturing of higher level federations is likely to bring in more responsibility and participation from the community. Anticipating the same, an effort has been made to prepare the books of records for the Cluster Level Federations. The prepared books of records and its availability shall ensure that transactions taking place at the higher level of federations incorporate the tenets of effective management. The MF team has been instrumental in facilitating the preparedness of CLF books of records along with case studies. This had been shared with representatives from DPCU and BPIU through a workshop before finalizing it. A detailed module was prepared to train staff of 1st phase blocks (18 BPIU's) where the CLFs were supposed to be formed. Altogether 36 people from different BPIUs were provided training on CLF books of records. They were provided with Books of Records also for effective roll out in the field. The CLF books of records have been rolled out successfully.

At the same time, the project had been proactive in making improvements in the existing books of records at VO level. The

new initiatives in livelihoods and social development have been duly incorporated. The same has been shared to representatives from different BPIU through a training program. Altogether 45 accountants were trained on SHG and VO Books of Records.

TRAINING TO NEWLY IDENTIFIED VO BOOK KEEPERS AND REORIENTATION TO EXISTING VO BOOK KEEPERS ON VO BOOKS OF RECORDS

The project witnessed the formation of large number of Village Organizations during financial year 2010-11 and the current year shall also witness the formation of VOs in the same pace. Accordingly, there is a



need that project is ready with a cadre of trained community professionals to write the books of records existing with the Village Organizations. To strengthen the process, a cadre of VO book keepers has been identified and provided with training to ensure timely book keeping of the village organizations. At the same time, it was required that the existing Book Keepers are provided with the refresher on book writing in order to ensure effective facilitation at the VO level. To ensure better and effective book keeping at the VO level, attempts were made to further equip the community cadres with knowledge to deliver at the best. In total 154 number of VO book keepers have been provided with training and refresher during this quarter on VO book keeping across the districts. This has been done with the purpose and anticipation that rolling out of the VO books of records is ensured on time and in a uniform way.

TRAINING TO COMMUNITY CADRE ON MICRO PLANNING AT DISTRICT LEVEL

The process of Micro Planning is at the very core of the project. The process has its importance as the community participates in totality and the decisions are arrived at through the process of discussion, availability of resources etc. It is in this context that training of community mobilizers are done on issues related to Micro- Planning. This helps in ingraining the knowledge related to MP at the community level. Altogether 293 community mobilizers were trained on issues of Micro Planning and they are expected to conduct Micro Planning in more sustained and participative way with the community institutions and individuals.

PREPARATION FOR FACILITATION OF BANK LINKAGES WITH MAINSTREAM BANKS

One of the important factors that pave the way for bank linkages is the availability of stationery with bank branches. Unavailability of stationery becomes the limiting factor in the smooth transaction of financial flow to the community institutions like that of SHGs. In order to overcome the problem and facilitate for credit linkages, institutional arrangement has been made with all the important banks and stocking of the stationery has been ensured at the project level. Besides the support of stationery, due support was provided on all fronts to facilitate Bank Linkages with different Banks. This led to a financial flow of Rs. 19.27 Crores as lending in the 2nd quarter. 4170 number of SHGs being credit linked during the 2nd quarter. A

credit linkage program had been organized with support from Central Bank of India and the Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank where more than 2200 SHGs were credit linked. The CMD of Central Bank of India (Mr. M.V.Tanksale) graced the occasion. Besides the linkage made during the program, number of other SHGs were provided with credit support across different BPIUs. This quarter saw development in terms of the breaking of the deadlock with Bank of Baroda and United Bank of India which will ensure the linkage of around 1500 SHGs in the next quarter from these 2 Banks. A lot of spade work has been done to facilitate credit linkage in the next quarter. The planning has been done to ensure a cumulative loaning of more than 100 crores by the end of the third quarter.

PREPARATION OF 1ST DRAFT OF ACCOUNTING MANUAL FOR BOTH SHG AND VO

The MF team has been instrumental in working towards preparing a draft manual to support the accounting procedures at the level of community institutions. This is likely to provide help in case of any difficulties faced at the community level. The draft was prepared and the same shall be shared with representatives from different districts and then the final format shall be circulated to all. A lot of effort had been made to simplify the ingrained issues of accounting in simple terms so that it is well understood at the level of the community cadre also. The final draft shall be prepared and circulated during the next quarter.

STATUS OF JEEVIKA WITH RESPECT TO DIFFERENT BANKS

Snap – Shots of The JEEVIKA – Bank status till 30th September 2011

Sl.	Bank Name	No. of SHG's Savings A/C Opened	No. of SHG's Bank Credit Linkage Done	Bank Credit Linkage Amount in Rs. Lakhs
1	State Bank of India	6445	3056	1192.47
2	Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank	4228	1852	638.9
3	Bank of Baroda	1534	502	168.5
4	Punjab National Bank	4846	2290	1024.6
5	Central Bank of India	2327	1861	855.8
6	Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank	6989	4698	2159.11
7	Union Bank of India	527	174	59.43
8	Bihar Kshetriya Gramin Bank	1880	1247	590.55
9	Bank of India	2542	1167	512.9
10	Allahabad Bank	413	70	10.50
11	United Bank of India	679	131	54.10
12	Uco Bank	494	47	17.25
13	Canara Bank	305	275	117.5
	Total	33207	17370	7401.61

SYSTEM OF RICE INTENSIFICATION (SRI)

The demand generation for SRI was done by undertaking SRI Micro-plan in Self Help Groups. 143889 SHG households of 1288 villages demanded for SRI in 30,042 acres of land. Out of these Households, 110921 SHG HHs in nearly 8673 hectares (21682 acres) of land have adopted the SRI technique. The district wise transplantation & acreage details are as follows;

Sl.	District	Nos. of SHG Households	SRI land in Acres
1	Purnia	19576	6203
2	Khagaria	8690	2039
3	Madhubani	15667	2685
4	Muzaffarpur	13856	2641
5	Nalanda	11231	1269
6	Gaya	31110	4820
7	Kosi districts	10791	2025
	TOTAL	110921	21682



Sporadic rainfall and water stressed condition in the month of July & August affected the transplantation of paddy through SRI, for which the participating SHG households were been reduced to 110921 as against the 143889 SHG households demanded SRI in 30042 acres during Micro-planning.

The average tillers number of 25 different blocks is as follows;

Block	Average Tiller (Nos.)	Block	Average Tiller (Nos.)
Dhamdaha	55	Noorsarai	30
Barhara Kothi	46	Amas	52
Banmankhi	45	Khizarsarai	44
Baisi	40	Chhatapur	30
Rupauli	35	Benipatti	55
Manpur	36	Gurua	60
Wazirganj	43	Barachatti	55
Dholi	44	Bodhgaya	55
Alauli	52	Mushari	42
Bhawanipur	18	Bochaha	45
Amour	33	Kurhani	45
Rajgir	38	Sakra	55
Nagarnausa	40	Rajnagar	50

TRAINING ON CROSS VERIFICATION MECHANISM

During the implementation of SRI, 1361 additional VRPs were identified in 1394 villages. Two Best Practicing Farmers in every village were identified during the SRI intervention and made the part of the CVM SHT i.e., Cross Verification Mechanism Spearhead Team. The CVM SHT comprises one additional VRP and two best practicing farmers. Nearly 750 additional VRPs have been trained in DPCU Muzaffarpur on the processes of the Cross Verification Mechanism. This training comprises both class room training and field demonstration. But more emphasis was on field demonstration.

PROMOTION OF VERMI-COMPOST

During this quarter, micro-planning exercise was organized for the SHG households to generate demand for installation of vermi-compost pits in backyards. Nearly 80000 SHG Households demanded to initiate

vermin-compost pit in their backyard, for which SHG members have contributed Rs. 2 Crore to their respective Village Organizations.



The different Village Organizations will also support these 80000 SHG households with a loan amount of Rs. 10 Crore. After the vermi-compost production, the marketable surplus will be procured by the Village Organizations (VOs) / Women Farmers Producers' Companies (WFPCs) as would be appropriate to sell to the SHG households having neither cattle nor vermi-compost. Application of vermi-compost will improve the soil health and increase the water retention capacity of the soil.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TERI FOR CLEAN ENERGY

BRLPS has signed a MoU with The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) to bring clean & reliable source of solar lighting system for 500 poor SHG households in the Village Dharahar Jamuniya, Panchayat Mongolia Purandaha of Dhamdaha block in Purnia district. The total cost of the project is INR 15,96,000/-. The unit cost per household is Rs. 3192/-. The SHG households have contributed Rs. 1000/- each and TERI has contributed Rs. 2192/- per SHG households. The total contribution from the SHG households is amounting to Rs. 5,00,000/-, which is 31.3% of the total project share and TERI contribution share is Rs. 10,96,000/-, which is 68.7%. Under this MoU, TERI is to install 10 solar charging stations and 3 solar mobile charging facilities along with 500 solar

lanterns. Each solar charging station will accommodate charging of 50 solar lanterns during the day time. The individual SHG households will collect the solar lantern from the solar charging stations in the late afternoon and use the some in the evening.

It is estimated during the survey that each SHG households of Dharhar Jamuniya spend Rs. 400/- per month for getting light either from the local generator operator or on kerosene run lantern and Rs. 5/- per day for charging of mobile handset. In this BRLPS-TERI joint effort, the SHG household will get back its value for money in just 3 months. The charging of solar lantern will cost Rs. 2/- per day and mobile handset charging will cost Rs. 2/- per day, which will be deposited with the operator of the Solar Charging Station, which will be spent on the rental of space of the charging station, service charge of the operator and repair & maintenance of Solar Charging Station and Solar Charging Mobile Facility.

TERI has imparted one day training programme on solar charging station model implementation on 19th September 2011 in Patna to the 5 point persons of BRLP, who are deeply involved in bringing clean & reliable sources of solar lighting system for poor SHG households of Dharhar Jamuniya.

MAHILA KISAN SASHAKTIKARAN PARIYOJANA (MKSP)

“Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana” (MKSP) is a sub-component of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) under Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD). It has been initiated to improve the present status of women in agriculture and to enable the opportunities for their empowerment. The objective of the MKSP is to empower the women in agriculture by making systematic investments to enhance their participation, agricultural productivity; ensure food & nutrition security; manage agriculture based livelihoods through women institutions and

use of locally adopted resource conserving, farmer-led and environmentally-friendly technologies. The expected outcome of the MKSP is to increase the income of women from agriculture; improvement in food & nutrition security; increased in area under cultivation, cropping intensity & food production; increase access to productivity land, quality seed, inputs, credit & information; improve soil health & fertility to sustain agriculture based livelihoods and increase visibility of women in agriculture.

Ministry of Rural Development would provide funding support upto 75% (90% in case of North East and hill states) to the project submitted by the State Government / Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) under MKSP. Balance 25% is to be contributed by the respective state governments or any other donor agencies.

In Bihar MKSP will be implemented by three agencies namely Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), Action for Social Advancement (ASA) and Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN). The project will be operational in 55 blocks of 9 districts and Chakai block of Jamui district. The total cost of the project is nearly Rs. 125 Crore and will be implemented for a period of 3 years. The MKSP project blocks will be the intensive blocks of NRLM and will be converged with all the developmental programmes of the Government.

WOMEN FARMERS PRODUCERS' COMPANIES (WFPCS)

JEEViKA Mahila Agri Producers' Company Limited (JMAPCL) has processed 15 tons of GW 273, UP 2526 and UP 2565 wheat seeds and the sample has been sent for certification to the Bihar State Seed Certification Agency. In the upcoming wheat season, these 15 tons of certified wheat seeds will be sold to the SHG members for carrying out System of Wheat Intensification. The JMAPCL has also procured 35 Kgs. of WHITE DIAMOND variety of cauliflower seed from Hazipur for supplying the same to the Village Organizations to carry out System of Crop Intensification (SCI) in cauliflower with 1247 SHG households in 47.38 acres. In the last summer season, the company has procured and stored 3 tons of HUM 12, HUM 16, NEHA, SML 668, TM 9937; which will be ready for selling in the upcoming green gram season. The company has also completed RoC compliances, income tax and sale tax return filing.

Aranyak Agri Producers' Company Limited (AAPCL) has processed 2.25 tons of HD 2824 variety of TL seed, which will be sold in the upcoming wheat season for carrying out System of Wheat Intensification. The AAPCL has also procured and stored 5 quintals of HUM 16 variety of Green Gram seed, which will be procured and ready for selling in the upcoming Green Gram season.

The company has also completed RoC compliances, income tax and sale tax return filing.

The Project is setting up systems to support 10000 youth with gainful employment in the financial year (2011-12). The action plan and activity calendar has been prepared to achieve the target.

DISTRICT WISE PLACEMENT REPORT

District	Cum. till June 2011	Progress July-Sept 2011	Cum. till Sept 2011
Purnia	491	32	523
Gaya	76	26	102
Khagaria	88	12	100
Nalanda	83	24	107
Madhubani	96	78	174
Muzaffarpur	82	3	85
Saharsa	14	0	14
Total	930	175	1105

PARTNER "CIDC"- PROGRESS

Altogether Seven (7) training centres have been successfully established in 5 districts- Purnia, Saharsa, Khagaria, Nalanda and Gaya. All these centres are dedicated for construction trade. Job fair was organized in Patna on 19th September for the trained masons of Purnia and Khagaria centres. The first batch of women mason training was inaugurated on 22nd September by Mr. K. Raju (Joint Secretary, GoI) in Pathalgarh - Bodhgaya.

DISTRICT "MADHUBANI" INITIATIVE

Madhubani district mobilized large number of youths from the SHG family to participate in the job fair organized by labour department.

46 youths were absorbed by various companies.

From the learning, job fair was organized by DPCU- Madhubani in which 31 youth were placed in Nav Bharat fertilizer and other local industries. The Internal Jobs Team is working to standardize the strategy of the job fair.

On the convergence front, a meeting with labour department and state skill mission was organized.

JOB RESOURCE PERSON (JRP) POLICY

To gear up the job intervention, JRP policy for the selection of JRPs was finalized and circulated. This will be done in 22 Blocks initially, identified for intensive intervention of Job component.

WORKSHOP

A one day workshop was organized in which the potential agencies working of skill development and placement participated. Agencies like DRF, Skill Pro, IL&FS, RSETI-Patna, RUDSETI-Hazipur, IACM, CIDC, IIJT, GRAS Academy, Technopak, B-ABLE, AEA, Centum Work Skill India, Sahaj, IMS pro-School and ISF taken part in the workshop.

EXPOSURE VISIT OF PROJECT STAFF

A seven member team visited EGMM-Hyderabad and VKP-Chennai to experience the best practices and replicate the same in JEEViKA. The visit was anchored by World Bank Consultant Mrs. Meera Shenoy.

Social Development

HEALTH RISK INTERVENTION

Progress : During this quarter, 105 new VOs procured Food grains and the total fund disbursed in amounting to Rs 2.29 crore.

HEALTH SAVING

During this quarter, 315 new VOs mobilized health saving amounting to Rs 70.09 Lac. Thus, the total no. of VOs involved in Health saving is 1680 with the cumulative saving amounting to Rs.1.78 Crore.

Heads	Gaya	Pur.	Muz.	Nal.	Madh.	Kha.	Kosi	Total
Total No. of VO received FSF	284	147	288	195	177	143	4	1238
Total FSF Amount Received by VOs (Rs crore)	5.3	2.79	5.76	3.9	3.54	2.86	0.8	24.95
No. of members Benefitted	23856	12348	19306	16380	14868	10074	0	96832

Access to Health Risk Fund

In this quarter, 65 VOs after following the triggers generated applications and accessed the Health Risk Fund amounting to Rs. 0.97 crore. By the end of this quarter 1304 VOs have received HRF amounting to Rs. 19.54 crore.

Access: 11234 VOs have completed the 1st round of procurement. The total amount received under this head is Rs 24.95 crore. Out of 1,48,080 SHG HH, 65.3% have accessed Food Grains under the Intervention in the 1st round.

The District wise cumulative achievement is given in the table –

Particular	Gaya	Purnia	Muzaffarpur	Nalanda	Madhubani	Khagaria	Total
No. VO Started HRF Saving	321	271	359	273	275	181	1680
Total Amt. of HRF saving mobilized (Lakh)	25.3	24.1	44.8	27.8	29.49	27.39	178.77
Total of No. VOs received HRF-CIF	309	156	245	242	187	165	1304
Total Amt. of HRF-CIF Received by VOs.(Crore)	4.3	2.96	3.63	3.38	2.8	2.47	19.54
Total Amt. of Loan disbursed (Crore)	1.58	1.01	1.19	1.28	1.17	0.7	6.93
Total No. of Members taken HRF Loan	3136	1455	1562	2912	3000	893	12958

FOOD SECURITY INTERVENTION

Intervention: The Food Security is a community managed credit and food distribution mechanism, extended to the Self Help Groups, specifically to address the food requirement of the poor people in the communities.

VO Initiative: During this quarter, 71 VOs completed second round of food grain procurement, bringing total no. of such VOs to 346. 79 VOs have completed 3rd cycle of food grain procurement, totaling to 164 VOs.

Heads	Gaya	Pur.	Muz.	Nal.	Madh.	Kha.	Total
No. VO completed 2nd Cycle of FS member	63	49	81	50	59	44	346
No. VO completed 3rd Cycle of FS	31	21	27	11	53	21	164

SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Partnership: With the joint collaboration of UNICEF, PHED / District Water & Sanitation Committee (GoB) and BRLPS, the Total Sanitation Campaign Program is being implemented in 7 Blocks of Gaya, Nalanda and Purnia.

PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Applications Generated

The Project facilitated VOs to apply for PDS license where earlier PDS license were cancelled by the Government for some reason. Within 15 days of short notice period 195 VOs completed all processes of application and submitted the application in SDO office.

PDS Sanctioned

Out of 195 VO, 76 VO were granted PDS license during the quarter. The details may be seen underneath:

Sl.	District	No. of VO applied for PDS	No of VO application sanctioned
1	Muzaffarpur	31	5
2	Madhubani	29	19
3	Nalanda	32	22
4	Purnia	29	22
5	Gaya	40	8
6	Khagaria	34	0
	Total	195	76

TRAINING

All PDS license holder VOs have received one day training from concerned Marketing Officers. The learning of 3 older VOs which have been running PDS for the last two years has helped the project to scale up PDS through VOs. Through the PDS the community households are getting rice, wheat and kerosene oil. The BPL and Antyodaya households are getting rice and wheat on regular basis.

Agreements have been signed by DPCU Gaya, Nalanda and Purnia with DWSC for implementing TSC through Nodal VO in 10 identified Blocks.



Progress: During this quarter, total 102 new sanitary toilets were constructed by 5 VOs bringing total no. of sanitary toilets. Community Mobilization Drives on sanitation were conducted in 3 different blocks of Gaya.

Project Contribution: The project provides revolving fund to meet the expenditure related to toilet construction and after completion of the work, the nodal VO claims for reimbursement of the expenditure of construction cost at the rates approved by the government. By the end of the quarter, the total amount transferred to 18 VOs is Rs. 55, 58,200/-.

Reimbursement: Out of 1412 sanitary toilets, 674 bills for were submitted in DWSC, of which reimbursement amounting to Rs. 3,61,200/- 159 toilets in Purnia and Nalanda has been done.

Exposure visit on Comprehensive Rural Health at Jamkhed: During the month of July 2011 exposure visit cum training program was conducted at Jamkhed in Maharashtra on Comprehensive Rural Health Project. 13 Women Outreach Workers (WOWs) and 9 field staff participated in the exposure visit.

Human Resource Development

CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF (MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR STAFF)

37 Managers of the project participated in the 9th and 10th batch of Management Development Program which was organized by Chandragupta Institute of Management, Patna, details of which are mentioned underneath:

Batch	Participants Attended	Topic
9 th	12	Office Mgt, Quality & Conflict Mgt
10 th	25	Office Mgt, Quality & Conflict Mgt

TRAINING, WORKSHOP AND EXPOSURE

1. State Project Managers- M&E, Administrative Officer, Project Managers-HR and Micro Insurance along with 4 DPMs and 1 Block Project Manager participated in Management Development Program organized by Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat, on "Performance Management System" from 19th to 22nd of September 2011.
2. Five Manager Livelihoods, One - Chief Executive-Women Farmers Producer Company, Khagaria along with four Block Project Managers participated the training program organized by Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat, on "Governance and Management in Producers Organization" 19th to 24th September 2011.
3. State Project Manager - HRD attended the workshop on Livelihoods at XIM Bhubaneswar, Orissa from 4th to 5th September 2011.
4. State Project Manager - HRD along with SPM-LH visited Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat, for presentation about JEEViKA, BRLPS to the students of PG-Rural Management for Mid Term Segment/Placement at IRMA from 19th to 20th September 2011.

5. SPM-Jobs participated in International skills summit organized by FICCI in Delhi from 15 to 16 August 2011. It has provided an opportunity for rapport building and networking with the best agencies working on skills and jobs.
6. Eleven participants out of which 10 from BRLPS and another Mr. Praveen Kumar from Blue-frog visited the operational area of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in Pondicherry to study and learn the Information Technology based Agriculture Extension and Management Information System (MIS) for strengthening the adoption of agriculture technologies and initiate the MIS for quick decision making.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

The Project has conducted internship programmes for 17 Management Graduates from various Management Institutions and Universities. The students were from Central Universities, Rajendra Agriculture Universities (RAU), KiiT School of Rural Management (KSRM), Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA).

The studies undertaken were on;

- a) The Farmers' behaviors towards fertilizer application
- b) An Action Research and Study on field preparation for Carbon Financing
- c) To develop comprehensive livelihoods micro-plan for Village Organizations
- d) The reduction in market imperfection due to finance products namely Food Security Fund (FSF) and Health Risk Fund (HRF)
- e) The E Book Keeping implemented at the level of VO
- f) The existing Community Procurement Methods.

RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

1. Campus Selection from Chandragupta Institute of Management, Patna. One person for the post of Manager Livelihoods and

one person for the post of Block Project Manager have been selected through the process of campus selection.

2. The recruitment for the position of State Project Managers, Project Managers, Project Associates, District Project Managers, Block Project Managers, Finance Managers, Training Managers, Training Officers along with Thematic Managers and Livelihoods specialist have been completed by SIDS.
3. 16 Office Assistants and 7 Accountants were cleared from the waitlist and called for joining against vacant position. Only 6 Accountants and 6 Office Assistants has joined BRLPS on 08th August 2011. The newly joined Accountants and office assistants have been placed in the Project BPIUs after induction. The offer letters are issued to eleven Office Assistants and their joining is expected in first month of next quarter.

INDUCTION TRAINING TO NEWLY JOINED STAFF

The Induction training was organized for newly joined 6 Accountants and 6 Office Assistants from 8th to 13th August 2011.

ADMINISTRATION

- 24th Executive Committee and 6th General Body Meeting was held on 26.11.2011 and Annual Report and audited financial statement for the year 2010-11 was accepted by the General Body of the BRLPS.
- One batch of IAS Probationers and two batches of BAS Probationers were exposed to the functioning of the Community Institutions and the Project.
- High level Delegation team from Punjab and Tripura learnt and observed the overall functioning of the Project. They learnt the processes of Community Institution building and the business processes developed by the Project.
- Newly Recruited Assistants and Accountants were trained on the admin processes (filing, reporting system) of JEEViKA.

Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

RURAL LIVELIHOODS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Training to Project Staff on MIS operations and its usage

Two Training workshops were organized at state level on MIS operations and its usage. One workshop 8th and 11th August 2011 for BPMs and the other workshop between on 22nd and 25th August were for DPMs and thematic managers respectively. In the both workshop 82 thematic managers and BPMs were trained on MIS application: how to use it and how to make use of it.

Trainings and refresher trainings to CMs, DEOs

A training workshop was organized on 23rd – 26th September 2011 at state level in two batches in which 45 DEOs from 42 BPIUs were trained on installation and configuration of MIS software. They were also trained on SHG MIS, Micro Plan and VO MIS data entry. During this quarter 17 trainings, were organized in which 7 DEOs and 461 CMs across 14 blocks of 6 districts were trained on DIDI sheet and MIS data entry.

Rolling out e-Book keeping at VO level

During this quarter, 20 mini Laptops were procured by 20 VOs of Lahuar cluster under BPIU Rajgir through community procurement. 8 VOs and 286 SHGs data are being updated in e-gram MIS. The Plan is to convert the rest VOs MIS data into the E - Gram MIS in the coming quarter.

PROCESS MONITORING

The Process Monitoring of the project was started in January 2009 to establish a monitoring mechanism on qualitative, responsive, dynamic and adaptive basis. The process monitoring was intended to assist the project team and other stakeholders in better understanding of how and through what processes inputs get converted into outputs, what issues are critical in that conversion process and what actions are necessary to increase the effectiveness of the project interventions. The process monitoring support to the project continued during 2010-11. The Agreement with SUTRA Consultant expired in June, 2011.

The process monitoring was undertaken in sample villages during this each quarter also. The coverage of regular process monitoring is presented below:

District	No. of villages Covered	No. of SHG covered	No. of VOs covered	Individual Respondent
Quarter 1	54	432	All in the sample villages, More than 100	1890 respondents (5 community leader, 10 women, 10 men, and 10 poorest households in each village)
Quarter 2	90	720	All in the sample villages, More than 100	3150 respondents (5 community leaders, 10 women, 10 men, and 10 poorest households in each village)
Quarter 3	90	720	All in the sample villages, More than 100	3150 respondents (5 community leader, 10 women, 10 men, and 10 poorest households in each village)
Quarter 4	90	720	All in the sample villages, More than 100	3150 respondents (5 community leader, 10 women, 10 men, and 10 poorest households in each village)

THE KEY FINDINGS OF THE PROCESS MONITORING

Village Organization Financial Analysis

The financial analysis of Village Organization was undertaken to understand current levels of profitability and the financial sustainability of VOs being promoted under the project. It was considered to be an important area about which project has limited information and was important to understand the extent to which the Village Organizations are becoming financially viable entities. Following findings emerged from the field study:

- The average velocity of loaning for ICF is 1.12, indicating decent performance in credit rotation. On an average 40 percent of the CIF repayment received by VOs have been given as loan to groups as VO general loan. The VO general loan disbursed (based on lending of CIF repayment) indicates improving trend of lending activity by VOs. The lending of CIF repayment received in 2008-09 by VOs was only 11.5 percent which has increased to 42 percent in 2010-11 (till Sep, 11).
- Only 21 percent of the VOs have been able to use the entire HRF fund and also have rotated the repayment received. Almost half of the VOs have used less than 50 percent of the HRF fund. The average velocity of lending of HRF fund is about 0.463, which needs improvement (till Sep, 11).
- Most of the VOs are able to meet (notionally) part of the expenditure from incomes through interest earning and other sources. On an average the ratio of income to

expenditure is 0.68, indicating that present income is sufficient to cover 68 percent of present expenditure. Both, expenses and income have not peaked in VOs and are likely to increase with time. In 40 percent of the sample VOs the ratio of income and expenditure is 1 or more; indicating present expenditures can be covered by present income of VOs. Interest burden of VOs to BLF was ignored in the calculation.

- Inter-loaning needs special attention and was suggested that a similar analysis be undertaken with each of VOs involving their leaders so that the need for credit rotation is appreciated by the leaders
- The available fund with VO to be communicated to groups in each VO meeting besides encouraging groups to put forward demands.

Assessment of Health Risk Fund

A detailed assessment of the Health Risk Fund was undertaken to examine issues related to the use and effectiveness of the fund. The Assessment was done in the 2nd Quarter of the Assignment. The summary of the key findings are as below -

- The assessment found that roughly, 50 percent of the groups have one or more members who have taken loan from HRF. On an overall basis, only 6 percent of total members have taken loan under HRF. On an average the first loan from HRF was released about two months after VO received HRF. The demand for HRF overall seems to be low as compared to general ICF and FSF. Average loan amount to any member under HRF is about Rs 5,500/-.

- Most of the VOs agree that there is a demand for HRF loan, but the ceiling on loan size is a big deterrent for many members who want bigger amount for major surgery.
- The purpose of loan widely varied. Majority of the SHG members took loan for themselves for treatment of gynecological problems followed by treatment of children and husband. About 10 percent of the loans were taken for treatment of other extended family members such as in-laws, brother and sister in-laws and other staying together. Almost all cases were genuine and of emergency, in nature.
- 16.3 percent of HRF users received loan lesser than what they had demanded. The reasons for this were many, but loan ceiling and paucity of fund were the main reasons and they got lesser amount than requested and many had to take high cost loan to meet their remaining requirements.
- Based on the study the repayment situation needs to be closely monitored since the defaulters are close to 30 percent. It was suggested that methods repayment tracking should be devised.

Assessment of Food Security Fund

A detailed assessment of the food security fund was undertaken to examine issues related to use and effectiveness of the fund. The Assessment was done in the 2nd Quarter. The summary of the key findings are presented below

- About 77 percent of groups under sample VOs have taken benefit from FSF. On an average, about 77 percent of the demand for food grain

was met through FSF loan.

- On an average 75 percent of the sample VOs have used FSF only once within 8.2 months of receiving fund. 23.3 percent of the VOs have used the FSF twice while only 1.7 percent of VOs have used it thrice after receiving FSF.
- The average repayment duration of FSF loan is approximately 5.5 months though the loan is available for only 3 months. On an average only 68 percent of the due FSF repayment has been made by VOs.
- The velocity of FSF use is 0.91 indicating that many VOs do not use the entire FSF amount, particularly the second installments of FSF received by many VOs recently have not been used.

Assessment of System of Wheat Intensification

Specific technical assistance for livelihood enhancement is one of the key components of JEEViKA and the project in the first phase with assistance from PRADAN and ASA piloted agriculture support services to SHG members for improving agriculture productivity. The project through livelihoods support services under BRLP aims to promote improved crop varieties among farmers through Participatory Varietals Selection and Promotion (PVSP), and to enhance crop productivity through System of Rice Intensification (SRI), and System of Wheat Intensification (SWI).

- Apparently many farmers who have tried SWI are aware about the need of getting all the inputs and adopting all steps in a timely manner. One of the strong requests from all stakeholders (VRPs, VOs and users) was to ensure timely inputs from the

project, at least 10 days to 1 month in advance. It was suggested that the input be supplied to project beneficiaries in a timely manner.

- The training of VRPs in some districts does not involve enough field training or practical orientation. VRPs who are experience with PRADAN and ASA do not need field training so much, but require regular refresher courses, while those new to extension services require adequate field based orientation and exposure besides classroom session.
- VRPs providing orientation to farmers require sufficient and appropriate teaching and training aids. Flipcharts, guide book and videos are considered by VRPs as the most powerful means of orientating training in small groups and as such these training materials need to be provided to VRPs.
- The project has clearly demonstrated increase in production in first or second trial. Most of the sample users have shown high improvement in yield in spite of several mistakes in first trial. It is apparent that majority of the beneficiaries can significantly improve yield in their second and third trials and hence it is important that efforts and inputs be maintained in subsequent trials till the farmers are confident to replicate the same without project support.

IMPACT EVALUATION

BRLPS, in consultation with World Bank decided to conduct the Impact Evaluation of the project from the third party agency through household survey.

An agency “GfK Mode” selected for Impact Evaluation of the Project “through advertisement and competitive basis (QCBS method of procurement).

The agency completed the first round study of 20 households in 450 villages across 180 Panchayats in the 7 project districts in Bihar. Within each village, community members have been interviewed and data in different household module were filled up. At the village level, Focussed Group Discussions were also held. The Detailed sample size & status is mentioned underneath:

BRLP HH & Women data status -

Districts	Total Sample Size (SS)	Data Punched	Data Cleaned
Madhepura	111	357	194
Saharsa	68		
Supaul	62		
Nalanda	20		
Muzaffarpur	66		
Gaya	12		
Madhubani	18		
Total	357	357	194

BRLP FGD Status -

Districts	Total Sample Size (SS)	Data Punched	Data Cleaned
Madhepura	2800	8950	1971
Saharsa	1700		1709
Supaul	1550		1506
Nalanda	500		
Muzaffarpur	1650		
Gaya	300		25
Madhubani	450		
Total	8950	8950	5212

Communication

During the quarter, four important assignments were finalized for Initiating expert's support for various Communication assignments. The details of the assignments are mentioned underneath:

- **Communication Need Assessment:** Icon Communications, New Delhi was finalized to conduct a detailed research in all 55 blocks involving nearly 4000 households, community cadres and staff to assess the communication gap, and to suggest an appropriate strategy for effective link for staff-staff, staff-community and community-community communication. The focus of the research would be in the following areas:
 - Quantitative and qualitative analysis of the communication needs
 - Identification of the gaps therein with reference to the other stakeholders
 - The research tool is sample study, FGDs and face to face interactions
 - Both SHG and non SHG households are to be covered for assessment
 - The report is to analyze the happenings and the possible channels
- **Behavior Change Communication Module & TOT:** Taking a clue from the Communication Need Assessment, standardized steps to develop the communication and facilitation skill of the CBO leaders, Community cadres and field level staff have been planned. For the purpose, specific short module/s are to be developed, which would be integrated with all trainings at various levels. To develop the module/s on Behavior Change Communication, also ICON Communications, New Delhi was finalized. They will also impart training to 72 trainers and provides and holding support in the follow up action. Then after the refresher, the final module with detailed pedagogy and toolkit would be handed over.
- **Process Documentation Training:** Vision EIS Consulting Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi was finalized for providing Process Documentation Trainings to the staff and community cadres. The core objective of the assignment is to build the capacity of the field executives in documentation through participatory and practical training workshops with field assignments. It is envisaged that a band of nearly 110 community cadres and 110 field staff would be trained on documentation and nearly 24 staff would be trained on documentation, which includes analysis and presentation in various forms. The assignment includes, training need assessment, develop, pre-test and finalize training modules, pre-test the manual in pre-workshop, conducting 12 trainings, and concurrent evaluation of the training programmes to incorporate mid-term changes in the methodology. This would build-upon the experiential learning of participants.
- **Developing Culture as Livelihoods:** The project aims at creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for the communities using their own traditional cultural skills, resulting in social and economic empowerment. Keeping this in mind, the learnings drawn from other parts of the country

including West Bengal was integrated in the form of Art & Livelihoods. It includes two pronged strategy of exploring and establishing newer markets for the art forms. I-land informatics Limited, Kolkata popularly known as banglanatak.com was finalized to support for identification of the existing cultural skill in the areas, their capacity development and market promotion. The focus of the assignment is as follows:

- Identifying art forms including performing arts and artists / performers
- Forming activity based Common Interest Groups (CIGs) from SHGs
- Skill enhancement of the activity groups for better market opportunities.
- Demonstration with hand holding support for performance before developing expertise.
- Market promotion and improving market potential, establishing market linkages
- Capacity building of the CIGs to take forward their cultural enterprises
- 1200 artists / performers are to be linked with this activity to create a sizable pilot

SRI DEMONSTRATION BOARD

In Kharif-2010, System of Rice Intensification (SRI) was taken up in a much wider scale. To brand the initiative and also to create a demonstration plot in each village, Boards were installed in all districts. One board in every VRP area or village was installed in the most prominent plot, which was being developed as exposure site. A systematic description of the land area, quality of Rice, date of sowing etc. were displayed in the Board.

SUPPORT TO STATE RURAL LIVELIHOODS MISSION, PUNJAB

JEEViKA is being developed as a resource organization for the National Rural Livelihoods Mission implementation in various states. Support is being provided to other states through trainings, exposures, hand holding support etc. It is worthwhile to mention that a team from Punjab State Livelihoods Mission visited Bihar. The team included state level officials, DRDA officials, Block Development Officers of the selected blocks and field functionaries including representatives from NGOs. The team was briefed at SPMU it and also visited the field at Khagaria, Nalanda and Muzaffarpur. The importance of the strong community institutions and routing of all services through them was explained in the field.

DOCUMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES BY LIVELIHOODS SCHOOL

The Livelihoods School, BASIX was assigned to document the best practices from JEEViKA on effective human resource management and to develop a referral material for NRLM. The team visited the project and captured the case studies to create a series of case lets. The detailed analysis and field study was conducted in Gaya. In this series, a national level management consortium visited Bihar and had a detailed exposure in the project area besides discussing the CSO perspectives towards the NRLM mandate. The team included BASIX, SRIJAN, XIM Bhubaneswar, MDI Gurgaon, PRADAN, Access development services, Livelihoods School etc.

STRATEGIC INPUT IN BIPARD'S TRAINING TO BAS OFFICIALS

As decided in the BRLP's Executive Committee meeting, strategic inputs were provided in the training curriculum of the BIPARD's training to Bihar Administrative

Service officials. With guidance from the BIPARD, the experience of the project with approach for poverty alleviation was discussed in the training. Subsequently, a total of 46 officials were taken to Muzaffarpur, Madhubani, Gaya and Khagaria for three days. The officials were exposed to the process, discussed with the community institutions and prepared a study report to be submitted as part of their training.

STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION ON SPIP FOR NRLM

A state level consultation was organized at Hotel Patliputra Ashoka on 26th of July with key stakeholders representing Government Departments, Banks, Non-Governmental organizations, MFIs, UN Agencies and Educational Institutions etc. The views of participants were taken through general discussions and specific group work. The participants were then divided into 4 groups. Each group was then provided a topic for



discussion and was asked to present the findings before all the groups present. The four topics for discussion were Social Inclusion, Financial Inclusion, Livelihoods including vulnerability reduction and Convergence & Partnership.

Similarly a workshop was scheduled for the DDCs, Director DRDAs and BDOs by Department of Rural Development at Sambodhi Retreat, Bodh Gaya for 26th and 27th of July. Taking this opportunity, the second set of consultation was integrated with the same on 27th of July. This consultation with the officers was critical for the SPIP as they have been involved in the implementation of SGSY. The session was basically divided into three parts. Presentation followed by open session, experience sharing by community and group work with suggestions from teams.

The third set of consultations was organized on 29th August under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Bihar, where Development Commissioner, Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries/ Directors of various departments were present. The SPIP was shared among the senior functionaries and their views were taken on the rolling out strategies.

The feedbacks from all the three consultations were extremely important and are being incorporated in the strategic planning of the NRLM rolling out in Bihar.

FINANCE

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

Statutory Audit report for the period of 2010-11 has been submitted to WB CAA&A and Finance Department. TDS of IT and VAT till September 11 have been deposited. EPF and GPF amount has been deposited in time. Utilization certificate of fund received from finance Department till 1st quarter has been submitted to Finance Department.

FINANCIAL CAPACITY BUILDING

All District managers were oriented on financial management, especially: funding from other sources (MKSP/NFSM/UNICEF etc.). They were also oriented on how to manage fund at DPCU level to avoid fund crisis.

FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Total Cumulative Expenditure till Sep, 2011 – BRLP

Sl.	Component	2 nd QTR 2011-12	CTD
1	CID	74.55	583.26
2	CIF	233.09	1783.27
3	STAF	7.30	44.45
4	PM	26.85	231.62
Total (Rs. In Millions)		341.80	2642.91

Total Cumulative Expenditure till Sep, 2011 – KOSI

Sl.	Component	2 nd QTR 2011-12	CTD
1	CID	4.33	18.04
2	CIF	35.44	62.93
3	STAF	--	--
4	PM	0.73	1.94
Total (Rs. In Millions)		40.50	82.91

PROCUREMENT

CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH PARTNERS

Following contracts have been finalized with different partners during this quarter.

Sl.	Name of Agency	Name of Contract	Contract Value in INR
1.	M/s. Icon Communications	Communication Need Assessment	17,97,890/-
2.	M/s. i-Land Information Ltd.	Developing Culture as Livelihoods	87,94,750/-
3.	M/s. Icon Communications	Behavior Change Communication	48,00,000/-
4.	M/s. Vision EIS Consulting Pvt. Ltd.	Process Documentation	33,17,700/-
5.	M/s. Mookherjee Biswas & Pathak	Statutory Audit for 2010-11	8,61,818/-

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Expression of Interest (EOI) for hiring of agency for "Assessing the Income Enhancement through SRI" and selection of C.A. Firm for Statutory Audit for the year 2011-12 has been published.

PREPARATION OF PROCUREMENT PLAN

Procurement plan of BRLPS for the year 2011-12 has been prepared and sent to the World Bank for approval.

SELECTION OF FIRM FOR VO AUDIT

Based on the EOI published, short listing, Technical and Financial Evaluation of agencies has been completed. Technical negotiation and Signing of contract is under process.

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

- i. Assignment of Individual Consultants engaged in Microfinance has been extended up to April 2012.
- ii. Extension of Contract with M/s. SIDS Pvt. Ltd., has also been extended up to December 2011.

SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

An EOI was published for selection of Individual Consultants for different thematic areas i.e., Agriculture, M & E, Microfinance, Social Development and IB & CB. Process of shortlisting is going on.

PROCUREMENT OF GOODS & SERVICES

- i. Procurement of Server rack has been completed during the quarter.

- ii. Extension of contract for hiring of Desktop Computers at our 2nd phase BPIUs and DPCUs has been done till December 2011.
- iii. One printer has been procured for SPM-Jobs.
- iv. Purchase Order for printing and supply of SWI Flip Chart has been issued.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Technical proposal of Comprehensive Agriculture Intervention is under process.

SHORT LISTING OF PROPOSALS

Short listing of proposals of hiring of HR agency, Process Monitoring and Data Entry Operator are in process.

Annexure - 1

MANPOWER STATUS DURING THE QUARTER AT SPMU, DPCU AND BPIU LEVEL

In this quarter the status of manpower is given hereunder in table -

Sl.	Positions	Required No.	Status till 30 th June 2011	Progress during the quarter		Status till 30 th Sep. 2011
				Staff joined	Staff Left	
State Project Management Unit						
1	CEO	1	1	-	-	1
2	OSD to CEO	1	1	-	-	1
3	CFO	1	1	-	-	1
4	Administrative Officer	1	1	-	-	1
5	State Project Manager	9	4	5	-	9
6	Procurement Specialist	1	1	-	-	1
7	Finance Officer	1	1	-	-	1
8	Project Manager	12	8	1	3	6
9	Procurement Officer	1	1	-	-	1
10	System Analyst	2	2	-	-	2
11	Data Administrator	2	1	-	-	1
12	DTP operator cum Designer	1	1	-	-	1
13	Project Associate	9	6	-	-	6
14	Accountant	5	5	-	1	4
15	Office Assistant	6	5	-	-	5
16	Procurement Assistant	1	1	-	-	1
17	Cashier	1	1	-	-	1
18	PA cum Steno	2	2	-	-	2
19	Store Keeper	1	1	-	-	1
	Total	58	44	6	4	46
The manpower status increased from 76% to 79% during the quarter						
District Project Coordination Unit (Manpower including 11 blocks from Kosi region)						
1	District Project Manager	9	5	4	1	8
2	Training Manager	9	5	-	2	3
3	Manager - Livelihoods	9	6	1	-	7
4	Manager - Social Development	9	5	-	-	5
5	Manager - Microfinance	9	7	-	-	7
6	Manager - Jobs	9	8	-	2	6
7	Manager - Communication	9	4	-	-	4
8	Manager - M & E	9	3	-	-	3
9	Finance Manager	9	4	-	-	4
10	Training Officer	27	15	-	-	15
11	Accountant	9	6	-	-	6
12	Office Assistant	9	6	-	-	6
	Total	126	74	5	5	74
Notes: The Manpower strength remains 59% during the quarter.						
Block Project Management Unit						
1	Block Project Manager	55	42	1	-	43
2	Chief Executive - WFPC	4*	1	-	-	1
3	Livelihoods Specialist	55*	8	-	-	8
4	Area Coordinator	183	167	-	3	164
5	Accountant	55	34	6	1	39
6	Office Assistant	55	25	6	3	28
7	Community Coordinator	825	694	-	11	683
	Total	1232	971	13	18	966
*2 more positions of Chief Executive- WFPC and 28 positions of Livelihoods Specialist have been created in 23rd E.C. Meeting. BPIU Manpower status decreased from 79% to 78% during the quarter.						

Annexure - 2

RESULT FRAMEWORK

Project Development Objectives (PDO)	Outcome/Impact indicators for the PDO	Year 4 Target	Year 4 Achievement	Source
Enhanced social and economic empowerment of the rural poor in Bihar.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Self managed^{2F1} self-help groups established, covering at least 80% of the target households At least 50% of those receive CIF have increased income by at least 30% of the baseline At least 50% of SHG members have reduced high cost debts from informal sources. 	70% 50%	78.4 % 48.5 %	Census 2001 – Base figure MIS – Coverage figure Revisiting of MP
Component 1 Formation of self-reliant and inclusive community institutions including SHGs, Village Organizations & Federations	<p>Percentage of targeted poor households that are organized into SHG represented in VO and BLF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of targeted households into SHG 60% of formed SHGs into VO; and 40% of the formed VOs into BLF <p>At least Rs. 50 crores beneficiary savings mobilized leveraging Rs. 75 crores of financial institution lending and Rs. 100 crores of inter-lending</p>	75% 50% 24% Rs 24 crores saving mobilised Rs 47 crores lending, Rs 38 crores inter loaning	88.59% 73% .1% Rs 19.51 crores saving mobilized (June,11) Rs 74.01 crores lending, (Sep,11) Rs 49.5 crores inter loaning (June,11)	MIS – Targeting Manual – Federation Ratio MIS (Saving & Inter loaning Bank Linkage (Manual- Bank Sanction order)
Component 2 Establishment and use of community Investment Fund for food security, social services, livelihood assets and service sector investment	1. At least 75% of formed VOs accessed and managed project funds as per project processes at any point of time	60%	71.8%	Manual
	2. Food security increased by 3 months from the baseline for at least 80% of target households	50% (Year 3)	50%	Revisiting of Micro Plan
	3. At least 50% of the investments on livelihood's CIF are made on the productive asset generating sustained income.	40%	44%	MIS
	4. At least 5,000 direct jobs created through project facilitation & at least 75% of them are getting sustained income	4500 jobs of which 65% get sustainable income	1105 jobs created	Manual
Component 3 Establishment and operationalization of Special Technical Assistance and Development Services through MITA ^{4F2} , Rural Business development Facility and Innovations Fund	Service delivery standards <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 major business linkages established through public/private. Partnership by CBOs At least 3 new partners are inducted to promote additional microfinance activity with total turnover of Rs. 3 crore. 	2 2 partner with US\$0.4 million Turnover	5 No partners yet involved	Partnership Document
Component 4 Project management 4. The project is well managed and coordinated at the State, District and Cluster levels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Project monitoring and learning System established, including MIS, learning and experience sharing forums at different levels of project management Project implementation procedures and agreed business standards are followed for at least 80% of project interventions at any point in time. 	Participatory monitoring , peer review and stakeholders Feedback system operational. 70%	System Placed >80%	MIS placed Manual – Timely Compliance

¹ Self-managed as defined by the project's graduation indicators

² Microfinance Investment and Technical Assistance

Annexure - 3

STATUS AS ON 30th SEPTEMBER, 2011

Indicators	Gaya	Nalanda	Muzaffarpur	Madhubani	Purnia	Khagaria	Kosi	State
Village intervened	967	341	471	250	266	112	250	2657
SHG formed	9156	5975	7219	5926	6781	4015	5364	44436
No. of VO formed	601	393	446	372	384	249	175	2620
No. of SHG part of VO	6227	4229	4686	4108	4104	2611	1635	27600
SHG having bank account	7074	4924	5611	4119	6226	2979	2274	33207
SHG credit linked with bank	4514	2420	2494	3145	2545	1859	393	17370
Amount Mobilized for Bank (in lakhs)	1989	961.6	1197.1	1221.1	1038.15	811.9	182.76	7401.61
Saving amount mobilized (In Lakh as per MIS online) – June,11	463	220	398	285	307	202	76	1951
Inter loaning amount mobilized (In Lakh as per MIS online) – June,11	930	730	912	737	735	683	223	4950
VO having bank account	489	335	381	271	293	179	57	2005
No. of group received ICF	5902	4195	4526	4014	3765	2205	1480	26087
No of VO participating in FSF	284	195	288	177	147	143	4	1238
No. of VO participating in HRF	309	242	245	187	156	165	0	1304
No. of SHG members made signature literate	58642	26454	64888	48173	83136	25643	18115	325051
No of SHG members registered in VO for SRI (In 2011)	31110	11231	13856	15667	19576	8690	10791	110921
No of SHG members registered in VO for SWI (In 2011)	572	0	2750	0	12217	0	0	15539
New DCS formed	0	51	43	0	0	33	0	127
Number of Youths Provided Jobs	102	107	85	174	523	100	14	1105



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