



CFW GIVE A CHANCE
TO BACK SMILE FOR A WHILE
TO "FANI" DEVASTATED PEOPLE
OF NIJIGARH TAPANG GRAM PANCHNAYAT

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BACKGROUND

District:	Khordha
Block:	Khordha
G.P:	Nijigarh Tapang
Village	Baghatangi
H.H	116 H.H tribal (savar)

Baghatangi is a purely cutoff hamlet of Nijigarh Tapang G.P. situated 18 k.m away from district head quarter Khordha town. 116 tribal h.h living in that village surrounded by hills, crusher units and forest. Literacy level is too low and the poor people's main source of livelihood is crushing granite stones to chips and bajories in crusher units of near by areas. All the people belong to tribal community (Sabar). Like many sabar community here also the people suffered same destiny of no caste identity. Whatever land they possess belongs to Shree Jagannath temple trust (Amruta Manohi land). As the people said they have pattas but still they couldn't avail IAY, Mo Kudia, Biju pucca ghar because the land ownership is in litigation.

In 2006 the whole village was burnt by some intruder. Children of the village are unable for further study after class fifth though they are enrolling in school 2 kilometer away from the village passing narrow forest road.

It was after 25 days of tropical cyclone FANI the women SHGs member came all the way to Collector's office and request for support to Nijigarh Tapang village. It was on the second GO-NGO coordination meeting Piyush the GONGO Coordinator of Khordha raised the villagers issue. The devastated village and people needs barely support and requested



to respond the people's need by any NGO.

Her appeal touch Sahayog organization representatives to accept the request gladly. When Sahayog asked the support of Goonj, readily they agreed. With their positive assurance our team went to the field for preliminary assessment of the village.



Assessment :

To assess the situation and know about people when our team reached Nijigarh Tapang village saw a bigger village with lot of diversities in socioeconomic and education point of view. We met people to know about the women SHGs of tribal adivasi sahi. At last we reached the destination crossing narrow forest roads where uprooted big trees still lying showing devastated effect of FANI. In Baghatangi hamlet all the houses are kutcha made up of mud and thatched roof. In FANI the panchayat head (Sarpanch & family) also became roofless and took shelter in school. More than 40 families were living in school and another 16 families taking shelter at neighbor's house (only one double storied building).



They have no work, no food and no shelter. They have received meager support from administration Rs.2000/- for ration, 50 kg rice and Rs.500/- for tarpaulin. It was not looks like morning in a village. Last night there was heavy rain. Villagers were keeping trying to repair houses. Sahayog team met the Women SHG leaders, village head, Sarpanch and common people to know about their life after FANI. Electricity was not yet restored in the village and there was fear of reaching electricity by another fortnight. Because of forest snake biting was a common issue. Lack of electricity and all around green debris make their life a hell. Though a hazardous livelihood option and damaging ecology still they depend on crusher but that also closed and we can see how much they needed food for life. But they have no choice. Klds lost their books, school bags and toys but poor parents and adults unable to think about children's requirement and keep trying failed attempt of reconstructing damaged houses with mud, bamboo and palm leaf. All were in panic what will happen because school will be opened soon and they have to vacate the school campus. Usually in this area malnutrition, anemic, cancer and communicable disease TB spearheaded. Skin disease, respiratory problems are common problem of people. FANI added woo in their troublesome life. Villagers have no food, no work and no shelter. They requested for a tarpaulin to make them safe at least from rainy season which was forth coming. When team assured to help them but with CFW (Cloth for work) conditionality that they have to do some work for dignified charity and that work will be helpful for their community. Looking at their poor condition team also assured tarpaulin, food and rations along with CFW support reached them shortly. The SHG leaders, Village head, senior people and sarpanch ensured to call a community meeting in the evening to finalized the work plan CFW activities and communicate to Sahayog as soon as possible.

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT :

Places before Cleaning :



PEOPLE IN WORK :

On 9th June 2019 led by Sarpanch Pratap Nayak, Lachhman Pradhan and Upendra Nayak adult men, women and adolescents people gathered with (jhudi, kodal, katuri, bucket, axe and children. They have decided and communicate to us before hand to clean the school and ICDS premises which will be a community gift to the children reading in that school. Apart from that they decided to clean village road and tube well sides.





After work:

Positive Impact and way forward

These people are so happy to receive food; tarpaulin and clothes. Male members participated but women were so happy and touched with our support. They came to us after work and discussed about how to revive their defunct women groups. To build up their live they expect some income generating activities which conveyed by Bijayalaxmi Rautaray, Secretary of Sahayog in third GONGO coordination meeting chaired by DM cum Collector Khordha. Collector responded very positively and said it will be better to think for long term livelihood option through OLM. Local people also requested for school boundary and extension of school from Primary to UGME. So, absenteeism of children and dropout can be checked because unsafe road pushed out children from schooling. Clean school, ICDS centre gave us the beautiful moment to think for the benefit of kids and school goers of the village. This later on with the support of Goonj completed. All the children of the school and those are continuing education in nearby School supported with school kit. ICDS centre of the village received toys for their kids. A person in problem can think for other. That positivity we saw with the people when they also request to help other adivasi villages of their panchayat (Jhinkijhari and Tentulimundi) those were suffering as like as them because of FANI. After distribution in Baghatangi Sarpanch and community leaders escorted Goonj and Sahayog team to those villages to see their conditions.

At that point Sahayog has limited choice with limited resources availability. But visualizing the bad condition of villagers of Jhinkijhari we again put our request for support to Goonj. To our happiness thanks to Suresh Kumar, State Head of Goonj agreed to support them with big ration packets and clothes.

CFW IN JHINKIJHARI ADIVASI SAHI :

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G.P:	Nijigarh Tapang
Village	Jhinkijhari (Adivasi sahi)
H.H	70 H.H



Team Sahayog with the support of Sarapnch called a community meeting in Jhinkijhari adivasi sahi. In the meeting asked whether they are interested for CFW. In that meeting people were agreed for work but request for food and tarpaulin. Though team clearly understood the need of tarpaulin but unable to gave words as there was no more tarpaulin available. But team also assured them to take the issue to other platforms and may be support can reach to them in future. They will receive one CFW kit, one packet of food and rations. Al last with the support of community head Gopal Behera, Ward Member and SHG leaders the household finalized.



Villagers decided to clean their community spaces, tube well area and the side of well filled with green debris spreading bad odour bad and creating unhygienic atmosphere. On 13th June 2019 meeting our team told them to work on 20th June 2019 and before that we will store the materials in their community hall.

On 20 June 2019 all the village people were gathered and again one meeting with the people organized before work. Sahayog and Goonj team interacted with people and discussed about their local issues. Work started with greater zeal to clean and make their surrounding hygienic.





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