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Community collective to repair stop dam to irrigate 300 acres of land



Guna @ Dilip Jain:

Villagers of Nonera of Bamhori block of Guna in Madhya Pradesh started repairing work of 75% damaged stop dam since last 30 years with the help of the Ekta Parishad. There are 75 household having land out of 125 households belonging to Sahariya tribe in the village. Entire land is non-irrigated and dependent on rain, therefore most of the villagers migrate to other places mainly Rajasthan for their livelihood. This year no one had earned in wages because of lockdown, while they had to burden to spend for food during the lockdown when they were stranded in Rajasthan and they returned back to their villages with empty hand.

During the field visit of Suraj Adivasi of the Ekta Parishad, villagers shared their grief and determination to stay in the village instead of migration. Also villagers shared their problems regard-

ing the non irrigated land and possible solution for irrigation. They found that if they will repair the broken dam then water will be available for irrigation. It was decided to request the Ekta Parishad for necessary assistance.

After the assurance from the Ekta Parishad to provide 15 days food, they started the Shramdan camp





to repair the stop dam of the village and entire men-women engaged themselves from early morning to the end of the day. National President of the Ekta Parishad went to the village to encourage the community collective for water conservation. He has taken part in the repairing work and promised to provide plants of 1000 trees for the plantation.



Suraj Adivasi told that this work will have an important impact over the community which has increased the confidence of the community that they can fight against their poverty through collective action.

Workers returned empty handed are building water bodies



Gwalior @ Kuldeep Tiwari: The tribal migrant labor returned empty handed from the migration are now building the water bodies for water conservation in Shramdan Camp organized by the Ekta Parishad.

The Ekta Parishad/ MGSA is conducting corona relief work at National level, as a part of this, organization facilitated the community for collective action to build the water bodies in the village for water conservation.

Objective of this activity are to provide a support of food materials to the community member, make sure the availability of job in the village and conserve water for the irrigation of tribal land. Men and women are working from early in the morning to end of the day.

District coordinator of the Ekta Parishad Dongar Sharma told that community members of the Devgarh village belonging to Sahariya tribal group, whom have possession over the forest land since last 30 years and had applied for the forest rights.



Shramdan camp to provide jobs to migrant labors in Morena



Morena @ Udaibhan Singh: The Ekta Parishad has organized a three day shramdan camp to provide jobs to migrant labors and water conservation in Nayagaon tribal hamlets of Thathipur panchayat in Pahadgarh block of Morena. 60 Campers (migrant labors) are deepening the pond for water conservation and organization will provide them food materials for 15 days.

Shramdan for water conservation in Karahal block



Sheopur @ 7999193983: The Ekta Parishad organized Shramdan program in Nichali Khori village of Karahal block in Sheopur, community members offered their work towards the water conservation structure.

Community meetings organized in different village of Morena

Morena @ Udaibhan Singh : The Ekta Parishad has organized community meeting in different village on community problems and proposed solution in epidemic of Corona through following the social distance. Discussions were focused on the problems of safe drinking water, demarca-

tion of land and providing jobs under the MNREGA. The district administration has bored



the bore well in 4 villages namely Mara, Manpur, Baharayi and Kanhar and provided the water. Construction of a pond has been accepted in Jaderu of Dhobani to provide the jobs and promote water conservation. Also stop dam has been proposed in Mara village over the drain. There are no jobs in the village due to the Corona, therefore community has filed 5 applications before the Sub Divisional Magistrate to provide jobs in MNREGA. 33 applications have been filed for demarcation in Kanhar, Baghewar and Baharaich village. 620/47

MNREGA in Devari going on

Shahadol @ Ramprakash: Pond deepening work is still progress in Devari village of Shahadol in Madhya Pradesh. Laborers are following the social distancing. This work is for a period of 14 days in the village.

Water conservation work in Umaria



Umaria @ Bhagwat Patel: The Ekta Parishad organized a three days shramdan camp in Dulhara village of Manpur block in Umaria for construction of small check dam to stop water for ground level water recharge.



Drain cleaned in Jhabua



Alirajpur @ Durga Pawar: The Ekta Parishad organized shramdan camp in Patbaidi and Ratanpura village of Alirajpur for 3 days. Campers worked to clean drain which had become unusual due to the stopple of water flow. Now It has cleaned as a result water flow will

be good for the irrigation of agricultural land of tribal.

At the end of the camp, 50 labors (campers) were provided food materials kit by the Durga Pawar district coordinator of the Ekta Parishad.



SEEDS DISTRIBUTION

Seeds distributed in 60 villages of Damoh



Damoh @ Chandrapal Kushwaha: The Ekta Parishad along with MJVS, Katni distributed seeds among the marginalized farmers in 60 villages of Tendukheda block of Damoh district with the help of Bharat Rural Livelihood Founda-

tion, New Delhi.

The Ekta Parishad is working with marginalized farmers at 3 level. In first level, Those marginalized farmers who neither had seeds nor money for farm development, 75 farmers are supported with four types of seeds 1 kg of pulses, 1 kg of white lentils, 1 kg of maize and 2 kg of paddy. All they are supporting for farm development. In second level, those farmers want to farming of vegetables and millets, they are supported with 12 varieties of vegetable seeds and half kg of millets Kodo, Kutaki and Jwar. In third

level, organization is promoting conservation of traditional seeds through community seeds bank for extinct seeds. 5 seeds center has been started working in 5 panchayat. Farmers have to return the seed to the seeds bank after the harvesting of the crop.



CHHATTISGARH



Drain cleaned in corona relief work through Shramdan

Koriya @ Rajendra Chandel: A five days shramdan camp was concluded in Lakhantola of Koriya district after the cleaning and deepening of a drain under the corona relief work of Ekta Parishad. There were small plants and grass in

the drain before the cleaning, which have been removed as a result water flow in the drain has become normal. Now farmers will get water for irrigation without any stopples. There were 40 participants in the camp who did the manual work for the cleaning of the drain.

Pond deepening and cleaning shramdan camp held



Surajpur @ Basanti : Three Shramdan camp organized for pond deepening and cleaning in Kosabar, Sarayipara and Badrikashram village of Ramanujnagar tehsil of Surajpur district by the Ekta Parishad and Prayog Samaj Sevi Sansthan, Tilda. The camp in Kosabar was inaugurated by the head of the panchayat Babulal Singh and community leader Anitram worshiped the god and goddess of the village. Head of the panchayat encouraged camper by giving a donation of Rs. 500.

Head of the panchayat of Badrikashram and Saryipara respectively Bhanu pratap Singh and Dharam Singh present there and they appreciate the community collective towards the water

conservation.

Pond deepening and approach road constructed in Dumarbahara



Gariaband @ Nurani Jain: The Ekta Parishad organized shramdan camp in Dumarbahara for pond deepening and construction of approach road. 82 men and women have been worked for 3 days.

At the end of the camp they were provided food materials for a week. Head of the panchayat Varun Kumar Gautam distributed food materials kit provided by the Ekta Parishad to each labor.

Second phase of Shramdan camp in Kodopali



Gariaband @ Nurani Jain: A second phase of Shramdan camp organized to complete the pond deepening work in Dantbay Kodopali village for 3 days.

Entire labors were provided a food materials kit for a week. District coordinator of Ekta Parishad Nurani Jain told that storage capacity of pond has increase after the deepening and cleaning work in Pond, which will benefit to the farmers and cattle.

Food materials distributed among campers



Jashpur @ Ambika: The Ekta Parishad and Prayog organization distributed food materials among the campers of Shramdan camp for the pond deepening and cleaning work in Sonar pahari and Khutera village of Kansabel block of Jashpur district. There was rice, lentils, edible oil, tea, sugar, spices and soap in each kit. Kit was distributed by Ambika Devi of Ekta Parishad and head of the panchayat.



Shramdan camp concluded in Palepakhana village

Jashpur @ Ambika Devi: A shramdan camp was concluded on 17th of June in Palepakhana village of Kansabel block of Jashpur, which was started on 13th of June. This camp was focused on pond deepening and cleaning for water conservation.

According to Ambika, community worked with high passion and enthusiasm from early morning to the end of the day.

MANIPUR

Construction of water tank started after the demand



East Imphal @ Rishikant: A water tank constructed in Keingam village to store the water from water reserve tank to supply and fulfill the water requirement of villagers. Villagers were demanding for water tank since last two years. About 20 families got the jobs in the construction. It will benefit entire households in the village, where community can access the safe and regular water daily use.



WATER CONSERVATION

ODISHA

Approach road constructed in Bighnapur



Khurda @ Sneha mohanty: Community constructed the village road in Bighnapur of Banpur block in Khurda district.

Pond renovation under MNREGA

Khurda @ Sneha Mohanty: Renovation of pond started in Taloborei village of D-Berbera of Banpur block in Khurda district under the MNREGA. The Ekta Parishad mobilized community members to follow the social distancing.

Pond renovation shramdan camp concluded



Kalahandi @ Saroj Bag: A first phase of Shramdan camp concluded through the distribution of food materials to the campers (labors).

Pond was renovated during the camp under the corona relief work. Bharat Bhushan of Ekta Parishad distributed the Food materials among the campers.

ASSAM

Bamboo Bridge constructed by community



Dhubari @ Dimbeshwar Nath: A bamboo bridge constructed by the community in between village of Ghadiyal Danga and Suparikut of Dhubari district of Assam. Villagers face problems to cross the drain in rainy season; as a result this year they built a bamboo bridge to overcome the problems through community

collective action. The length of bridge is 10 meter, 150 bamboos used to built it and about 100 men engaged in building of the bridge.

National Youth Project sanitized ward no. 56 in Bikaner



Bikaner @ Narayan Das Kiradoo: National youth project state unit Rajasthan sanitized the ward no. 56 of Bikaner Nagar Palika Parishad.

Senior activist of the National Youth Project Narayan Das told that NYP Bikaner unit is helping the community in sanitization to prevent corona virus through facilitating them to access the machine. Earlier NYP along with Vipra Foundation have been distributed 10000 masks among the peoples and fed Ayurvedic drink to 8000 peoples for increasing immunity for 11 days in Bikaner.



Story of a migrant labor

Dhar @ Prasanna: Farmer did not provide food and other support to agriculture labor while labor had no money and grain to feed them and their kids in Morabi in Gujrat. Remembering the past difficult days Sanju Ningwal wife of a stranded labor Raju Ningwal started weeping and told that they ate only one time meals in a day for a week and later on 3 days they stayed hungry. Children were crying for food. They were struggling for food and medicine for their kids. Finally group of labors decided to foot-march to return their home in Kawadia Kheda village of Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. Because, they did not have money to pay for fare or hire bus or truck.

After 12 days of foot-march, they reached their village. After some days, they got the ration from the PDS but that is not sufficient because they got only grain not the meals supporting materials like edible oil, lentils and spices. Their children needed cloths and girls were facing the hygiene issue.

Raju Ningwal, a 35 years old migrant labor went to Gujrat with his family along with other 35 persons Manakar Mohall of Kawadiakheda of

Kukshi block. There are 45 manakar families in Manakar hemlets, which is without road, electricity and school. About 80% of children are illiterate. Most of the families use to migrate Gujarat for agriculture wages. Raju was working in a farm house at Chhatargaon of Morabi district and he earned only 200 rupees a days.

During the Corona relief work of the Ekta Parishad, Raju Ningwal shared his story with the activist and requested for needful help regarding food materials, clothes and hygiene kit. The Ekta Parishad found many families which are struggling with same story as Raju. The Ekta Parishad initiated and highlighted the migrant issue and get support from Save the Children.

The Ekta Parishad distributed food material, clothes and hygiene kit to Raju as well as 50 others migrants labor of Kawadi Kheda. There were flour 15 kg, rice 5 kg, sugar 3 kg, edible oil 2 liters, bath soap 4 pieces, detergent soap 4 piece, tea 250 gram, turmeric powder, chili powder, sanitary pad and cotton mask 10 pieces in each kit.

All these families have decided to not to go Gujarat and do share crop or agricultural wages at local level to survive.

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