

Annual Report 2021-2022



Prayog Samaj Sevi Sanstha,
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Chhattisgarh



I. About Prayog Samaj Seva Sanstha

Prayog Samaj Seva Sansthan was established in the year 1975 and was formally registered in 1982. Prayog is recognized as an organisation that has helped develop rural leadership. For the tribals in the rural areas and young women and men from the marginalized communities, Prayog has developed as a School of Gandhian Activism where more than 2000 men and women have been trained as grassroots worker who are working all over the state.

For the Dalits, tribals and the landless, the organization mainly undertakes the following works:

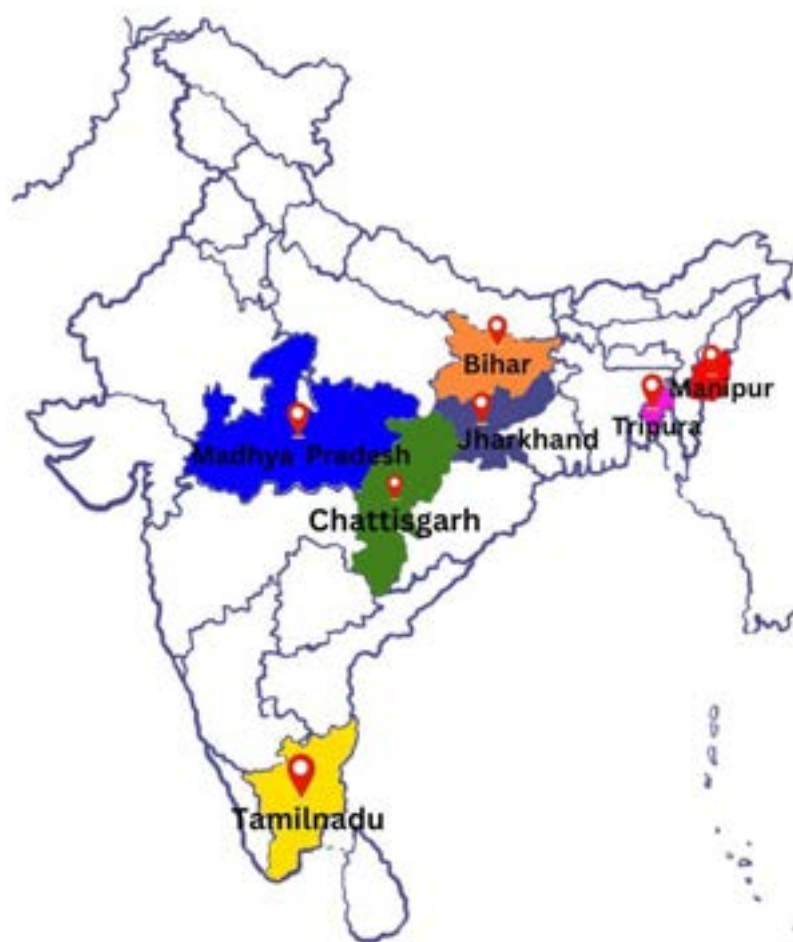
- Organising the tribal and the landless and strengthening the local village leadership and community institutions.
- Generate awareness for effective implementation of government schemes and to ensure that more and more eligible beneficiaries benefit from these schemes
- Women empowerment for seeking rights through collective action
- Awareness generation on rights through dialogue and collective, peaceful action
- Strengthening the rural economy through community and collective initiatives for the right to water, forest, land and livelihood.
- Creating awareness and mobilization of various aspects such as accountable resource management for people-centred development, land distribution, forest access (use-consumption) of tribal society, decentralized decisions and ensuring women's participation in socio-political processes.

II. Geographical Coverage

In the year 2020, the organization has been working in four states on organization building, youth and women leadership formation, implementation of government schemes and providing benefits of food supply and social security schemes to more and more beneficiaries, promotion of organic farming and community based programmes in the field through which, it is focusing on “National Land Reform Council formation”, “Residential Land Rights Act” and “Women Farmers Entitlement Act” and to work towards bringing about policy level changes for implementation of the aforementioned Acts.

Details of the Programme Area - Statewise

S.no.	State	No. of Districts	No. of Block	No. of Gram Panchayats	No. of Villages		
					Intensive	Extensive	Total
1	Chhattisgarh	18	23	393	439	292	731
2	Madhya Pradesh	18	43	472	472	314	786
3	Odisha	09	14	75	225	150	375
4	Jharkhand	08	16	58	145	97	242
5	Bihar	04	07	27	80	20	100
6	Tamil Nadu	02	03	12	40	10	50
		59	106	1037	1401	883	2284



III. Key Programmes Implemented during the Year

During the year, Prayog implemented a total of 12 projects which include both long term, multi year projects and short term projects in Chhattisgarh and other states as well. Prayog took a lead in working with the communities during the covid pandemic and implemented 8 Covid relief projects including Covid vaccination programme. In addition, Prayog also implemented project through unrestricted funds received through friends and volunteers of Ekta Parishad. The following table presents a snapshot of the different projects implemented by Prayog during the year.

IV. Programmes and Achievements during April 2021-March 2022

S. No	Title of the Project	Donor	Duration of the Project
1	Securing Land and Water Rights for Marginalised Communities through People led Advocacy	BMZ- WHH, Germany	October 2018- December 2022
2	Strengthening Food and Nutrition Security and WASH systems to mitigate Covid-19 Pandemic	BMZ- WHH, Germany	September 2020-April 2021
3	Adivasi Awaaz - 2	Misereor	August 2020- July 2021
4	Covid Relief	Friend's of Ekta	
5	Covid Relief	Action Vipej Inda	
6	Vaccination Project	Azim Premji Foundation	November 2021- April 2022
7	Securing and institutionalizing the rights of entitlements for the marginalized communities in Chhattisgarh	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI)	Nov 2021- October 2024
8	Mor Zimmedaari	UNICEF, Chhattisgarh	5 Aug 2021- 31 st Jan 2022
9	Covid Relief	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI)	
10	Covid Relief – Adivasi Lives Matter		
11	Covid Relief – Adivasi Lives Matter		
12	Enhancing Civil Society Organisations' Capacities in Response to socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in India	EU-WHH	
13	Silvia Interest Fund		
14	Silvia Corpus Fund		

This section of the report presents a snapshot on the key programmes and initiatives that Prayog has undertaken during the year in the state of Chhattisgarh and outside with the support of other ngo partners

1. Securing Land and Water Rights for Marginalised Communities through People led Advocacy: BMZ-WHH, Germany (October 2018- December 2022)

Securing Land and Water Rights for Marginalised Communities through People led Advocacy is a multi year project that aims to address the issue of inadequate rights to ownership and access to land, water and forest use which is one of the key reasons for food and nutrition insecurity in areas inhabited by vulnerable tribal group. The project is being implemented across six states namely Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar by consortia of four partners, Prayog Samaj Sevi Sanstha being one of the key partners

The project has as its goal 'to build and strengthen land and water rights of the marginalized groups as a vital element for food and nutrition security and sustainable livelihoods which would be achieved through improved capacities of grassroots workers to facilitate and enhance interventions for communities to secure their land and water rights; developing replicable model of land and water governance and; promoting national level policy platforms to promote innovative policies and legislative changes on land and water governance.

The following section presents the key initiatives that have taken place under the project and the progress made during the reporting year (1st April 2021- 31st March 2022).

i. Conducting Leadership Development Camps

To create a strong local leadership base, regular trainings are organised to make them aware about the latest developments on laws, government schemes and programmes, their rights to avail different governmental schemes and to strengthen the community in a non-violence way. 3 leadership camps have been organised during the reporting period (all 30 camps proposed under the project completed)

Sl. No	State	District	Place	Dates	Participation			
					village	Female	Male	Total
01	Jharkhand	Kodarma	Markacho	08-10 Apr 2021	17	48	42	90
02	Jharkhand	Deoghar		12-14 Nov. 2021	14	29	69	98
03	Jharkhand	Hajaribag		9-11 Sept. 2021	15	59	48	188
	TOTAL				46	136	159	393

As a result, 20-25 youths could be identified in each district who would take leadership role in the local communities.

ii. Raise legal awareness on rights of the communities through legal literacy campaign.

22 forest rights act (FRA) training camp were organised under the legal literacy camp during this year to reactivate village leaders and youths on the issue of forest rights act. Detailed information about the process of IFR and CFR was provided. A total of 1253 village leaders and mukhiyas were trained.

SL.NO	ACTIVITIES	STATE	DISTRICT	DATE	PARTICIPANTS	
					FEMAL E	MALE
	Raise legal awareness on rights of the communities through legal literacy	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	8-9 Aug. 2021	18	3
			Morena	7-8 Sept.2021	51	8
			Sheopur	11-12 Sept.2021	67	8
			Sagar	15-16 Sept.2021	19	32
			Sheoni	27-28 Dec. 2021	18	38
			Sihore	29-30 Dec.2021	21	41
			Raisen	30-31 Oct.2021	4	48
		Chhattisgarh	Surajpur	5-6 Sept. 2021	19	61
			Jashpur	6-8 Sept. 2021	56	7
			Rajnandgaon	11-13 Sept. 2021	22	38
			Kanker	13-15 Sept. 2021	28	30
			Koriya	26-28 Sept. 2021	8	44
			Kondagaon	28-29 Dec. 2021	15	45
			Gariyaband	29-30 Dec. 2021	29	33
			Surguja	28-29 Dec. 2021	22	30
		Bihar	Dhamtari	26-28 Oct. 2021	37	27
			Gaya	23-24 Aug. 2021	35	15
			Nawada	27-28 Aug. 2021	35	25
			Jahanabad	19-20 Nov. 2021	25	40
			Jamui	29-30 Nov. 2021	22	30
		Jharkhand	Kodarama	30-31 Dec.2021	17	33
		Tamilnadu	Coimbatore	9-10 Dec.2021	27	25
	Total 1253		22		595	658

Post training, the community has started taking interest about IFR and the CFR process in many districts.

Claims for community rights have been submitted in the villages of Pahargarh in Morena district, Kerichowka in Raisen district and Kunda in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh. Community awareness has also increased for individual rights. Questions are being raised by the community about the level at which their applications are pending and why they have been withheld. For example, after this training in Gariaband district, 15 families of village Datbay went to the tribal commissioner to seek their rights. Similarly, people from villages like Sipur, Kadma, Sonjhari, Kasarbay etc. in Dhamtari district went to the district office and discussed with the Collector and DFO to resolve their pending cases and also submitted the application.

iii. Award fellowship to community leaders and journalists-

We have awarded fellowship to 2 persons one from Madhyapradesh and one from Jharkhand state. Mr. Dharmendra Pathak from Jharkhand and Mr. Jayant Singh Tomar from Madhyapradesh are appointed to highlight our land issues in various aspects. The both persons are publishing about our activities, struggles and campaigns for building mass opinions related to livelihood rights of tribals, landless and dalits.

iv. Preparation of village development plans by the communities-

We have prepared 20 village development plans are submitted to the gram panchayat during the reporting period.

v. Organize “Shramdan Camps” for reconstruction and conservation of common property resources in the villages-

The provisions for construction of structures are completed by now. We have conducted 8 shramdan previously under the project. Now during the reporting period we have finished the all targeted 50 shramdans also under the top-up support.

vi. Interface dialogue amongst community, elected representatives and officials on grievances and possible solutions.

During the year, 29 interface programmes were organised in four states (Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand) where pending FRA applications both IFR and CFR were vividly discussed. Mukhiyas told the officials to review the pending applications in different stages and expedite the process to give relief. Homestead land issue were also discussed on similar lines. A total of 2699 people attended these interface meeting (Female- 1187; Male- 1512)

These meetings have resulted in some positive changes. In MP, the Forest Minister of the state was submitted the memorandum and has promised to solve the problems. In Chhattisgarh, a memorandum was given through interface in Rajnandgaon district, in which 9 women of village Tendutola started getting widow pension. In Village Bhalapur, construction of a Anganwadi center got underway on the basis of this application. Due to the memorandum given through the interface program in district Jashpur, 6 Divyangs started getting pension in village Bahama.

vii. Support Mass Campaign-

During the reporting period, we engulf the mass strategically during the 'Nyay and Shanti' padyatra all over the project states and districts. Built up mass awareness on the 6 policies framed by us submitted to the government which is pending till date. We also tried to send message through the Governor of Chhattisgarh by inviting her in the closing ceremony of the above campaign. In Madhyapradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand also we strategically invited the ministers and MLAs during the 'Nyay and' Shanti yatra and highlighted the policy issues.

- We stick to our 6 demands send earlier to Government of India to pay a heed to it. Those are; -
 - Introduce and execute National Homestead Land Rights Act
 - Introduce and execute National Land Reform Policy
 - Introduce and execute Women farmer's entitlement Act
 - Introduce and execute Land tribunals and fast track court for resolving land disputes/ cases
 - Set up and operationalize National land reform council and National task force on land reforms
 - Set up new execution and monitoring structures on Panchayat (extension to the scheduled areas act 1996 and forest rights act 2006)

Sl. No	State	District	Dates	Participation		
				Female	Male	Total
1	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	2 Oct. 2021	44	88	132
2	Bihar	Patna	19 Sept. 2021	49	51	100
				93	139	232

viii. Support Networks and alliances-

Sl. No	State	District	Dates	Participation		
				Female	Male	Total
1	Jharkhand	Hajaribag	19-20 Dec.2021	31	5	36
2	Bihar	Patan	17-18 Dec.2021	45	10	55
3	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	14-15 Nov.2021	35	0	35
				111	15	126

Impact of activities :-

Prayog under Support Network Alliance has organized Mahila Manch meetings and training programs to empower Ekta Mahila Manch. Ekta Mahila Manch Chhattisgarh has decided to run a liquor free campaign in Chhattisgarh, under which they are trying to pass resolutions at the level of Gram Panchayat and Gram Sabha. In the meeting of Ekta Mahila Manch in all the states, it has been decided that serious efforts should be made on water issues. In this context, efforts are being made by the women to conserve and promote the traditional sources of water. In the districts where women are working as coordinators in the justice and peace padyatra, the participation of women has been high. Women organized and led the event. Noorani Behen in Gariaband district is an a...

- **Conduct multistakeholder dialogues with different stockholders regarding emerging technologies – digitization, block chain, community approach-**

The provisions for construction of structures are completed by now. We have conducted 8 shramdan previously under the project. Now during the reporting period, we have finished the all targeted 50 shramdans also under the top-up support.

- Critically assess different law and legislations through involvement of law institutes and peoples representatives-

We have conducted land a study on land issue in 5 states Madhyapradesh, Chhattisgarh, Tamilnadu, Bihar and Jharkhand. The study critically assessed the state laws and legislations on land issues. We have made the recommendations for way forward to the state government on the basis of the study.

-Village Economy (Anaj kosh, Gram kosh & Matual help group)-

Sl.No.	State	Distirct	No's of villages	Village Economy	
				Gram Kosh	Anaj Kosh (In Qntls.)
01	Madhya Pradesh	Sheopur	20	2600	8.56
		Morena	20	3200	9.44
		Sagar	20	3100	11.23
		Tikamgarh	20	3020	4.69
		Shahdol	20	5400	10.00
		Jabalpur	20	24000	24.00
		Seoni	20	6780	4.5
		Raisen	20	1400	7.26
		Sihore	20	2650	6.45
		Jhabua	20	1200	8.22
			200	53350	94.35
02	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon	20	47950.00	61.60
		Kondagaon	20	110500.00	5.00
		Kanker	20	29900	6.70
		Dhamtari	20	27730.00	7.44
		Gariyaband	20	30220	1.45
		Raipur	20	54000	30.00
		Koriya	20	130005	21.96
		Surguja	20	19305	13.27
		Surajpur	20	48700	22.08
		Jashpur	20	4450	3.23
			200	402760	172.66
03	Bihar	Gaya	20	20000.00	25.00
		Nawada	20	5000.00	5.00
		Jahanabad	20	25600.00	100.00
		Jamui	20	5500.00	40.00
			80	85000	170.00
04	Jharkhand	Kodarama	20	16800	7.00
		Giridih	20	8300	3.95
		Hajaribag	20	16300	16.10
		Deoghar	20	3600	4.50
			80	45000	31.55
05	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore	20	-	-
		Tripur	20	-	-
			40	-	-
	5	30	600	586110	468.56

2. Strengthening Food and Nutrition Security and WASH systems to mitigate Covid-19 Pandemic- BMZ-WHH, Germany: September 2020-April 2021

With the objectives of addressing the immediate and short term needs of the vulnerable communities namely the rural vulnerable tribal and the dalits, landless and the marginalised farmers and the SHG groups on food and nutrition, WASH and small livelihood in the aftermath of the covid first wave, this 9-month project was undertaken across 5 states.

It is an integrated project where prevention parts are well taken care of through WASH. Social distancing, hand wash and using mask to defeat CORONA was also taken care off. Awareness among woman folk and children of nutritional value of foods through MIYFC, Gender sensitisation, and gender equity, were given reasonable space. Besides instant relief through food for work which we termed as Shramdaan, nutrition garden programme, seed kit distributions, were done. Goatary given as income generating activity to extremely poor families. Also hand pump repair activities were taken up. The project for implementation was planned in the month of Sept. and a standard operational process was prepared in the month of October 2020 and shared to WHH. In this project we gave economic benefits to the beneficiaries as a part of relief and generate awareness on the preventive part of the COVID-19 i.e. social distancing, using mask and washing hand. Besides we generated euphoria in the community to work respectfully as a Shramdanees get some ration kit and built up community resources.

Some of the key interventions proposed over the course of the project include provision of agricultural inputs to 600 Families; Provision of nutrition garden to 360 families; Food for work to revive 269 traditional water bodies(Shramdaan); Support for small animal breeding to 95 families; Strengthening local seed bank in 2 areas; Awareness on MIYCF besides other awareness and leadership promotion activities.

The key activities undertaken during the current year (April and May 2022) include the following

- i. Support for small animal breeding to 95 families-** This support was provided to 95 families in 28 villages in 12 districts in 4 states as per the below details

States	Unit of Goat- Pair Goat	Target Population	
		Male	Female
Odisha	40	10	30
Chhattisgarh	40	8	32
Bihar	5	0	5
Jharkhand	10	1	9
TOTAL	95	19	76

Goats can be reared and multiplied with minimum expenses, providing alternate source of income to the tribal and Dalit who are adversely affected by the pandemic for securing livelihood of the families selected by the project on long term basis. Goats were provided on the basis of the demand raised by the families who were in utmost need of this support.

ii. Food for work to revive 269 traditional water bodies

Under the Shramdaan (labour donation), a total of 269 water bodies were revived against a target of 260. 240 villages in 47 districts in 5 states were covered under this activity. Following are the figures for the water bodies revived during the reporting period are as follows:

States	No. of Shram daan	Target Population		
		Male	Female	Total
Odisha	61	1171	1879	3050
Chhattisgarh	60	1420	1580	3000
Madhya Pradesh	56	1162	1643	2805
Bihar	78	1987	1870	3857
Jharkhand	14	236	414	650
TOTAL	269	5976	7386	13362

Through this activity, tribal migrants excluded from the benefits of other activities and who were at high risk of food insecurity especially women could be supported through this activity as it provided immediate food support (dry ration) to these families for at least 15 days. In lieu of the labor contributed by the community members, each of them was provided with a Dry Ration Kit (food pack for approx 15 days) - Rice/wheat flour, pulses, edible oil, soya bean chunks, gram/ peas, salt, turmeric powder, Dhaniya powder, chilli powder, onion, potato, Sugar and soap for hand wash. More than 50% participants were women in shramdaan; Also, water holding capacity of the ponds has been augmented which would lead to improvement of ground water content.

Strengthening Local Seed Bank in 2 areas

Through this activity, 16 villages in 2 districts namely Kalahandi in Odisha and Dhamtari in Chhattisgarh were covered as per the below

States	Units of Seed Bank	No. of villages covered	Members in Committees	
			Male	Female
Odisha	1	10	40	60
Chhattisgarh	1	06	55	45
TOTAL	2	16	95	105

Approx 35 quintal seeds were collected in these community seed banks that provide seed security which in turn is the basis of food security besides reducing farmer's dependence on businessmen. This also helps to conserve the important traditional seed varieties.

It is a wonderful step taken by prayog samaj sevi sanstha, tilda to establish a seed bank in dhanrabhata village as the village is full of farmer and most of them are tribal and needy farmers by establishing seed bank no farmer have to worry about seed, even they don't have money with them. Now there is no requirement of going to a landlord and ask for loan(money). It's a great thing now that by seed bank farmer will be able to cultivate more amounts of seed and can grow faster. Budu Majhi, President of Mahalaxmi Seed Bank, Dhanrabhata, Odisha

iii. Awareness on Mother, Infant and Young Child Feeding (MIYCF) practices

Under this activity, 18 villages in 14 districts across 3 states were covered where training cum demonstration sessions on MIYCF were organized. 18 such sessions were organized as shared below

States	No. of Activities/Sessions	Participants			
		Children		Adolescent Girl	Women
		Male	Female		
Odisha	11	145	173	25	459
Chhattisgarh	2	45	46	64	108
Madhya Pradesh	5	27	22	22	75
TOTAL	18	217	241	111	642

The interventions were successful in making the tribal women and adolescents aware on the importance of nutritious food that can be prepared using locally available food material. The ICDS and Education department also got engaged in these awareness sessions.

I attended one-day training cum demonstration programme on the topic the importance and value of traditional food and how can it make be more nutritious and tasty and exclusive breastfeeding. I pleasantly surprised on what she learned. I now realized and know not to give a baby any food or drink other then breast milk not even water for the first six months and also I learned the importance of first milk "Colostrums" to a baby's growth and development. I decided to apply knowledge, which I got through training session. Thank you so much Prayog and Supporting organization WHH for giving such important on health and healthy food. Malati Bai, 35 age, Rosari village, Jabalapur

Under the Wash componenet of the programme, mass awareness on Hygiene was carried out across the programme area to spread awareness on covid and the hygienic behavior and practices that need to be adopted in the pandemic and als otherwise to prevent spread of different infections and diseases. It could reach about 12000 people and through these awareness programmes. Hygiene material which includes 15000 masks (approx..), 13200 soaps as well as sanitary napkins for women and adolescent girls were distributed in different tribal villages of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar.

Repair of defunct handpumps and soakpits was also undertaken where 89 handpumps and soak pits were repaired across 75 villages in 18 districts in the states of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

In addition to the above, gender sensitization training of youth and adolescent girls was also organized in Kalahandi District in Odisha in which, 48 youth participated (35 boys and 13 girls).

iii. Adivasi Awaaz – 2; Misereor - August 2020- July 2021

Adivasi Awaaz (Voice of Indigenous People): Digital Capacity Building of Adivasi (Indigenous) Youth” has been created as an Adivasi-focused media initiative by Adivasi Lives Matter (ALM), that aims to create Adivasi generated content and amplify its reach. We trained Adivasis to use a mix of the conventional and new digital tools of communication to tell their own stories and communicate their message to the world effectively

Achievements during the reporting period.

- A team of 51 Adivasi youth trained as citizen journalists, community video correspondents, who have continuously represented the voice of the Adivasis on different digital platforms through Adivasi Awaaz in three states: Chhattisgarh, Tripura and Tamilnadu
- The Adivasi trainees from 3 states were trained and 35 Adivasi youth have contributed up to 313 articles published during the reporting period.
- The trained content creators from Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, and Tripura creators had consistently contributed articles and videos. A total amount of Rs. 4,90,400 INR was paid to these young Adivasi Creators.
- Adivasi youth/activists/academicians have speaking engagements at 3 Universities, colleges, Civil Society organizations, and media houses. The team members of the Adivasi awaaz project were invited to speak and interact at eight various forums throughout the project year.

iv Vaccination Project supported by the Azim Premji Foundation; November 2021- April 2022

With the objective of supporting the local public health system in getting 100% vulnerable communities vaccinated, Azim Premji Foundation extended support to Prayog Sansthan in two states namely Chhattisgarh and Manipur as shown in the table below

State	Districts	Blocks	PHCs	Villages
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Tilda	2	132
	Rajnandgaon	Manpur	3	135
	Mahasamund	Bagbahra	7	122
Manipur	Imphal (East)	Porompat, Sawombung	3	23
	Imphal (West)	Keirao Bitra, Haorang Sabal	4	17
	Bishnupur	Lamsang, Moirang	4	20
TOTAL	6	9	23	449

This objective was achieved through encouraging/motivating all the eligible persons in the 449 villages covered under the project to get the first dose of covid vaccine and the second dose in the stipulated time and reach the vaccination center so that no person is deprived of vaccination. The campaign was rolled out in Tilda from 15 October 2021 to 14 February 2022 while in Bagbahra and Manpur blocks, the campaign was organised from 1st November 2021 till 30th April.

Under this project, the teams of field staff and field volunteers organized awareness meeting in the communities to spread awareness on covid appropriate behavior and to address the myths and misconceptions around covid vaccination. with the involvement of local elected leadership. Volunteers in each village conducted door to door survey (format shared by the APPI) to develop a database for the entire population covered under the targeted PHCs. This exercise helped the team to understand the status of vaccination in the villages and to identify eligible persons for 1st and 2nd dose of vaccination who were then motivated to come to the vaccination center (the PHC) to take the vaccine. The teams also assisted people in reaching the vaccination center besides coordinating with the Block Health officials in organizing vaccination camps in the villages where such a need was felt (due to work routines of the people, accessibility to the PHC especially where people were demotivated due to failed attempts to get vaccinated due to unavailability of the vaccines etc). In such cases, the teams prepared lists of eligible people of the villages with dose nd vaccine (covishield or covaxin) was communicated to the BMO office with a request for organising the camp in the village.

Key Outcomes: As a result of the concerted efforts made under the project, there has been a manifold increase in the rate of vaccination in the villages covered under the PHC. The below table shows the % age of vaccination in the intervention blocks as on 31st March 2022.

State	Districts	Blocks	Base Data (Oct 2021)		End of Feb, 2022- We need figures until March 31 st 2022	
			<i>Dose 1</i>	<i>Dose 2</i>	<i>Dose 1</i>	<i>Dose 2</i>
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Tilda	81%	39%	100%	86.07%
	Rajnandgaon	Manpur	62%	31%	95.07%	94.33%
	Mahasamund	Bagbahra	72%	49%	89.67%	67.35%
Manipur	Imphal (East)	Porompat, Sawombung	76%	42%	93.90%	84.35%
	Imphal (West)	Keirao Bitra, Haorang Sabal	65%	32%	90.42%	85.15%
	Bishnupur	Lamsang, Moirang	80%	42%	90.56%	87.69%
TOTAL	6	9				



v. Securing and institutionalizing the rights of entitlements for the marginalized communities in Chhattisgarh supported by the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI); Nov 2021- October 2024

The project titled ‘Securing and institutionalizing the rights of entitlements for the marginalized communities in Chhattisgarh’ has the overall goal of empowering and strengthening the marginalised communities for their rights over land and livelihood resources in the state. The key objective is to ensure effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act and seeks to rightfully provide individual as well as common Forest land entitlements to all the eligible families. Under the 3 years’ project, 280 villages across seven districts namely Rajnandgaon, Dhamtari, Gariyabandh, Kabirdham, Koriya, Sarguja and Bilaspur would be covered in the state (70% new villages). Local leadership would be built through formation of community collectives, awareness building and advocacy trainings. Interface with the state to secure land rights of the marginalized communities is a critical intervention and strategy under the project.

Progress so far:

This being the initial phase of the project, one of the key intervention underway is the Baseline study across all the 280 villages which covers information like the geographical situation, Agriculture and homestead land, forest land, sources of livelihood etc to understand the status of implementation of the Forest Rights Act in the state. The data is being collected at the village level using a data collection format which has been developed by Ekta Parishad. The Baseline information thus collected and collated will help the team to understand the ground situation and to develop appropriate programme strategies.

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vi. Mor Zimmedaari (My Responsibility): 5 Aug 2021- 31st Jan 2022

Mor Jimmedari was a UNICEF supported campaign that was undertaken by Prayog during the second wave of Covid when it reached the doorstep of rural households and tribal hamlets, with devastating impact. It was undertaken to protect the most vulnerable and marginalized communities from the COVID19 pandemic by equipping people in rural and tribal areas with key information on COVID19, persuade them to follow COVID appropriate behaviors and get the vaccination. It is the individual responsibility to protect oneself and his/her community from the deadly disease and to reiterate the same, the campaign was named 'Mor Jimmedari' which means my responsibility.

The campaign was launched by T S Singhdeo, Minister for Departments of Health and Family Welfare and Panchayat and Rural Development on 8 September 2021. The three-month campaign was planned to promote COVID19 vaccination in tribal communities across the state to augment the government's efforts. The campaign addressed the growing need to reach every hamlet and household directly or indirectly in predominantly tribal and rural areas across the state. The campaign engaged with the public, key stakeholders, and influencers to **build trust and enable greater confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine** amongst people and persuaded them to continue to adhere to COVID appropriate behavior and get the vaccination.

“vaccine lagabo-corona bhagabo- kakar jimmedari-“ “Mor jimmedari ! Mor Jimmedari!”



IEC material was developed that was used extensively under the campaign like posters, pamphlets, leaflets, stickers and banners. Folk songs infused with the necessary messages for Covid precaution were used that helped in community connect.

Six mobile Information kiosks or locally known as “Mor Jimmedari gaadi” were used to spread Covid awareness messages.

Religious, Tribal, Traditional Healers and other local influencers played an extremely important role in mobilising and motivating their respective communities to take action to protect themselves and their loved ones. They educated community members on the importance of following CAB and the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine, and disseminated positive information about the COVID-19 vaccine in events/gatherings/community meetings they organize or through their other social network groups.

One of the larger goals that were accomplished was the eradication of fear of vaccination amidst the communities using the different strategies in the campaign. Unwilling but eligible community members could be convinced to willingly go

for vaccination resulting in landmark conversion. There was an overall increase of 20% in vaccination, as reported from vaccination centres.

Key Strategies:

- Mobilize local youth and community leaders to promote Covid Appropriate behavior and CAB+.
- Lead the campaign in their respective blocks and villages
- Local committee of 5-6 persons (male and female) from the village to support the campaign on the ground. The committee consisted of key persons like Sarpanch, Mitani, ANM and teachers.
- Persuade and support their family and community to adhere to CAB and get the vaccination
- Complement, augment and support frontline workers in their efforts to break the transmission and protect communities from COVID19
- Co-opt district level media, local influencers, district and block level elected representatives, MLAs and MPs to strengthen public engagement and advocacy efforts
- Maintain a comprehensive database regarding people's engagement with the campaign and vaccination drive
- Conduct follow up meetings with the community

Key Statistics of the Campaign

- Districts Covered -23
- Blocks covered-
- Gram Panchayats Covered-
- Villages Covered- 700
- Schools- 270
- Population covered- 11 lakh+ people
- Volunteers Trained- 100
- Local Volunteers- 4500
- Local Committees Formed- 700

NOTE: The oriented and trained volunteers were supported by mobile information kiosks which feature key messages. The volunteers also set up information kiosks at prominent places such as markets, haat bazaars, religious places, bus stops, railways stations, hamlets and others. The kiosks also supported the public to register for vaccination and the volunteers will facilitate the vaccination of the registered beneficiary.

“People in my village are very scared. Actually, after the first dose many of them got fever, which induced a sense of fear amidst the masses. Adding to it, the false rumors of death due to vaccination has also pushed communities away from getting vaccinated. The Mor Jimmedari campaign helps us in getting our people ready for vaccination.”. Pramila ANM, Khajuri

vii. Covid Relief – supported by the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI): 1st Sep 2020- Aug 31st 2021

In the aftermath of the 1st Covid pandemic wave, Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) supported Paryog Samaj Sevi Sansthan in its covid relief work with two objectives namely creating awareness on Covid and medicinal kit for treatment of non-covid infections and medical ailments.

a. The Covid awareness drive was undertaken in four districts in Chhattisgarh during Covid second wave (April 2021) which include Rajnandgaon (2 blocks- Mohla and Manpur), Bilaspur (Block- Kota), Koriya (Janakpur block) and Sarguja (Block Sitapur) covering 250 villages. The campaign messaging focused on creating awareness on Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB), the need for vaccination and the myths around vaccination and the available facilities in the health system for the covid patients. At the end of this drive total number of 343417 populations in Chhattisgarh and 59299 in Manipur has been benefited.

b. Distribution of 6000 Generic medicine kit- To support the families in meeting out the generic medicine needs, 6000 such kits were provided to the needy families (1 per family). The kit comprised of such medicines that could be safely used for covid like symptoms and were approved by the Health Dept. For the purpose of awareness on the medicine usage, a pamphlet was also prepared with detailed instructions on when and how to use the medicines and was given with each kit. The kits were distributed in the same area where the campaign was undertaken and were provided as per the requirements raised in the field. 4 face masks were also provided in each kit.



VIII. Covid Relief – Adivasi Lives Matter-

During the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in India, the number of positive cases reported daily and number of deaths were on the rise at an alarming rate. Our Adivasi creators and our partner organizations submitted their requests to mobilize relief materials for their communities. Where the creators and partner organizations volunteered to be the on-ground animators to distribute the relief materials.

We organized a 3-month long online fundraiser to mobilize relief materials to help close to 15 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) from the states of Chhattisgarh, Tripura, and Tamil Nadu. We mobilized 63,47,886.16 INR (Euro 73,000) in this period. The Fundraiser brought all our partners organizations and creators together to reach more than 66,000 PVTG families in the 3 states.

The creators from Tamil Nadu have used the skills learned from the training and made a Public Service Video raise awareness about this common misconception on COVID-19 safety. The video was produced by 4 of the Adivasi creators in the Paniya Adivasi language spoken in Nilgiris. The creators, Gokul, Sasi, Vinu, and Kutty had written

the script for the video, shot the video, and edited the video along with subtitles. This was circulated among their community of over 30,000 households and circulated over Whatsapp. And local media.

x. Enhancing Civil Society Organisations' Capacities in Response to socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in India supported by EU- WHH – 1st September 2020 to 31st May 2021.

The proposed project aims to strengthen capacities of partner Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to address the devastating socio-economic impacts of Covid 19 on resource poor and vulnerable populations through access to government entitlements and enhanced capacities for sustainable livelihoods.

In Chhattisgarh, 50,000 households with a population of 250,000 in three districts of Mahasamund, Gariaband and Dhamtari will be covered under the programme which would cater to

- Skill building/ reskilling: The target groups need skilling/ reskilling/ soft skills in on-farm and off-farm trades. Many of the migrants are semi-skilled and have the potential to earn much better with added skills.
- Connect to government programmes: Target groups require connection with government schemes, interface and dialogue with officials, support with documents and identity cards, linkage to bank schemes and to the private sector employers
- Policy advocacy: To improve the working and living conditions of migrant labourers and their families, civil society, media, and academia need to strongly advocate for a comprehensive national strategy for migrant labour welfare a

Progress So far:

-In all the 3 district project locations, a baseline study will be conducted which would include status and needs of unorganized and migrant workers, local labour market, demand, and supply of labour requirements across different trades, skill sets, employability, etc. The mapping would involve identification of high migration pockets in association with stakeholders including the District and Block administration and Gram Panchayats; in collaboration with the Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Authority (CSSDA).

This being the preparatory phase of the project (the project got underway in January 2022), the community outreach and rapport building work is underway. Community meetings and visits are being organised and people are being informed about the project and its objectives. Information is being collected in regards to the status of implementation of different government schemes and programmes in the communities. Also, different government institutions that are critical stakeholders in the project (eg- the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and other skill building institutions) are being reached out to and pertinent information is being collated that would be useful in the project.





Other Supportive Activities undertaken by Prayog during the year

i. Covid Relief- Friend's of Ekta (01.04.2021- 09.03.2022)

To provide medical treatment support to EP activists and their families/ volunteers/ supporters/who were affected by Covid during the covid second wave, individual donations were made by the friend's of Ekta Parishad. Support ranging from INR 5,000 upto INR 20,000 was provided to the aforementioned on a case to case basis. A total of 49 people across 6 states were supported through this fund.

S. no	State	Female	Male	Total
1	Madhya Pradesh	3	17	20
2	Chhattisgarh	5	15	20
3	Odisha	1	1	2
4	Bihar	1	1	2
5	Kerela	0	2	2
6	Andhra Pradesh	0	3	3
	TOTAL	10	39	49

ii. Covid Relief - Action Village India, United Kingdom (01.04.2021- 09.03.2022)

During the year, Action Village India, United Kindom provided two critical support to Prayaog for provding relief support to the needy and the marginalized triabl and dalits.

1. Support was provided during the severe floods in the Chambal valley (Aug and Sep 2021) where 500 families were provided food kits which comprised of 10 kg atta, 2 kg Dal, and 1 liter of cooking oil. Thi support was provided on the basis of the names suggested by the Gram Sabha.



2. Another support came in the form of financial support for the Ekta Parishad volunteers to appreciate them for their hardwork during the covid pandemic. 10 EP volunteers (6 males and 4 females) were given financial support under this grant support. These volunteers were from the state of Odisha, Chhatisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

iii. Silvia Interest Fund

Silvia Interest fund is a corpus donation to Prayog since the last 15 yrs through which, medical support is provided for the Ekta Parishad activists. This is a corpus fund and the interest from this fund is used to meet out any medical emergency, treatment and medical supplies expenses (part expenditure) of the activists. This year, 4 activists were supported through this fund.