



# Annual Report ama adhikar 2010-11

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## A Retrospective Look.....



**T**ime rolls on and tide passes away. The year 2010-11 was a year of land mark of achievements for Ama Adhikar. The changes in the structure and operational approaches of the organization found more matured while delivering the responsibilities. Enhancement of opportunities for on-farm and non-farm employment through various entrepreneurship development training programmes has been initiated. Ama Adhikar has carried out lobby & advocacy activities on various central & regional developmental schemes & acts like FRA, NREGA, NRHM, Total Sanitation Campaign, etc. Time will prove the success of the responsibilities entrusted to the organization. The details with respect to the accomplishment of programs of the organization during the year can be overviewed from this small report.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge and thank the members of the Executive Committee, officials of different departments of the Government, Donors and other stakeholders towards their proactive co-operations to Ama Adhikar during the year. The consistent efforts made by each and every staff of the organization and the community at large in translating the ideas into actions are praised worthy.

While looking at the future days, I am sure that our sincerity and commitments at all levels will bring various processes of success.

Looking forward

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## 1. Back Drop

**Ama Adhikar** was formed by a group of persons having concern for the deprived section of the society in the year 2004. It has been registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 bearing number **22396/124**. Since its inception of the organization, awareness generation among the different section of the society is one of the major focuses. **Ama Adhikar** has been organizing awareness camps through observation of the different days in different parts of Orissa, training of awareness among the people regarding RTI and PRI, special programs for women empowerment, protection of the rights of the children and several programs to ensure social justice to the helpless and marginalized of the society.



### **Mission:**

Ama Adhikar envisages a society based on values of equity, happiness, justice, peace, self reliance and sustainability where: no space for violation on Human Rights

### **Vision:**

To bring about social transformation through a value based people's movement with representative of every corner of the society.

- Protecting Human Rights and dignity
- Careful use of nature's wealth

### **Core value**

- People centered and right based approach
- Partnership with the people at local, national and international levels
- Sustainable development of poorest of the poor.
- Problem solving
- Scaling up the scope and horizon of success
- Accountability and transparency at all levels
- Respect to the traditional knowledge

### **Main focus**

- Disseminate Right to Information Act in every corner of the state
- Lobbying and advocacy on various state and national level schemes
- Protection of Human Rights and Dignity
- Awareness generation on various community development aspects in the very remote areas

### **Our strategies:-**

- Collaboration and coordination with Govt. department, Agencies, NGOs, Media and individual intellectual.
- Working with local institution at different level to achieve the objective.
- Promoting people organization for work on different issues.
- Promoting people participation with gender equity in different programme.
- Developing ownership among the people
- Ensuring women participation in every level of organization.

### **Broader objective**

- To promote action for the sustainable management of the natural resources.
- To promote action for social up-liftment, equality and rights of marginalized and disadvantaged groups like women, children, scheduled caste, scheduled tribes, disable, orphans and poorest of the poor in the community.
- To foster respect for socially relevant issues like protection of environment, ecology, bio-diversity, indigenous knowledge system, global peace, secularism, brotherhood and similar ideals.
- To enable the people to be aware of the Govt. schemes and privileges meant for them and assist the people and the Government for their effective implementation
- To implement especially formulated programs for the socio economic emancipation of the poor, disadvantaged and marginalize groups to raise their self-esteem and to create their equal rights and status within the wider community to enable them to overcome their marginalized situation and bring them in to national mainstream.
- To promote the concept of forest as development resource and community forestry initiatives.

- To do any other things which are incidental or ancillary to all or any of the objectives mentioned above.
- Generate health need among the rural population by creating awareness.

### Geographical Coverage:

Interventions of Ama Adhikar are especially focused to the state of Orissa – a state located in the eastern part of the nation. Presently Ama Adhikar is working in 6 district of khurda, cuttack, Jajpur, Malkangiri, Koraput and Nawarangpur covering 67 villages of 20 gram Panchayat in 11 Block.

SI No	Name of the District	Numbers of Block	No of GP	No of villages
1	Khurada	1	6	8
2	Cuttack	2	5	25
3	Koraput	2	3	15
4	Nabarangpur	3	3	10
5	Jajpur	2	2	5
6	Malkangir	1	1	4

Table No.1: Showing Geographical coverage of Ama Adhikar

## 2. Food Security & Sovereignty



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Food security being the matter of concern at individual/family level, community level and national & international level, Ama Adhikar has taken up massive activities on it. Its attempt is to address the challenges of food security in Orissa, the causes and consequences of continuing food denials, malnutrition and hunger amidst relative

## **I. Preparation of Organic Manure:**

Realizing the continuing damage caused by constant use of chemical fertilizers, Ama Adhikar has consistently propagated the use of organic manure. It has assisted the people in the process of preservation of compost and in constructing compost tanks based on NADEP technology which is simple and easy to adopt. The community people have been motivated to construct, maintain and use the compost tanks. Composting animal manures and agricultural waste is not a new process, but is one which has regained focus around the community. Thus, small and marginal tribal farmers are using these organic composted manures in sustainable agricultural systems that are resulting in good yields with a lower investment.



## **II. Collective Cultivation**

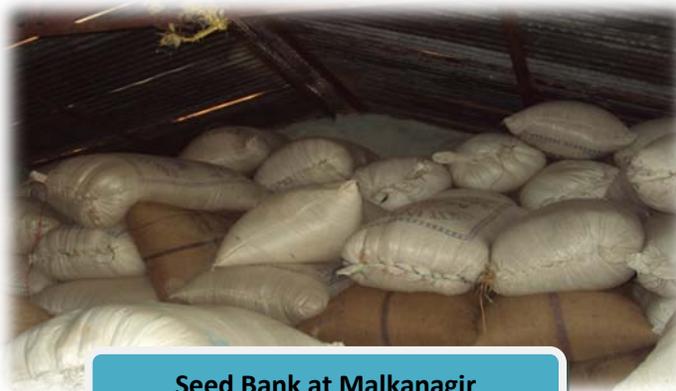
It is a unique method to fight against poverty and starvation, and to turn the unused land into cultivable land. We can generate additional amount of crop production for landless and poor families in the unused land. In most of the villages, the wasteland remains vacant throughout the year and it is an opportunity to practice group farming in that wasteland. Another aim of this group farming is to raise funds for utilization in developmental activities.

## **III. Nutritious Kitchen Garden**

The poor farmer in the village is unable to purchase the green vegetables from market for which the children and lactating women are severely suffering from malnutrition problems. The objective of community kitchen garden is to facilitate and encourage having green vegetables, fruits and com at every household throughout the year to improve family nutrition. The households in the village develop their community kitchen garden with a small green fencing around the garden by utilizing the wastewater of their house and the backyard waste compost for production of seasonal fruits and vegetables without chemical contamination.

#### IV. Seed Bank

The objective behind the seed bank development is to store the germ-free seeds of small and marginal farmers. Collectively people are storing their indigenous organic seeds in a well-established store house, so that not a single patch of land remains fallow due to dearth of seeds. It has prevented a large quantity of seeds from being destroyed by insects, pests and bacterial contamination owing to seepage of moisture. Ama Adhikar has developed a system named PUSHA KOTHI, a scientifically designed safe storage structure involving very cost-effective materials. Community people have also acquired the techniques of indigenous method of seed conservation through demonstration programmes. Apart from that, farmers are involved in seed exchange among themselves.



Seed Bank at Malkanagir

#### V. Grain Bank:

The grain bank is the store house of grain deposited by farmers at the time of harvesting. Members of the grain banks get grain on loan during the period of necessity and repay the same at the time of harvesting of subsequent crops. The chief objective behind is to store the food grains, in a collective manner that will help them in lean period. In order to ensure food sovereignty to each family, we have established community level and block level grain banks where people can store surplus food grains and release the grain for contingency period. The main staple food grains are stored under the grain bank.

### 3. Networking, Policy and Advocacy

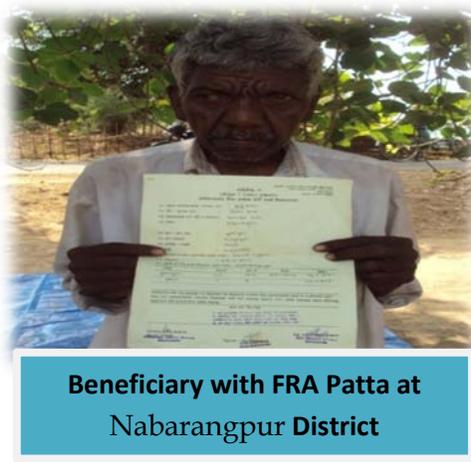
#### Right to Information (RTI)

Ama Adhikar is the only and first organization who has been initiated awareness generation program on RTI Act before the enactment, i.e. in the year 2004. Besides Ama Adhikar provided 50,000 RTI forms to the state Government. Creating awareness in various inert part of the state by display of video visuals, sharing of success stories and giving ideas to ask appropriate

information to the community people is a part and process of the organization. In this concern Ama Adhikar has been published several books, hand out, pamphlets etc that has been provided to Government as well as the community people for awareness generation. Encouraging common people to seek information and establish their right before the Government as well as in the society.

### **Implementation of Forest Rights Act (FRA):**

The Forest Rights Act has been implemented by Ama Adhikar from the year 2008. Ama Adhikar is directly involved in villages of Kalahandi and Nuapada districts. The program covers 97 villages distributed over 9 GPs of 5 Blocks of two districts. All these villages have completed the village level processes and submitted their final claims to SDLC. More specifically the following activities were performed during the year.



- Created awareness generation on Forest Rights Act and Rule through village level meetings, consultations and publications.
- Facilitated information on Forest Rights Committees in 97 villages.
- Provided support to the villagers at the time of claim submission, record maintenance, verification & submission of final claims to the Sub Divisional Level Committees (SDLC)
- Maintained continuous dialogue with the state level, district level and sub divisional level committees.
- Continued discussion with the district level networks to monitor the verification process of the sub divisional committees.

### **District and GP level Consultation on FRA**

The consultations on Forest Rights Act were organized at district & GP level to sensitise the NGOs, CBOs, PRIs, government officials on different provisions of the Act and the Rule. The district level consultations were organized in Kalahandi district. GP level consultations were

organized in all the 9 GPs. Besides that, one day consultation was also organized for the PRI representatives.

### Capacity building on various verification processes of FRA

Ama Adhikar promoted Forest Rights Committees (FRC) at village level on March 2008. The FRC members played a crucial role in the determination of forest rights. But the government has not made any provision to build up the capacity of the members. Understanding the importance of capacity building Ama Adhikar increased the skill levels of FRC members on various processes of implementation like maintenance of claim register, verification of forms & evidences, field verification, preparation of verification report, consolidation of claims, drawing of village maps etc.



## 4. MGNREGA

Priority was given by the Organization to create awareness on different program that has been implemented by the state & the central govt. in the rural areas. During the year we have worked intensively on MGNREGA indifferent district of Orissa. Along with this the organization has organized awareness meeting and consultation in their existing operational area.



### Objective:

- To provide 100 days employment opportunities to each vulnerable families as per their requirement in nearby village.
- To check exploitation from village thikadar/ government official and utilize the fund in transparency way.
- To check migration by providing work in their villages.

- Orientation to the villagers for better implementation of MGNREGA

#### **Activities and achievement during the year;**

- Organized village and GP level awareness campaign in operational area.
- People registered their names and got labor cards through GP.
- People got employment as per their need in MGNREGA through GP.
- Social audit has been done in Koraput, Cuttack & Nabarangpur districts on MGNREGA work.
- During the social audit some major records and activities are not being done properly by the concern implementing GP as per the guideline of MGNREGA and we created awareness among the villagers on it.

#### **Training on Panchayatiraj and leadership development:**

On the basis of priority, the newly elected GP representatives were trained on right to information and the requirement of 73rd & 74th Amendment of the constitution which relate to the role & power of Sarpanch and word members, their power devolution, autonomy, PRI and their anti poverty schemes. During the year 3 days residential training programs were conducted at Jajpur district where 40 participants were participated.

## **5. Processes for Women Empowerment**

Emphasis on collective growth through SHG formation and achieving the intended objectives through SHG promotion have remained the priority focus of the Organisation. In order to make the SHGs self sufficient and not to be dependent on outsiders in maintaining their accounts and records, training of the SHG members was



conducted. With the efforts of Ama Adhikar staff 56 SHGs in 15 G.Ps. have been promoted. Federations of SHGs have also been formed. All federations meet regularly to discuss on bank

linkages, fair price distribution system, PDS issue, kerosene oil issue, migration issue, participation in social activities, AW Center monitoring, etc. The members of the SHGs were oriented on the latest changes and prospect brought in Govt. schemes, encouraged to develop an instinct of savings, to avail loan and successful utilization of the loan amount to develop involvement in social activities and develop kitchen gardens in every courtyard.

## 6. Health

### **Building health awareness through community participation**

We formed a community Group that performs on common health issues in the tribal areas at weekly markets and village headquarters. As tribals are accustomed to communicating through Community, our program is highly effective at gaining their attention and changing their attitudes. We run School Health Sessions where we give students basic health knowledge to share with their families. The students are becoming real agents of change in their communities. We set up Mobile Health Camps in remote villages to train community members and local healers on proper health practices, provide clinical treatment, refer serious cases to nearby institutions and distribute medicine and supplies.

### **Awareness for safe motherhood & healthy babies**

We organized Health Camps where government doctors provide antenatal checkups, counseling, and vitamins motivate women to utilize institutional healthcare services.

#### **This year, we:**

- Coordinated programs for 5,000 people in isolated, high-need and previously un-served areas
- Organized a breastfeeding awareness rally attended by 500 people from over 16 villages
- Trained 56 pregnant women and lactating mothers on home-based child care

## 7. HIV/AIDS

We provide **Family Health Counseling** with a full referral service for people with HIV/AIDS and other STDs. We also conduct **Outreach Camps** and home visits in an effort to reduce stigma and opportunistic infections. We train village adolescents, college students and truck drivers on

HIV/AIDS, sexual health, anatomy and hygiene. They also learn about communication, decision-making and negotiation so they can effectively teach others.

We hold **Women's Orientations** (including sex workers), build awareness with **Street Theater**, run **Training Programs** for village health workers, test and refer patients through **Mobile Health Camps**.

**This year, we aim at:**

- Organized World AIDS Day with a rally and large meeting for hundreds of villagers and children
- Held an advocacy workshop for the Malkangiri district-level network for PLHIV
- Created 10 Balaka Mandas (5 boys and 5 girls) to discuss sexual health issues

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