

Dear Friends,

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Information related to initiatives and progress made by our field and state team members keeps pouring on a frequent basis. Often we have felt that a lot is happening in the project, which needs to be collated and presented, first among ourselves and then with wider audience. In this endeavor, we are initiating a JSLPS periodical update mailer service which would be sent to you on a regular basis. As we move on and gain experience we will do it in more structured fashion and regularity. The consolidated inputs derived from various sources would be sent to you from my desk.

**Initiatives:**

- JSLPS under its project has started a project on '*Revival of Lac Cultivation in Satbarwa block of Palamau district*'. Starting with 236 farmers, 4000 plants and with technical support from IINRG, Ranchi this action research project would be implemented through our partner SPWD. Following activities have been completed so far – Pruning of Palash Trees, Training of first batch of approx. 20 farmers at IINRG, distribution of brood lac and net bags.
- Plantation activity under NHM initiated in Sonapura village of Padma block of Hazaribagh district.

**Project Diversification:**

- JSLPS is currently diversifying into more than one projects from its current ongoing project "State Level Support to Livelihood Promotion Strategies Project"
  - a) An agreement between UNDP and JSLPS was signed for implementation of project on Financial Inclusion in Pakur district. The total project cost is 150,000 USD.
  - b) JSLPS is negotiating with UNDP to implement a project on 'Clean Energy' with support from ONGC. The project is to be implemented in 200 villages in two districts of Jharkhand over four years. Indicative budget is USD 15,000,000.00

**Proposals under consideration:**

- Goatry project with support from NABARD would be implemented in Namkum and Angara blocks of Ranchi and Satabarwa block of Palamau. The state project team is working on the modalities of its implementation.
- Proposal for developing village development plan for 50 villages (5 village per block) under NABARD's VDP scheme is submitted and is under process for approval

- Another proposal on 'Integrated Livelihood Model' worth 18 lakh is submitted to NABARD for implementation in Hazaribagh district through partner agency – PRADAN. To initiate the work, JSLPS has already sanctioned 50% of the project cost to PRADAN.
- JSLPS team and PRADAN have submitted a proposal on taking up of Poultry enterprise with 200 farmers worth 1.40 crore to NABARD

#### **Event/Happenings:**

- Project Manager, JSLPS is going to attend a workshop on 'Convergence' organized by Rajasthan Mission on Livelihoods (RMoL) on 20<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2010, at Jaipur.
- JSLPS – Pakur team is going to organize their 2<sup>nd</sup> DLFC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

#### **Positions Advertised:**

- JSLPS has advertised for Consultancy positions of Block Coordinator (Livelihood), Financial Inclusion Specialist (District Level) and Financial Inclusion Specialist (State Level) in major national newspapers. The detail ToR can be viewed on [www.jslps.in](http://www.jslps.in)

#### **Travels:**

- **19-20 October, 10:** Debasis Mohapatra was in Palamau district
- **22-23 October, 10:** Debasis Mohapatra and Naveen Gupta would be travelling to West Singhbhum district
- **22-25<sup>th</sup> October, 10:** S.N.Pandeya would be traveling to Jaipur and Delhi
- **25<sup>th</sup> October, 10:** Debasis Mohapatra and Naveen Gupta would be travelling to Hazaribagh district
- **25-28<sup>th</sup> October 10:** Deepak Upadhyay would be travelling to Pakur district