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ANNUAL REPORT
2012-2013



VISION

We envisage a transformed society where love, peace and justice prevails

MISSION

We undertake the mandate of promoting, facilitating and enabling sustainable human development of all, especially the poor and the marginalised by fighting poverty, diseases, enhancing quality education, ensuring livelihood, food security and addressing emergencies.



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Balasure Social Service Society (BSSS) is a church based non-profit voluntary organisation and functions on donations and support of individuals and organisations. BSSS reaches out to the poor and the needy through various activities like education, promotion of safe environment, health care, development, promotion of herbal medicines, construction of low cost shelter, agriculture and livelihood support.

We welcome you to extend your support through donations and help thousands of deserving people.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



DIOCESE OF BALASORE



I am happy to present before you the Annual Report of Balasore Social Service Society for the year 2012-2013. We have crossed yet another remarkable year that has proved the strength of the organisation in standing up for the cause of the poorest and the most vulnerable sections of the society.

What this Annual Report captures is the activities we have undertaken over the span of this year, challenges we have faced and how we overcame those to reach our goals. This is inspiring indeed. But what this annual report may not have been able to reflect due to the constraints of space is the dedication and the hard work of our staff and stake holder at various levels to achieve these successes.

It is difficult to measure the results of social service just in terms of the physical output; rather all those that contribute to that desired output also needs to be considered.

Balasore Social Service Society (BSSS) over the last one year have worked in close proximity with the people to provide them relief, assistance, guidance, knowhow and skills. Besides providing immediate help to the people it has empowered and enabled to help themselves and others as well. This has yielded notable results. The most striking are the transformation of attitude and thoughts. People now have begun to understand that material support can last only for a short time but assistance that enhances their capabilities to perform and take actions are much more valuable. This is the purpose behind the social intervention of BSSS; to develop people and transform them so that they can take major life changing and positive decision of their own lives. This is an achievement that is difficult to measure on a physical scale.

I thank my BSSS team headed by Fr. Jojo and assisted by Fr. George. They have made this possible through their dedication and hard work. I also thank the governing body members for their guidance and support. I am extremely grateful to the donor organisations, different institutions and government departments who have extended their hand of support to reach out to the poorest and the most vulnerable. Finally, it would not have been possible to bring about these changes if the people in our intervention areas community had not cooperated. I thank all of them and wish BSSS great success in all its endeavours. God bless you.

Thomas Thiruthalil C.M
Bishop of Balasore

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BSSS STAFF



1	Sasmita Sahu	Programme Manager
2	Chakradhar Rout	Programme Coordinator
3	Dinesh Kumar Giri	Finance Officer
4	Pradeep Ku.Sethi	Programme Coordinator
5	Satya Ranjan Mohapatra	Finance Officer
6	Prabir Kumar Jena	Block Coordinator
7	Raisa Biswas	Block Coordinator
8	Babul Kumar Lakra	Programme Coordinator
9	Nabapradeep Das	Asst. Coordinator
10	Binsen Joseph	Driver
11	Anirudha Patra	Asst.Coordinator
12	Askhaya Kumar Nayak	Block Coordinator
13	Girija Prasad Swain	Programme Coordinator
14	Hrushikesh Mohanty	Agronomist
15	Shibani Moharana	Agronomist
16	Anil Jangde	Agronomist
17	Jitendra Uike	Agronomist
18	Rakhheram Ananta	Agronomist
19	Tulasi Mohana	Agronomist
20	Rinulata Moharana	Block Coordinator
21	Ramyakanta Nayak	Block Coordinator
22	Jhuna Mallick	Office Care Taker
23	Chandra Sekhar Panda	Block Coordinator
24	Samir Ku. Das	Gardener
25	Abani Ku. Behera	Agronomist
26	Bibhu Santosh Behera	Agronomist
27	Brajo Bihari Sahu	Agronomist
28	Bhupendra Tandan	Agronomist
28	Iswar Prasad Sahu	Agronomist

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



It gives me immense pleasure to share about one more progressive year in the history of Balasore Social Service Society, Balasore. It was a meaningful year of development along with the people of our operational area. Our continuous struggle was always to make the world understand and recognise the dignity of human being and uphold and reach it to a new height. The values we have imbibed, the teachings that we have received, the good customs and practices that we have followed traditionally, are propelling us to go forward in various sectors of development. These values and teachings given by our great teacher Jesus Christ and traditional customs and practices of Catholic Church blended with ever new positive outlook is what makes us different.

Balasore Social Service Society, for the past two decades has grown tremendously. We sense this fact when we experience our values, convictions and team spirit which have paid back in hundred folds. In spite of all the challenges we have faced, we were able to make a great difference in the lifestyle and attitude of our people. Our endeavour was to keep the poor and the downtrodden at par with the people who are better placed in the society. To make this a reality, we engaged ourselves to build the capacity of the people to access opportunities and entitlements, resources and services meant for common man.

In the last one year, our programmes helped the community/common people to be in the forefront of planning and execution thus making development a reality in their villages. Some of the successful programmes we implemented were Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction projects like RUPANTAR and PRASTUTI, Community Development project like Sustainability Through Participation, Empowerment and Decentralisation (SPED III) and Agriculture Promotion Projects supported by NABARD, IRRRI which have proved that change and development are possible in the villages.

Natural calamities like flood and drought are the biggest challenges that we face in our operational areas. It impedes development. BSSS, a frontier organisation in the sector of Disaster Management have relentlessly continued to respond to such occasions with utmost enthusiasm and fervour. Our long term Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction intervention has been proved successful during the time of disasters.

We owe a lot to our Governing Body who always stood as a strong source of inspiration for the development initiatives that BSSS undertook in the last year. I cordially thank our Chairman, and all the Board Members from the bottom of my heart. I cannot forget the generous support that we have received from various funding agencies, consultants, auditors etc. I also extend my sincere appreciation to all the District Collectors, various Govt. departments and other related agencies who supported the endeavours of BSSS during this period. We are ever grateful to you for the support, guidance that you have imparted to us and for helping us to become a professional organisation.

I would like to acknowledge that the strength of BSSS is our committed and dedicated team of staff. The unfaltering and unwavering spirit with which they organise each and every programme of BSSS, is really praiseworthy. I appreciate and congratulate each and every one of them for the enthusiasm and interest they display for the development of the villages and communities and especially, of the organisation. May the Almighty God bless you all and give you the strength to continue the good works for mainstreaming the common people towards development.

Thank you

Fr. Jojo C.V.
Director, BSSS

ASST. DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



It is my privilege to write a few lines in this annual report of Balasore Social Service Society (BSSS). 2012-2013 was an exciting and rewarding year for BSSS. In this reporting period, we could become catalysts for quality improvement in the society through our involvement in three avenues of education, livelihood and disaster management. There is no doubt that our interventions in these sectors brought tangible changes in the plight of the people. Drop out children rejoined the schools and the unemployed youth got placement in jobs. It is gratifying to note that the youth who diligently underwent training in hospitality, sales & marketing and various other trades are earning decently in different parts of India. Thanks to the technical assistance

DB Tech, New Delhi.

NABARD and National Rice Research Institute (IRRI) collaborated in our endeavors in the livelihood sector. Flood and drought resilient varieties of paddy seeds were the answer to the perennial problems of the farmers in this part of Odisha. When they were assisted by the technical knowhow, farmers could earn bumper crops.

Disaster management was always a concern as Balasore District is geographically situated in flood prone area. Through our persistent intervention with CMDRR component projects, vulnerable communities became self resilient. Now, they are equipped with all the disaster risk reduction mechanisms such as task force members, search and rescue operation team and houses with Family Survival Kit (FSK).

The impact of Balasore Social Service Society is a real transformation in the life situation of the people. Hard work, commitment and good will of the staff are the key success of BSSS. Each member is very much conscious of his/her responsibility and work with a sense of urgency to achieve the expected target. Every associate of the extended family of BSSS is aware that they have a social responsibility towards the poor and marginalized. Under the inspiring leadership of Rev. Fr. Jojo C V, the Director, BSSS, we have completed one more successful year and added one more golden feather to the organization's cap.

It gives us a new confidence and helps us to continue our efforts with renewed vigor. We salute many magnanimous souls who support and encourage us. Let us join hands to make a better world for everyone.

Fr. George Plackyil
Asst. Director, BSSS, Balasore.



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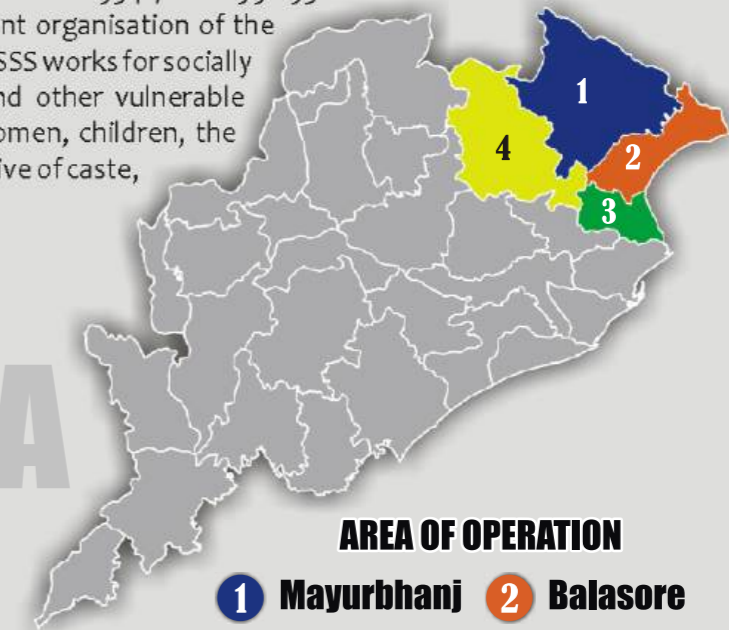
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 At-Vivekananda Marg, Po/Dist - Balasore, Odisha, India
 Name of the Accounts: Consolidated
 Receipts & Payments Accounts for the period
 from 01.04.2012 to 31.03.2013 relating to the Financial Year 2012-2013

ABOUT BSSS

Receipts	AMOUNT (Rs.)	Payments	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Opening Balance		By Expenses for Projects	
Cash in Hand	32,061.30	By Rural Development Exp.	36,92,392.37
Cash in Banks:	27,86,365.77	By Relief & Rehabilitation to Victims of Natural Calamities	41, 61, 186.93
Vijaya Bank A/c No. 4228			
Vijaya Bank A/c No. 9896	4,04,699.48	By Health & Education Exp.	17,24,722.00
		By Agriculture Activity Exp.	12,34,351.60
		By Hostel Running Exp (Solar system)	3,04,410.00
		By Vocational Training/Computers	5,33,066.26
To Voluntary Contributions		By Administration Exp (Office Exp. Transport, other	6,32,752.00
To CRS, USA	22,71,357.51	By Salary & Wages	2,51,060.00
To Centre for Spiritual Exchange, USA	4,22,017.00	By IRRI Supported Project Exp.	48,74,621.00
To Caritas India	34,92,126.00	By Bank Charges	838.00
To Children International, USA	5,75,081.00	By DB Tech Supported Project Exp.	5,28,400.00
To SAFPI, Kerela	16,60,900.00		
To Assoc Namaskar, France	1,74,735.00		
To Assoc Namaskar, Germany	1,29,007.00		
To International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)	14,11,376.28		
To CRS-Local	21,750.00	By Nabard Supported Project Exp.	
To NABARD	71,333.00	Sadar PFA A/c	20,96,256.00
To IRRI	47,85,100.00	Sadar Project Intervention A/c	21,18,208.00
To DB Tech, New Delhi	3,13,844.00	Khaira PFA A/c	18,97,717.00
To Local Donations	6,28,983.80	Khaira Project Intervention A/c	21,59,521.00
To NABARD (Projects)	75,46,051.00		
To Received as Farmer Contribution (Nabard Projects)			
Sadar Project Intervention A/c	7,57,409.00		
Khaira Project Intervention A/c	8,30,956.00		
To Bank Interest		By Closing Balance:	
A/c No. 4228	52,990.00	Cash in Hand	2,59,844.94
A/c No. 9896	28,056.00	Cash Banks: Vijaya Bank A/c No. 4228	5,29,909.56
A/c No. 740101011001349 (Sadar Project Intervention)	37,871.00	Vijaya Bank A/c No. 9896	4,74,637.48
A/c No. 740101011001350 (Khaira Project Intervention)	21,181.00	A/c No. 740101011001349 (Sadar Project Intervention)	6,21,372.00
A/c No. 740101011001351 (Khaira PFA)	6,393.00	A/c No. 740101011001350 (Khaira Project Intervention)	2,32,865.00
A/c No. 740101011001352 (Sadar PFA)	6,761.00	A/c No. 740101011001351 (Khaira PFA)	27,059.00
		A/c No. 740101011001352 (Sadar PFA)	43,873.00
Total	2,84,68,405.14	Total	2,84,68,405.14

Balasore Social Service Society or BSSS is a non profit development organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 bearing the SRA Registration No. 19342/61 of 1992-93. BSSS is the official development organisation of the Catholic Diocese of Balasore. BSSS works for socially and economically deprived and other vulnerable sections of the society like women, children, the disabled and orphans irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

ODISHA



AREA OF OPERATION

- 1 **Mayurbhanj**
- 2 **Balasore**
- 3 **Bhadrak**
- 4 **Keonjhar**

FCRA Registration No: 104820098
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 80G No: CIT/CTC/Tech. 80G/2008-09/725
 TAN: BBNBO1279F
 PAN: AAFTS2095G

Thrust Areas

**Education | Emergency and Disaster Preparedness |
 Animation | Community Development | Gender Issues |
 Health | Food Security | Women Empowerment |**



AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the statement of accounts set forth above with books and vouchers and report that:

- The books are properly kept and the above statement is in agreement therewith.
- Expenses and income are supported by proper bills and vouchers duly passed and acknowledged as ascertained from our test checking of bills and vouchers.
- The Expenditure & Income statement have been correctly drawnup.

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Dated: 27th day of September. 2013

CMDRR | RUPANTAR

Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction

Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction or CMDRR project supported by Caritas India, New Delhi is implemented in 32 villages of five Gram Panchayats of Balasore. The purpose of this project is to prepare the community members in advance to face disaster and enable them to reduce their risks to the impact of disasters like flood and cyclone by enhancing their capacities and skills.

Achievements

- Four groups consisting of 640 Task Force volunteers for Early Warning, Search & Rescue, First Aid and Water & Sanitation. They are equipped with knowhow and technical skills and are ready to provide support to their community.
- 130 Natural DRR leaders have refreshed their capabilities on different life saving skills and techniques.
- 17 tube well platforms are raised in the most vulnerable villages to provide safe drinking water during the emergencies and normal times.
- 1,200 school children are sensitised on community level disaster preparedness measures.
- 877 most vulnerable families are equipped with their Family Survival Kit (FSK) before flood and cyclone disasters.
- 32 mock drills were conducted to sensitise the community on their preparedness and disaster management.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PREPOSITIONING RELIEF MATERIALS

Stocking and positioning relief materials prior to any disaster situation has helped BSSS to respond and reach out to the affected people in times of disaster emergencies without delay. BSSS with the support of CRS have developed a practice of pre-positioning non-perishable materials. Below is the status of pre-positioning Relief Materials at BSSS godown.



NON FOOD ITEM (NFI) MATERIALS	STOCKS AS OF 31 MARCH 2013
Tarpaulin	1,386 pcs
Plastic Mat	3,600 pcs
Bathing Soap	21,600 pcs
Washing Soap	18,000 pcs
Plastic Bucket	3,340 pcs
Plastic Rope	1,800 pcs
Glass with Laddle	1,800 pcs
Markin Cloth	1,800 pcs
Aqua Tab	74,000 tablets
Children Cloth	1,800 pcs
Women Cloth	1,783 pcs



PREPOSITIONING RELIEF

In order to develop employability skills among poor youth, BSSS in collaboration with DB Tech, Odisha/New Delhi organised Electrician courses and training on Hospitality, Sales & Marketing. BSSS organised the training and facilitated their placement under Odisha Livelihood Mission project in Balasore. The youths were also trained in Spoken English and basic Computer education.

Achievement

A total of 196 youths were trained under the programme in two batches. Of them 158 were placed for employment. Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India and Axis Bank supported the placements.



A Dream Award for Basumati Bhakta

We are two sisters from a poor family. After matriculation my father couldn't afford our higher studies. My sister and myself lost all hopes. Luckily we heard about the skill development programme jointly implemented by BSSS & DB. Tech. Without a second thought, we enrolled and took training in hospitality trade. Soon after the training, we joined at Hotel "URMEE" which was facilitated by DB. Tech and BSSS. We hail from an interior village of Odisha but now working in the capital city of Bhubaneswar and our entire attitude and outlook has changed. Now we are confident of making our livelihood. We are happily supporting our family with our income. Thank you very much BSSS and DB. Tech for making us self sufficient and self reliant. I am very happy to inform you all that I received the 'BEST TRAINEE AWARD' from 'Orissa Rural Development and Marketing Society'(ORMAS).

Supported by Catholic Relief Services, the project Prastuti is a preparedness programme for the community in the face of flood and other natural disasters. The project aims at protecting the livelihood of the communities.

Achievements

- Under the strong leadership of Village Disaster Management Committees (VDMCs), the community was able to mobilise government resources for implementation of Plan of Action (POA). Most of these resources were for raising the platform of tube wells, and constructing connecting roads. The involvement of women folk has considerably increased.
- Developed strong community mobilisation and organisation skills to form VDMCs, TFs, and farmers' clubs. Capacity of the community in organising mock drills and demonstrating life-saving skills has increased.
- High acceptance and adoption of improved agricultural practices with new technologies and the use of improved flood resilient paddy varieties in Kharif season.
- Poultry rearing of landless households has resulted in the increasing of their income.
- Self Help Groups has made income through incense stick making and farmers through systematic Rabi Cultivation.
- Greater involvement of women along with their husbands.
- Women groups monitor developmental works such as construction of roads and raising of platform of tube wells.
- Greater access to welfare schemes.



ODISHA FLOOD RESPONSE



In response to the severe flash flood in September 2011, BSSS with the support of Caritas India implemented the Odisha flood response programme in 22 villages of Tihidi block of Bhadrak and Anandapur block of Keonjhar district.

Achievements

- 2,000 farmers became self reliant on seed security by cultivating and producing flood water resistant 'Swarna Sub-1' paddy seeds.
- 1,974 cattles vaccinated with HSV (Haemorrhagic Septicemia Vaccine) and BQV (Black Quarter Vaccine). The animals are now resistant to SAHAN and BAJBAJIA diseases.
- 1,200 most vulnerable households accessed safe drinking water from 40 raised tube well platforms during normal as well as emergency times.
- 250 trained Task Force volunteers are ready to face and manage their community level disaster emergencies in the project areas.
- 2,000 school children are sensitised on flood response and management in programme villages.



SOLAR POWER FOR HOSTEL

Solar Light Installation Project in Ghatiduba hostel in Bangriposi block

Marshal Dahar Boys Hostel in Ghatiduba panchayat of Bangriposi block houses poor Santhal tribals whose life comes to a halt after sundown due to lack of electricity. The students were unable to study in the evening hours besides there are no recreational activities for them. BSSS, after a need assessment installed a 2.5 KW Solar power system in the hostel for the benefit 159 inmates.

Achievements

- 8 Solar panels, 8 batteries and 1 inverter was installed in the hostel.
- All the rooms and halls in the hostel were provided with solar powered lights.
- A total of 25 CFLs, 11 fans, 12 tube lights, 1 bulb and 1 television are operating with the solar power.
- The hostel is now receiving a minimum of 5 hours electricity daily through solar power.
- It has opened up newer avenues of interest among students related to recreation, culture and technology.
- It has promoted renewable energy as against firewood and kerosine.



UPGRADATION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS OF WOMEN SELF HELP GROUP MEMBERS



SPED III

Tailoring Training for the Women

The aim of this project was to increase household income by providing women with vocational training in tailoring to enable them to run a business. It also looked forward to empowering women and increase their participation in earning for their family. The project envisaged establishment of women associations in tailoring which would represent women's interest and help them promote their products in the market.

Project Reach

District	Block	Village	Beneficiaries
Balasore	Balasore Sadar	Sadar locality	18
Balasore	Basta	Kusudia	25
Mayurbhanj	Mayurbhanj Sadar	K.C.Pur	28



Achievements

- A total of 71 women were professionally trained.
- In Kushida village, nine women are now going to open tailoring shops of their own.
- In Balasore Sadar locality 8 women have opened tailoring shops on their own.
- Two SHGs have been established and they are planning to open a tailoring shop where they will take the order and stitch dresses in their own villages.
- Established linkage with local market and other stakeholders such as big tailoring institute from the local town and getting order from them to stitch dresses.



SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION, EMPOWERMENT AND DECENTRALISATION

Sustainability through Participation, Empowerment and Decentralisation (SPED III) is a process oriented project aimed at creating critical consciousness on issues and problems present in the community. Supported by Save A Family Plan India (SAFPI) and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), this project works towards developing the capacities of the people and organisations to plan better strategies and address the problems effectively.

Achievements

- 147 farmers have adopted drought resistant paddy seed cultivation 'Sahabagi Dhan' in 20 villages.
- 500 vulnerable households have reared 2,000 Banraj chicks.
- 20 seed banks have been formed in 20 villages and are run by the Farmers' Clubs.
- 400 farmers received training on new technology of crop management like use of tractor, power tiller, vermicompost, weeding machine, water pump and spraying machines).
- 13 Farmers' Clubs in 13 villages demonstrated 20 varieties of demo vegetable cultivation and 1200 families adopted seven types of vegetable production in their kitchen gardens. Cost sharing enhanced the ownership.
- Through the advocacy with the Govt. and financial contribution of the community one tube well was installed in Mahulpankha village of Majhigadia Gram panchayat of Kaptipada Block under Mayurbhanj district which had no portable drinking water facility.
- A tube well was installed by the govt. in Mohulpankha village after the continuous interactions and efforts by the community itself (40 families who benefit from it contributed 500/- each).



TAILORING

EMPOWERMENT

AUGMENTING FARM PRODUCTIVITY



Pilot Project for Augmenting Farm Productivity in Balasore District of Odisha

The pilot project aimed to ensure increased income for the farmers by increasing their crop productivity and thus their net income. This Nabard-supported project is being implemented in 22 Gram panchayats of Sadar block and 20 Gram panchayats of Khaira block in Balasore district. Support is provided to augment agricultural production and productivity for 3-4 major crops like paddy in both Kharif and Rabi seasons.

Achievements

- 300 Demo farmers, 90 Master farmers and 300 Impact farmers were involved and influenced through the project in the Kharif season.
- Promotion of new farming technology and use of the same in the field with visible results.
- Collaboration with private banks and cooperative societies of the district for loans.
- Promotion of farm mechanisation in the field, like using of tractors and harvesting machines.

Impact

The work began with involving 390 farmers, but after seeing the initial success of about 300, farmers outside the project were inspired and shared interest to take up the measures for augmenting productivity of paddy cultivation.



Over the years, BSSS has been promoting the Disaster Risk Reduction programme in its operational areas mostly those vulnerable to flood and drought. During such disasters, people usually lose their crops leading to the loss of livelihood options. After consulting few research agencies like Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) BSSS promoted Stress Tolerant Varieties of Rice according to the climatic vulnerability that people face.

IRRI was generous enough to support these affected communities with Stress Tolerant Varieties of Rice. Thus BSSS implemented four units of Flood Resilient (SWARNA SUB 1) and three units of Drought Resilient variety (SAHABHAGIDHAN) of rice, each unit containing 250 acres under National Food Security (NFSM) scheme.



Impact

A total of 1,538 farmers were supported in 139 villages of Bhadrak, Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a growing organisation, BSSS is currently undergoing the Organisational Development (OD) Process. Facilitated by Association Stimulating Know-how (ASK), BSSS has already drafted its Strategic Planning Document.

This document aims to provide a tool for guiding the course of action for coming years and promote the development of more coherent and appropriate planning practices across its target areas, in compliance with the requirements of relevant BSSS mandate. The document outlines the vision and the means to realise the same.

It is an outcome of critical, positive, realistic and innovative insights of so many within and outside BSSS.

This strategic plan outlines main strategies and policies to address the forthcoming programmes and endeavors of the organisation.