

Annual Report 2014-15 for MSRLM Disability Pilot

Background

Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM) - UMED has envisaged to encompass the initiatives undertaken by the government to immediately address poverty, livelihoods and empowerment issues in the state. The project aims to bring about rapid change in the social and economic empowerment of the poor and disadvantaged people in rural Maharashtra in order to improve their livelihoods and quality of life. Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) form one of the distinguished disadvantaged groups for inclusion in the overall MSRLM strategy. The pilot project for disability is being implemented in 3 blocks (Ghatanji, Kalamb and Pandharkavda) of Yavatmal and 2 blocks (Lanja and Sangameshwar) of Ratnagiri district.

This report is in continuation of the work started in FY 13/14 that include some carryover work and a fresh set of work broadly corroborated in the inception report. At the end of the report some suggestions have been made as 'Way forward' section for up scaling.

Summary of Output Status

The outputs as mentioned in the ToR are being summarized underneath along with the activities performed for effective accomplishment of the said deliverable. Also the reports submitted under the specific deliverable along with Output are mentioned for ready reference;

Sr. No.	Output	Status
1.	a) Designing the tool for identifying exclusion and vulnerability mapping in village setting b) Designing of the disability and livelihood program strategies, implementation mechanisms and supporting to finalized (Chapter in SPIP)	a) Tools for exclusion mapping submitted on 9 th Apr 2015. Tools yet to be field tested b) Chapter on disability for SPIP submitted on 9 th Apr 2015
2.	Identification and empanelment of implementation partners (NGOs)	ToR for NGOs submitted on 5 th Jun 2014. After discussion with CEO, MSRLM the floating of Eol and other empanelment process kept in abeyance
3.	Developing Community Operations Manual on Social Inclusion	Community Operations Manual submitted on 5 th Nov. 2014
4.	Awareness and Sensitization Workshops – State level and in 'targeted' districts and blocks with MSRLM staff, Govt. Officials, district authorities and potential partner NGOs; & Documentation	State level workshop date to be finalized
5.	Capacity Building of implementing partners	Capacity building of NGO partners kept in abeyance

Sr. No.	Output	Status	
6.	Developing and rolling of the pilots for livelihoods for PwDs for selected Gram Panchayats	Ratnagiri	Yavatmal
		1 leadership training - 31 DPG members covered	2 leadership trainings – 137 DPG members covered
		RF Disbursement - 24 DPGs in 2014	RF Disbursement - 39 DPGs a) 9 DPGs in Dec 2013 b) 17 DPGs in Mar 2014 c) 7 DPGs in Apr – Nov 2014 d) 6 DPGs in Dec – Feb 2015
		MIP Training yet to be conducted.	MIP Training conducted for 5 DPGs (27 members)
7.	Livelihood plans for PwDs ready for implementation in select districts as a saturation model.	District Livelihoods Intervention Plan (Model I) for Ratnagiri submitted on 17 th Jan. 2014	District Livelihoods Intervention Plan (Model I) for Yavatmal submitted on 24 th Sep. 2014
		Model II to be initiated post CIF	Model II to be initiated post CIF
8.	Disability mapping, functional assessments and provision of supportive services in phase 2	Disability mapping (survey) done in 10 GPs of Sangameshwar block during May 2013	Entire Pandharkavda block mapping (survey) done during May 2014
		760 PwDs identified	5665 PwDs in Pandharkavda, 369 PwDs in Kalamb (NGO) and 363 PwDs in Ghatanji (NGO) identified
		Certification, Functional Assessment and ability matrix yet to be initiated	
9.	Submission of Activity report and documents	1) Quarterly activity report is submitted giving month-wise details. 2) The State office is also kept up to date with the activities through regular visit reports. 3) In addition to inception report, 22 thematic reports have been submitted.	
10.	Building up a MSRLM core team on disability – Capacity building of MSRLM team members (State/district/ block and cluster) on PwD initiative implementation strategy	Capacity building of Block and cluster level teams yet to be completed	Capacity building of Block and cluster level teams completed in Dec. 2014
		MIP training yet to be done	MIP training to 23 CRPs and 7 CCs completed in Jan. 2015 along with 27 DPG members.
		Identification and Capacity building of State Resource Team (SRT) yet to be completed.	
11.	Developing community cadre of trainers/CRPs and / RRP – formation and strengthening community structure at various levels, such as DPGs/VOs/Cluster level federation / Block level federation	Identification & training of CRPs to be done	44 CRPs trained from 5 blocks (Jan. 2015)
		RRPs to be identified and trained	RRPs to be identified and trained
		VO orientation yet to be initiated	VO orientation - Jun. 2014 (3 VOs) Jan. 2015 (25 VOs) Mar. 2015 (2 VOs)

Sr. No.	Output	Status
12.	Strategizing convergence and developing guidelines on facilitating entitlements	1) Achieved - Convergence strategy report submitted on 21 st Oct. 2014 2) convergence workshop completed on 24 th & 25 th May 2015 at Thane 3) Guidelines for facilitation of entitlements submitted on 9 th Oct 2014
13.	Livelihood Support	1) Livelihood support through RF – 63 DPGs 2) 6 success stories submitted on 21 st Nov 2014 3) One batch of CIF training for Yavatmal completed 4) MIP of 5 DPGs completed in Jan 2015 5) Collaboration with MSHFDC established & functional 6) Vocational training programme conducted at HKIDB for 1 batch 7) District-wise livelihoods mapping to be done in FY 15/16 8) Livelihoods Plan Model II(Farm & non-farm activities) to be initiated in Fy 15/16
14.	Data analysis and report writing	Pandharkavda disability survey report submitted on 12 th Sep 2014
15.	Final Report on PwD work	Submitted herewith

Month-wise Activity log

Consultant was in touch with the district and block functionaries and MSRLM team members through meetings during the field visits and through telephonic communication whenever found necessary. Focus group discussions and meetings were undertaken to have interaction with the existing SHGs, VOs, DPGs and PwDs. The district authority was always kept in the loop. In every visit the consultant met the CEO ZP, along with MSRLM district team and appraised him on the status of work on disability pilot.

March 2014

- ✓ Staffing pattern for the disability vertical at MSRLM: Meeting was held with CEO, MSRLM on 11th wherein it was decided that currently on the experimental basis the work would be given to the existing block managers and the internal CRPs in the pilot districts to check how they are coping with the work for initial period of 6 months in the next financial year.
- ✓ Skill Development Programme for PwDs: In the 11th March meeting at MSRLM office, it was agreed upon 2 batches of 20 each from Ratnagiri and Yavatmal would be sent to Helen Keller Institute for Deaf and Deafblind (HKIDB), Mumbai for undertaking the skill development training.
- ✓ Proposal for Skill Development of PwDs: Meeting with HKIDB took place on the 11th March and the CEO, HKIDB agreed to put up the draft proposal in collaboration with Youth4job by end of the month to the Inclusion Consultant.
- ✓ Identification of PwDs from Ratnagiri for Skill Development Programme at HKIDB: One day programme was organized on the 14th March at the Devrukh College of Art & Design, Sangameshwar for the short listed PwDs. Through this programme information was gathered regarding participants' expectations from the skill development programme and ways in which they would utilize these skills for their livelihoods.

- ✓ Meeting with MSRLM district & block team: In the later part of the day on 14th March, a meeting was held with the team to chalk out the activities for next 6 months.
- ✓ Meeting with Collector Ratnagiri: the Collector very positively agreed to arrange for the camps for disability certification by the respective departments but due to election code of conduct, he stated that the camps could be arranged only after end April. DMM Ratnagiri was to follow up and take agenda forward.

Reports submitted

1. Visit Report XIV – Identification of PwDs from Ratnagiri

April 2014

- ✓ Skill Development Programme for PwDs: Altogether 16 trainees from Ratnagiri and Yavatmal arrived for the programme. The programme started from 5th April, courses included basic computer training, tailoring, horticulture and preparation of consumer products.
- ✓ Medical Assessment of Severely Challenged PwDs: 2 severely disabled sisters from Yavatmal (Vaishali and Kalpana) started their physiotherapy and assessment at HKIDB. Later specialized assessment of the 2 sisters was done at All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Haji Ali and Nair Hospital, Mumbai.
- ✓ Setting up Skill Development Centre for PwDs under MSRLM: In this regard, a meeting was organized at Shodhana Consultancy, Pune on 8th April. As Youth4jobs, Hyderabad has the expertise of training and placement of the first group and HKIDB has the expertise for high support group, it was decided that Youth4jobs and HKIDB would jointly formulate the proposal for Skill Development and Placement.
- ✓ Performance Review 2013-14: Review meeting was held on 10th April at MSRLM office.

Reports submitted

- 1.

May 2014

- ✓ Pandharkavda Disability Survey: Meeting with the CEO, ZP was arranged on the 13th May. CEO agreed to launch the survey on the 23rd May. Disability mapping was done by undertaking the method of rapid survey in the existing SHGs in the blocks first and then the detailed survey for the PwDs identified through the rapid survey was conducted by Janseva (NGO supporting the MSRLM activities) during 23rd May to
- ✓ Identification of PwDs for Skill Development: Counseling session for PwDs was organized at Rasikaashray on 14th May in order to short list the PwDs for programme. PwDs were identified for the skill development programme at HKIDB.

Reports submitted

1. Visit Report XVI – Yavatmal Pandharkavda Survey and Counseling Session

June 2014

- ✓ Identification and empanelment of implementation partners (NGOs): ToR for NGOs was submitted to MSRLM on 5th June 2014. After discussion with CEO, MSRLM the floating of EoI and other empanelment process kept in abeyance
- ✓ Sensitization Workshop for MSRLM district and block team: District and block MSRLM teams of Yavatmal were sensitized towards disability issues.
- ✓ Disability orientation to VOs: Disability orientation programme conducted for members of 2 VOs from Ghatanji and Kalamb blocks.
- ✓ Pandharkavda Data Editing: Data received from the NGOs was examined for validation and requisite data editing completed.

Reports submitted

1. ToR for NGOs

July 2014

- ✓ Appraisal of Disability Pilot to Ratnagiri CEO, ZP: During the meeting with CEO, ZP held on 9th July, Inclusion consultant briefed the CEO on the overall concept of the disability pilot project and also discussed in details the current status of the project.
- ✓ Leadership Training Programme for DPGs: Leadership training is the one day capacity building programme for PwDs (who are grouped as DPGs) wherein the self confidence and personality of PwDs are built in. This training is also taken as a prerequisite for receiving the revolving fund by the DPGs. Leadership training programme was conducted for 31 DPG members on the 10th July 2014.
- ✓ Annual Action Plan 2014-15 for PwDs, Yavatmal: 2 days workshop was conducted during 21st and 22nd July for preparation of Annual Action Plan. Participants included ZP officials, local NGO representatives and the district, block and cluster level MSRLM teams.

Reports submitted

1. Visit Report XVIII – Ratnagiri Leadership Training
2. Visit Report XIX – Yavatmal Annual Action Plan

August 2014

- ✓ Pandharkavda Data Analysis: After completing the data editing and validation, the analysis was completed.
- ✓ Work on preparation of Annual action plan 2014-15 for Yavatmal

Reports submitted

September 2014

- ✓ Pandharkavda disability survey submitted on 12th Sep 2014
- ✓ District Livelihoods Intervention Plan (Model I) for Yavatmal submitted on 24th Sept. 2014

October 2014

- ✓ Desk review of State and central government schemes and acts related to PwDs for preparation of guidelines to facilitate the entitlements of PwDs. 14
Desk review for preparation of convergence strategy report

Reports submitted

1. Guidelines for entitlements for PwDs submitted 9th October 2014
2. Convergence Strategy report submitted on 21st October 2014

November 2014

- ✓ Preparation of chapter on disability for incorporating in Community Operations Manual (COM)
- ✓ Success stories documented for 6 DPGs in Ghatanji block of Yavatmal who received RF in the first phase.

Reports submitted

1. Community Operations Manual for PwDs – Draft submitted on 21st Nov 2014
2. Case Studies

December 2014

- ✓ 2 days Capacity building programme for block and cluster level MSRLM team was undertaken during 18th & 19th Dec. 2014.

Reports submitted

1. MSRLM Visit Report XX –Yavatmal CB of teams and CRP identification

January 2015

- ✓ CRP Training: 2 days (1 day exposure visit) capacity building programme for CRPs conducted on 6th & 8th Jan. 2015. Total 44 CRPs from 5 different blocks (Babhulgaon, Ghatanji, Kalamb, Pandharkavda and Ralegaon) of Yavatmal had undergone the training.
- ✓ 2nd Leadership Training Programme for DPGs: Leadership training programme was conducted for 56 DPG members from various blocks of Yavatmal on the 7th & 8th Jan. 2015.
- ✓ DPG linkage with VO: Secretaries and President of various DPGs gathered for the MIP training were oriented to the linkage with VOs. Prior to this they were explained the VO structure and its importance.
- ✓ Disability orientation to VOs: Disability orientation programme conducted for 59 members of 25 VOs from Ghatanji, Kalamb and Ralegaon blocks of Yavatmal on 10th Jan. 2015.

Reports submitted

1. MSRLM Visit Report XXI – Yavatmal leadership training for DPGs and CRP training

February 2015

- ✓ Tool for identifying exclusion and vulnerability mapping in village setting was designed and submitted on 9th April 2015.
- ✓ Strategies, implementation mechanisms and required support to promote disability and livelihood programme were designed and incorporated in the Chapter on Social Inclusion in SPIP. This chapter on disability was submitted on the 9th April 2015

Reports submitted

1. Tools for mapping Social Exclusion
2. Social Inclusion chapter on Disability for SPIP

March 2015

- ✓ Disability orientation to VOs: Disability orientation programme conducted for 2 VOs from Ghatanji on 2nd March 2015 where in addition to the disability issues, they were explained the importance of including the DPGs in their organization.
- ✓ MIP training to DPGs: A total of 25 members from 4 DPGs, 23 ICRPs, 6 CCs, 3 CBR supervisors from Rasikashray had undergone the MIP training.

Reports submitted

1. MSRLM Visit Report XXII – MIP training Yavatmal

Major Achievement since 2013

1. 760 PwDs identified in 10 GPs of Sangameshwar block (Ratnagiri), 5665 PwDs in Pandharkavda block (Yavatmal), 369 PwDs in Kalamb (Yavatmal) and 363 PwDs in Ghatanji (Yavatmal)
2. A total of 171 DPGs formed in blocks from the 2 pilot districts
3. 31 DPG members from Ratnagiri and 56 DPG members from Yavatmal have undergone the leadership training program
4. RF disbursed to 24 DPGs from Ratnagiri and 39 DPGs from Yavatmal
5. MIP training conducted for 5 DPGs of Yavatmal
6. Collaboration with MSHFDC established and functional
7. Skill Development programme conducted at HKIDB for 1 batch

Way Forward

- 1) Certification and Functional Assessment of identified PwDs from pilot districts
- 2) Preparation of ability matrix for individual PwDs based on functional assessment
- 3) Ensuring that assistive device received by certified PwDs

- 4) Supportive health services and surgeries for the PwDs in need.
- 5) State level workshop for enhancement of skills and livelihoods for PwDs
- 6) Identification and Capacity building of State Resource Team (SRT)
- 7) Identification and capacity building of RRP
- 8) Capacity building of Block and cluster level teams for Ratnagiri
- 9) Identification & training of CRPs for Ratnagiri
- 10) VO orientation in Ratnagiri
- 11) MIP Training for Ratnagiri
- 12) Livelihoods Plan Model II (Farm & non-farm activities) to be initiated post CIF. Training and handholding to DPGs on livelihoods Plan would be undertaken in this model.
- 13) Entrepreneurship Development Training programme for PwDs in Ratnagiri and Yavatmal
- 14) Formation and Capacity building of DPO members
- 15) Field testing of tool and preparation of protocol for exclusion mapping
- 16) District-wise livelihoods mapping to be done
- 17) Development of appropriate material for category specific livelihood enhancement of PwDs
- 18) Proper IEC planning and implementation. Development of supportive reading and IEC material on disability
- 19) Formation and capacity building of CLF members
- 20) Identification of potential support organizations (NGOs) and preparation of due diligence report.
- 21) Capacity building of NGO partners
- 22) Empanelment of Agency for therapeutic arrangements (at cluster level) and skill development must be done on priority

Functions at various levels;

At village level –

- i. Training of RRP (8 weeks module)
- ii. Orientation on disability to VOs on regular basis
- iii. Orientation on disability to cluster and block level federation
- iv. 2 days leadership training for DPGs (as per the module)
- v. Preparation of MIPs with disability specific inputs
- vi. Ensuring DPGs representation at VOs and cluster level federation
- vii. Disability orientation and liaisoning with the banks for financial inclusion of PwDs

At block level –

- i. Formation of DPO at block level
- ii. Advanced leadership training for the executive members of the DPO
- iii. Disability orientation to block level multi disciplinary team
- iv. Ensuring entitlements

At district level –

- i. Organizing camps for disability certification
 - ii. Organizing camps for personal assistive device
 - iii. Organizing camps for corrective surgeries
1. At State level -
 - i. Creation of vertical on disability
 - ii. Appointment of State Project Manager (SPM) disability and the line functionaries at district and block level
 - iii. Developing job vacancies within BRLPS as well as external agencies for PwDs
 - iv. Initiate research and development for livelihood promotion of PwDs
 - v. Facilitate the planning, development and implementation of PwD-centered plans across the State
 - vi. Allocation of appropriate budget for PwDs
 - vii. Designing programme on continuing education for district and block level functionaries
 - viii. Ensure maintenance and up keep of appropriate database of individual PwDs across the State and generate exceptional reports as may be required
 - ix. Initiate a State Wide Network of DPOs, the function of which will be to help Co-ordinate efforts of the various Government Department, NGOs, Banks etc. that are involved in mobilizing and forming DPOs

List of Reports submitted till date

1. Livelihood Plan for Sangameshwar block
2. Guidelines for formation of DPGs
3. Financial Inclusion Products/Schemes for DPGs Proposal
4. Annual Action Plan 2014-15 for Yavatmal
5. Budget for Ratnagiri 2014-15
6. Budget for Yavatmal 2014-15
7. Budget for Training and Capacity Building
8. Convergence Strategy Report
9. Capacity Building module for Block and Cluster teams
10. Community Operations Manual for PwDs
11. CRP Training Module
12. Detailed Project Strategy Report
13. Pandharkavda Survey Report
14. DPG gradation for CIF
15. Format for preparation of MIP
16. Guidelines for Entitlements for PwDs

17. Leadership Training Module for DPGs
18. Social Inclusion chapter on disability for SPIP
19. Tools for mapping Social Exclusion
20. ToR for NGOs
21. Activity Reports
22. Visit Reports