

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE IWP-AIRA PROGRAM
AREA WATER PARTNERSHIP
IN
RIVER RAMIAL & INDRAJEET SUB-BASIN
IN
DHENKANAL DISTRICT, ODISHA

PERIOD
MARCH TO DECEMBER-2012



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Supporting water management in a small pocket of Odisha, Kamakshyanagar region in Dhenkanal district to be precise, the joint action of IWP, AIRA & PAWP goes on. Following the set objectives of promoting dispute free participatory water management covering specific localities and water sources this joint action has facilitated involvement of villagers, farming people, PRIs & CBOs, Local Water Managers & other Line Departments. Improved cooperation and sharing among the stakeholders involving water users and managers has brought in improved water care and a remarkable decline in water disputes.

And for all this we consider it our duty to acknowledge the vital contribution, both financial & technical, of India Water Partnership, New Delhi. At the same time we are obliged to the honorable members and associates of India Water Partnership whose guidance and continued support that enhanced our competency in attempting at handling water issues at grass root level. The partnership members (both in the micro & area water forums) and the water –officials also deserve our thanks.

While bidding our thanks to the above contributors I solicit their continued cooperation.

Suresh Kumar Panda
Director
AIRA

EXECUTIVE SUMMERY

PLANNED ASSIGNMENTS IN THIS PHASE

1. Conducting Sensitization-cum-Consultation Workshop with PAWP members and other Stakeholders
2. a) Localized Consultation with PAWP members and village leaders
b) Undertaking Capacity development of AWP/LWP members
3. Observation of World Water Day [creating mass awareness on water hygiene and quality with sample testing (localized)]*

* *this activity was not included in the budgetary arrangements of IWP*

Key Activities during March-December 2012

Activity	Venue	Date	Participants		Key themes
			Category	Number	
Observation of World Water Day	Kadua & Bhagirathipur	23/03/12	School students	250+	Creating mass awareness on water hygiene and quality with sample testing (localized)
Sensitization-cum-Consultation Workshop with PAWP members and other Stakeholders	PWD I.B. Khatuahata (K.Nagar)	29/03/12	PAWP members & invited members	36 + 4	The growing water need, use by local industries, scarcity, pollution etc. Renewing of Pani Panchayats, IWRM & local water sharing. Maintenance/upkeep of existing water bodies. Optimum and scientific use of available water. Maintaining of quality in potable water. Towards dispute free water sharing
Localized Consultation with PAWP members and village leaders	Rekula Club	22/06/12	Local/Micro Water Partners & PRI members, senior farmers	43	-do-
Undertaking Capacity development of AWP/LWP members	Meeting hall of Kantioputahi High School	27/08/12	-do- along with a few PAWP members	41	Observing and assessing water availability in the local water bodies. Joint crop planning with Irrigation and Agril officials. Joint planning & monitoring with local Pani Panchayats Observing potable water quality with RWSS officials

PAWP Activities in brief

CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON WATER & LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION IN THE KAMAKHYANAGAR REGION

Organised by : PAWP-AIRA, Dhenkanal, Odisha

Venue : PWD IB, Khatuahata, Date: 29/03/2012

Themes of discussion/suggestion/resolution/action plan

- Taking stock of the State of Water Management
- Water availability for domestic use & crops at present
- Existing water structures and their state, storage & water availability
- Activity of the departmental offices and their efforts at people's participation, overt & covert action if any.
- Budgetary compliance or people's need-based planning & execution by the departments concerned.
- Project specific, water-system specific issues and compliance suggestion LWP-wise, locality wise.
- Extension of LWP activities in the neighboring villages
- Waiting for Bramhani Irrigation systems or Activating existing water systems for optimal use & benefit
- Harnessing the departmental schemes especially of line depts. like Irrigation, M.I., RWSS, Forest & DRDA/PDA etc.
- Water crisis of Kamagara village and the public agitation
- Livelihood & Environment Committees village-wise as micro level bodies & facilitation

Compliance

- The 'formation of Village-wise Livelihood & Natural Resource Promotion Committees' - VLNRPC
Formed in 28 villages namely *Kantapal, Dhobabahali, Kadalipal, Kiapatani, Tumusinga, Kateni, Upartaila, Kantio, Putasahi, Jaka, Khuntabati, Anlaberani, Jamujhara, Mahuli, Salapada, Kusumajodi, Kotagara, Godasahi, Dakhinapasi, Baruan, Radangi, Barakoli, Patana, Haduberani, Kanapal & Sogar*
- Use of RTI by village/community leaders : in the above villages key members of the VLNRPCs were explained and demonstrated with handbooks and RTI forms the use of this vital gadget of seeking and getting information from authorized sources to watch, assess and monitor the relevant.
- Re-structuring of Pani Panchayats : Re-election of the Pani Panchayats should have been over by this time, but the irrigation authorities at the state level are delaying it on policy change grounds and other preparedness on their part.
But at the ground level this affects the participatory planning and monitoring on local/structure specific water management that needs to agri-based livelihood of the locality.
- PAWP collaborating with other local level/district level Livelihood & Natural Resource Promotion groups : There has been 3 joint orientation-cum-planning

- sessions with NRM actors like; Prabah Sahitya O Samaj Sansad, Zilla Chasha O Paribesh Suraksha Parishad and Arun Gramya Byapar Pratisthan
- PAWP mediating on the drinking water related stiff off between the district administration and village women groups in Kamagara Patna : Though the peoples agitation based proceedings are still pending with the district administration, the women's forum of the village are showing their willingness to cooperate the water officials (MI and RWSS) to go ahead with the water project, Swajaldhara or otherwise.
 - The People's Area Water Partnership-PAWP got enhanced into a 27 member body with inclusion of other village/local level members of VLNRPCs and line department functionaries by designation as associate members.

Water System Specific issues:

There was discussions and suggestions/possible compliance to the issues regarding small WHS and perennial water sources called 'nallah' that required specific renovation and treatment. Kalabila and Chadeichhada nallahs in Kadua and Alutuma G.Ps, Kankadajhara and Bhogabereni MIP in Kusumjodi G.P., Majurikata in Kantioputasahi G.P. were referred to the district minor irrigation authorities.

Of-course there came up 8 mini cross bunds of diversion weir type on different parts of the Indrajeet nallah facilitating water storage for winter and summer crops. Such planning was done by the Executive Engineer, MI Division, Dhenkanal and his sub-ordinates placed in PAWP area.

Involvement/Association with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Dhenkanal

Some LWP members especially from Mahuli, Aluajharan, Kusumjodi, Anlabereni, Kadalipal and Salapada have started getting farming tips and trainings under the Kadalipal field unit of the KVK; and this a new development since it got started suomoto from the PAWP members' side.

Involvement/Association with Forest & Horticulture Deptt., Dhenkanal

Being approached by PAWP members the local units of the forest department (K.Nagar southern Range) horticulture department (JAO, K.Nagar) provided saplings of fruit and timber species for plantation in domestic and common land.

Assessing Rain and Flood and Farming situations

During the monsoon months of July and August PAWP members in teams traveled and assessed rain and flood situations in the villages on the banks of river Ramial and Brahmani. There were special troops of observation in Chadeichhada and Kalabila nallahs where roads, culverts, cause-ways, submergible bridges were cutoff and damaged. News items and photographs were sent to the local media representatives.

On the front of farm crops there was apprehension of crop loss at the beginning when there was scanty rain during the early monsoon up to mid July. However, the near normal rain in the later part of July and August made a sort of compensation that arrested the damage apprehended.

Continue Co-operation and Partnership with GO-NGO stakeholders

Of late, there has been established a reasonably good cooperation of the PAWP (along with its micro units at village/local level-MWP/LWPs) with the water/forest/agriculture managers. The broader village level committees-VLNRPCs are also mobilized to participate on this water and livelihood issues of the respective localities and in the PAWP area.

MAIN OUTCOME OF THE ASSIGNMENTS (IN THIS PHASE)

- A good bit of awareness on water hygiene and care of local water sources was generated among school students. This gets transmitted into households and village women opted for separate washing pools for dhobi, cattle etc.
The stand-post based water users groups have become more careful on cleanliness.
- A concern on the growing water need and scarcity especially due to use by local industries has grown up. And owing to these villagers in the PAWP & adjacent areas are resisting grabbing of land inclusive of other local natural resources. The liberals are pressing for right planning and pollution issues with the district and state administration.
- In places local groups on CPR especially on village forest and water management have come up under the title of **Gramin Krishi O Paribesh Suraksha Parishad**. There are 13 such forums operating in the southern PAWP region.
- There has been a continuous demand with the district minor irrigation authorities for renewing of Pani Panchayats.
The PAWP members and associates are abreast of the basics of IWRM & local water sharing thing. They also have developed the preparedness and participation in maintenance/upkeep of existing water bodies and optimum and scientific use of available water.
- In absence of any functional Pani Panchayat in some pockets of PAWP area the Micro/Local Water Partnerships have made their presence felt in sorting out water disputes that arises occasionally.
- By now the PAWP activities have started percolating down to relatively younger people who show a concern on water matter and upkeep of local natural resources in the form of village woodlot/forest patches, natural springs and water courses, grazing lands and vacant lands/fallows.
- The irrigation and agriculture officials in the PAWP area have started responding to the plea of the local people and have started coming forward to seat with them and in going for joint planning (which was earlier not there)
- Some renovation work along with 8 new mini diversion weirs were constructed on the Indrajeet nallah resulting in check-cum-storage of flowing water at different points. This facilitates winter and summer cropping in adjacent farm lands to the benefit of the farmers.

CONTINUING PAWP ACTION IN 2013 & AHEAD (Tentative POA)

Broad Activities	Specific Activities	Expected Outcome
<p>The PAWP will organize dialogues with PRI's/water stakeholders for interaction with district/state regulators to internalize as well as following the IWRM norms (inclusive of field level practices) . This is expected to establish transparent decision making in the water sector and bringing in fruitful participation from the communities concerned.</p>	<p>12 dialogue sessions with PRIs/other stakeholders on water inclusive of water regulators</p>	<p>-Bringing in fruitful participation from the communities concerned.</p> <p>-Establish transparent decision making in the water sector (in the PAWP area /district).</p>
<p>The PAWP shall support the IWP Zonal partner in organizing dialogues on the water-matter. In consultation with the local /sub-district/district level PRI's and Pani Panchayats and other stakeholders for enactment of Groundwater (Control&Regulation) Act based on a review of state water policy. (there shall be publication of a simpler version of the state water policy and related documents in vernacular of course)</p>	<p>-Presenting PAWP representatives to such dialogue sessions organized by the zonal partner (ZWP) concerned.</p> <p>-Publishing simpler version of the state water policy and related documents in vernacular (in a booklet form).</p>	<p>PAWP representatives participated in dialogue sessions organized by the zonal partner (ZWP)</p> <p>Simpler version of the state water policy and related documents in vernacular published and circulated.</p>
<p>The PAWP shall continuously remain abreast of the time to time developments in the water sector under the leadership of IWP/ ZWP etc.</p>	<p>Disseminating additional information on water issue (as learnt from IWP/ZWP) among PAWP stakeholders.</p>	
<p>The PAWP shall participate and learn from the capacity-building/sensitizing workshops conducted by IWP/ZWP on the water issue.</p>	<p>-Presenting PAWP representatives to such dialogue sessions organized by the zonal partner (ZWP) concerned.</p>	
<p>The PAWP will link with relevant networks and organizations to disseminate knowledge, information and best practices on disaster coping.</p>	<p>Liasion with networks and organizations.</p>	<p>Liasion with networks and organizations established.</p>

In 2012-13, the PAWP will hold knowledge sharing and capacity-building workshops for water stakeholders, farmers, and poor and marginalized people. PAWP will involve stakeholders in evolving approaches on convergence of various line departments' programs.	12 knowledge sharing and capacity-building workshops for water stakeholders.	Knowledge sharing and capacity-building workshops for water stakeholders held. Convergence of various line departments' programs achieved.
It will also involve itself in advocacy on climate change and also carry forward the low cost water saving technology as an instrument against climate change.	Joining local/regional groups of advocacy and water saving technology	Joining local/regional groups of advocacy and water saving technology
The PAWP will hold consultations and capacity building initiatives with water users associations, village development committees, Panchyat raj institutions, farmers and farmers' organizations for dissemination of improved water technologies and best practices. The PAWP will apprise itself on the pilot projects towards enhancement of knowledge base.	Holding 06 consultations and capacity building initiatives with water users associations, village development committees, Panchyat raj institutions, farmers and farmers' organizations	Members of water users associations, village development committees, Panchyat raj institutions, farmers and farmers' organizations made aware of improved water tech and best practices..
In case the financial status permits the PAWP shall take some of its members on exposure trips to such pilot project sites.	Organising exposure trips to pilot project sites.	PAWP members gained knowledge from the exposure trips to pilot projects.
Capacity building, knowledge sharing and awareness creation among water professionals will be a key approach for promotion and internalizing IWRM . As such, the PAWP will continue its capacity building exercises.	Organising Capacity building, knowledge sharing sessions on IWRM & water saving & conservation measures at ground level.	PAWP members gaining knowledge on IWRM and water saving and conservation measures at ground level.
PAWP promote IWRM and water saving & conservation measures at ground level.		
PAWP attempt at creating adequate public opinion in the PAWP areas and in the region/district in collaboration with local environmental lobby groups, inclusive of women and youths.	2 Block level workshops will be conducted.	Created adequate public opinion on water matter.
The PAWP shall try to improve its communication/interaction strategy.	IEC materials developed on water.	Disseminated IEC materials for greater awareness of the people.
The PAWP will continue regular capacity building of women in the villages on the water front.	2 capacity building trainings for women.	Capacitate the women groups of the villages on water and sanitation.
The PAWP will participate and learn from the Annual CWP Meetings involving all its Partners.	Participate in the CWP meeting	Knowledge and skill developed among the members of PAWP.

PHOTOGRAPHS



PA WP consultation in progress at PWD IB, Khatuahata



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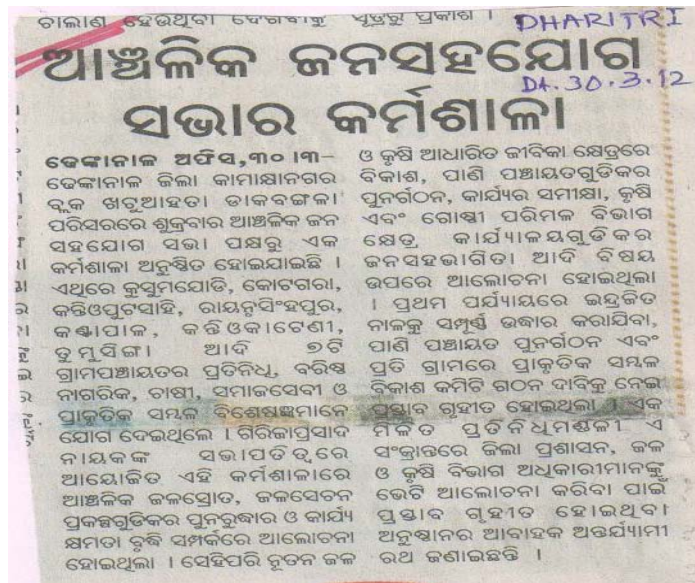
As per plan, a day long consultation and sharing meeting was held on 27th August at Kantio-putasahi High School Hall with LWP & MWP members (most of whom are also members in the PAWP and its extended committee)





Apart from the school teachers, school committee members, Director AIRA, PAWP Convener and volunteers lend supportive hands in observing & reminding the Day's importance.

PRESS CLIPPINGS



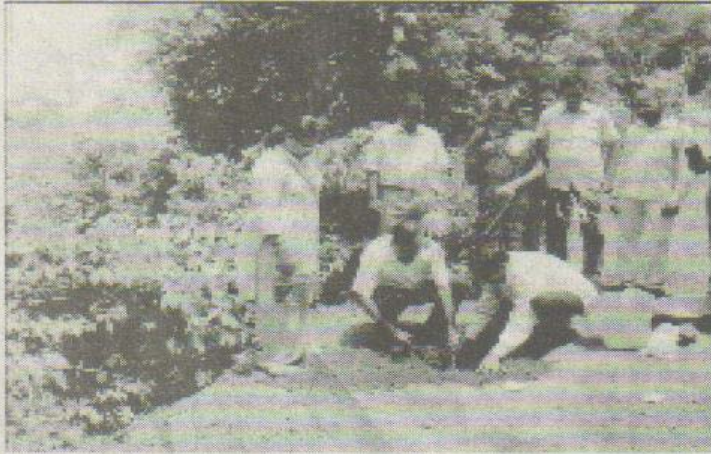
English rendering of the News piece in The DHARITRI, Dtd. 30/03/2012

LIVELIHOOD AND AREA WATER PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP HELD

Dhenkanal Office, Dt.30/3: A Sensitization-cum-Consultation workshop on the water & livelihood issue has been held at the Khatuahata IB on the 29th instant. Peresided over by ex-banker and social worker Mr. G. P. Nayak and attended by delegation from seven G.P.s namely Kusumjodi, Kotagara, Kantio Putasahi, Rai Nrusinghpur, Kantapal, Kantio Kateni and Tumusinga the senior citizens, farmers, social workers and PRI representatives discussed at large issues of local water-management, care & protection of natural resources with due partnership with GO-NGO agencies alongside other livelihood related needs, programs.

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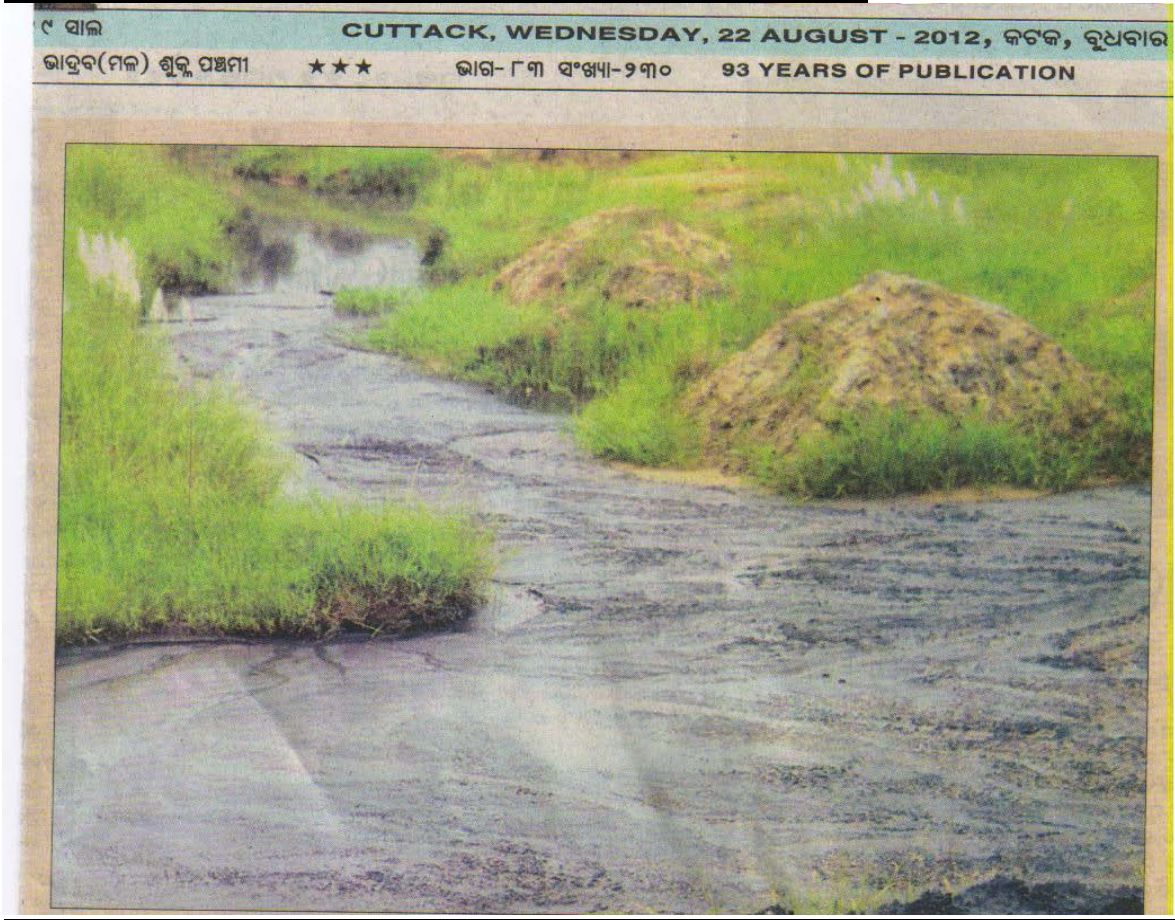
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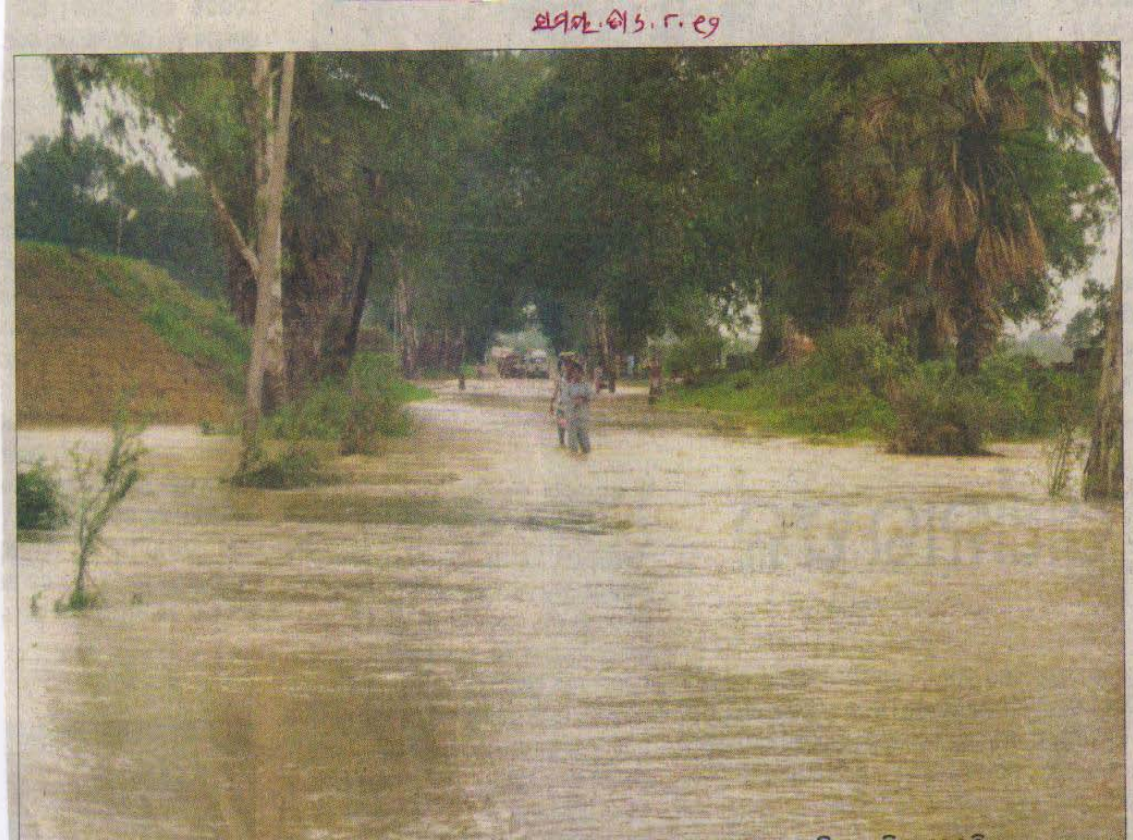
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Plantation activities after the early monsoon showers (in Pandua-Kamakhyanagar region: PAWP area)
News item in SAMBAD Daily

Sites of Plight in & around PAWP area and Dhenkanal District



**Fly-ash slurry joining Lingara nallah water near Bhusan Steels & Power Ltd.
(Dhenkanal district)**



**Connectivity to 2 Gram Panchayat s snapped when Kalabila nallah in high flood,
dtd.5-6 Aug'12**

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