

Narrative Reporting Format

Instructions:

1. This report focuses on qualitative progress of the programme. This contains questions which are open-ended but see that the report does not exceed 8 to 10 pages.

1. Programme Summary		
1.1	Programme name	Veda Vahini Project - APPI
1.2	Organization name	Bapuji Rural Enlightenment and Development Society(BREDS)
1.3	Project Coverage (Target)	District: Srikakulam
		No of Mandals: 4 Mandals
		No of GPs: 21
		No of Villages : 82 villages
		No of families: 2715
	No of farmers: 1900	
1.4	Total Grant Amount	INR.2,35,00,000/-
1.5	Grant ID	G-2110-10892
1.6	Grant Start and End Date	01.04.2023
		31.03.2026
1.7	Reporting period	From: 01.04.2023
		To : 31.01.2024
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2. Detailed Progress Update		
2.1	Please explain the key achievements under each outcome with details of process supported with key data points	
<p>Outcome 1: Outcome 1: 50 - 60% adivasi farmers (of 2715 farmers) in 82 villages will enhance productivity of 25 – 35% by cultural and natural farming methods in Cashew and Millets and will increase income of 20 - 35%.</p> <p><i>Farmers from project villages are very interested and started Using Natural & organic fertilizers such as compost, manure, and cover crops to improve soil structure and nutrient values. It leads productivity also.</i></p> <p><i>community started applying mulch to their crops for retaining soil moisture and suppress weeds. Drudgery also reduced by mulch with crop residues.</i></p> <p><i>started Use of neem kernals and other kashayams, cow based bio inputs to manage pest infestations without harming the environment as well as quality of yield also improved.</i></p>		

Cultivating cover crops to protect the soil and enhance nutrient cycle and also utilizing rainwater harvesting and efficient usage of land resources.

Farmers are very much committed to saving seeds ensuing seasons for better yields and climate resilience.

Farmers are accessed the agriculture inputs/tools for reducing their hardness in their labour work.

Outcome 2: Improved inclusion (up to 80%) of Adivasis under various schemes and entitlements through training a cadre of 162 youth in 82 villages and by coordinating with 18 village secretariats and Seetampeta ITDA

Representations from all the villages to concerned department raised & members got their MGNREGS job cards & availing woks in the area also drinking water issues solved with house tap connections accessed.

People accessing education, health & other essential services is increased in the project villages regular health checkups & monitoring is very much evident in the area.

Got sanctioned House pattas (Housing schemes got utilized) & Land Pattas in these villages & other eligible submitted their representations to officials.

Increased in accessing of social welfare schemes like pensions in the villages

Nearly 50% villages schools teachers regularity(attendance) increased

Village level youth participation improved in the village level problems solving

Gramasabha's meetings people participation increased up to 40%

Increased collaboration between PRI members and Sachivalayam(Department)

2.2	What are the <u>factors</u> that have enabled the programme to achieve its results
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Seek traditional knowledge of old farmers and elders supports for mobilizing other farmers towards Tradination & Natural farming practices.

RYSS programme initiatives are encouraging in our operational area. Horticulture department has been supporting to farmers by their productivity enhancement programmes in our operational area.

Farmers are showing their enthusiasm to take up Natural Farming practices.

Government social welfare schemes, Health and Education are very much helpful and speed up mobilization of beneficiaries in the area.

Maintained Good rapport with Panchyat Sarpenches/Sachivalaya staff and Mandal level officers and also ITDA officers.

Convergence with all line departments, Sachivalaya and Mandal level interface meetings also very helpful to solve the problems immediately

2.3 What were the challenges faced and learnings during the implementation of the programme?

Remote locations - Most of the fields are situated around and top of the hills. They should spend more time to take up planned activities timely. All the farmers to seeking support physically, but with our limited resource, could extend to few farmers directly.

We planned to involve all the farmers to select and develop the models at their respective villages. Trainings and other technical support would provide to all the beneficiaries to get more yield and increase income levels.

Information Gap: lack of awareness on schemes, complication in process/not aware of accessing it. We mobilized and capacitated the youth how to access the programmes through sachivalayam.

80% villages No meeting halls/community buildings so meetings organized big challenge

3. Financial Update

3.1 Have there been any significant changes to the budgets as planned? (Reporting period)

There is no any significant changes in budget. Expenditure statement is attached herewith.

4. Stories of Change

4.1 Change stories you would like to share with us

Attached herewith

5. Plan ahead

5.1 Please explain the broad plan/changes that are expected for the next year

Initial plan was to do Natural Farming activities in Paddy, Pulses, Millets and Cashew. RySS team already doing Natural Farming activities in Paddy, Pulses and Millets. They are less focused on Cashew. Cashew plantation in the area is also required attention as it needs post management activities. Hence, we need modifications to develop Cashew orchards for increase of yield and enhance of farmers income.

6. Partnership with Azim Premji Foundation

6.1 Please mention any suggestions/comments on how the philanthropy can improve in providing better support

- *Suggested to provide more capacity building initiatives for partner organizations to enhance our staff ability to achieve shared objectives with systematic approach.*
- *Provide training, resources, and mentorship to strengthen the capabilities of organizations and communities.*
- *Suggesting to extend support for long-term to create sustainable impact. In the intended results of the project and drive towards sustainability of the process & more impactful of the project initiatives.*

6.2 | Anything else you would like to share with us?

APPI team from visage, continuously supporting partners in extending support of trainings to staff and work on documentation like metrics and indicators to assess the impact regularly in order to evaluate progress and adjust strategies to maximize positive outcomes.

Annexure – 1: Good Project photos that capture progress and process (not more than 8)

Planned outputs& Achievements

Code	Planned outputs	Outputs achieved	Remarks
4.1.1	Collected comprehensive set of data and analysis report ready	Farmer wise data collected and being digitalised.	
4.1.2	Staff & Communities is trained & increased awareness on NF practices, crop management measures.	Staff & Community capacities are increased and started mobilizing farmers into Natural farming Practices	
4.1.3	Improved farming technologies and skills & Farmers started to adopt of post management techniques in their fields. Enhancement of yield.	Capacitated farmers with Natural Farming practices, Soil and Moisture Conservation initiatives.	
4.1.4	Learnt the best practices and started replicating the same in the area.	Line sowing and usage of cow based kashayams and Dhavanams are replicating at their fields by the demonstrations.	
4.1.5	Established 82 cattle linecentres and started preparing Ganajeevamrutham, Jalajeevamrutham - nutrient-rich compost that helps improve soil health.	46 Cattle shed lining were established & farmers effectively utilizing the learnt skills for increasing quality of yield by improve the soil health.	
4.1.6	Utilization of tools by the farmers. Reduction of physical stress during farming.	Reducing the drudgery gradually by the utilizing farming tools and equipments.	
4.1.8	Promotion and utilization of Native seed & aware on its advantages. Pests and diseases can resilient by the replication and they can withstand by the local weather conditions.	6 Varieties of native seed were supported and cultivated.	
4.1.9	Developed skills on grafting and rejuvenation of Cashew. Availability of improved and healthy plants at right time. Required quantity of plants can get by their own skills.	35 demonstration plots at villages established – extend on-field demos of crops	This activity will be on cashew crop management skills
4.1.10	Established units and exhibited the time-tested agricultural techniques that		

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	contributes to better yields, healthier soil, and sustainable farming practices.		
4.1.12	Optimum utilization of land resources. Regular and sustainable income. Interlinking of every activity.		These activities are under progress and those will be completed by the end of March 2024.
4.1.12.a	Conservation Rain water. Improved microbes in soil. Health plantation and enhanced yield.		
4.1.12.b	Proper utilization of un-utilized water. Reduction of water loss by pipe lines. Proper functioning of the gravity flow structure. Diversified crops grown, Improvement of yield in existing crops.		
4.1.12.c	Check the runoff water and recharge the ground water. Storage water would be utilized for more extent of land and it leads more qualitative and quantitative yield also. Maintain the soil moisture. Utilization of downward bund of trenches with crops.		
4.1.13	Custom Hiring Centre Established & its functional & farmer access services (Weeders/ drum seeder/ conoweeder/ cycle weeders)	Custom Hiring Centre Established. farmer are access services.	
4.2.1	identification of Exclusion in project villages being studied	Conducted survey and Collected the details from 82 project villages (2715 families)& prepared the report	
4.2.2	45 members of Staff and Youth taken on exposure Adivasi Rights, exclusion and inclusion process & learnt redressal mechanism	Capacity building has been imparted to staff as induction and structure plan is prepared	Youth Identification completed and planned to coming month
4.2.3	Training to 164 Adivasi youth trained and mobilized in order to establish advocacy & lobbying and ensured to access Govt schemes, welfare program and acts related to Tribal	164 youth members training completed.	
4.2.4	82 village farmers are aware of Welfare Schemes Exclusion reasons and inclusion process and having basic cards and documents.	82 village level farmers capacitated on welfare schemes, exclusion reasons and submitted eligible people	

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		applications for inclusion process.	
4.2.5	rapport with 18 Sachivalayams is being established	Interface Meetings at 15 Sachivalayams where community get opportunity to furnish individual and villages issues to line departments. During the events community members directly submitted the applications to concern officials and being recorded through meetings.	
4.2.6	target community/farmers got strong access from Government officials to resolve grievances, smoothen implementation of schemes,	Organised 1 mandal Level Interface Meeting at Meliyaputti where community submitted the Issues related applications to directly Mandal level officials such as Staff Issue at Aampuram MPUP School, Drinking water issues in villages.	After Interface meeting appointed Scholl teacher at Aampuram MPUP School. Resolved the drinking water issues at Dabaru village where covered 39 HHs. 1 New NREGS Job cards issued.

Planned Activities Vs Achieved Activities:

Code	Particulars	planned	Achieved	Remarks
4.1.1	Project Baseline Study	82 Villages	Completed 82 Villages	Baseline Collected from 2715 HHs
4.1.2	Staff training on NF and facilitating village level trainings	2	2	6 no. of NF coordinators and 2 staff (PC & APC) total 8 members participated the training programme organized by Velugu Association, Kotturu. Mr. Patro garu from Wassan has capacitated as Resource Person. The Other training programme organized at BREDS resource centre, Pathapatnam. resource person YMr. Baskarao has capacitated to staff as Resource Person (Senior resource persons on Natural farming-KVK). Staff of BREDS and Velugu Association are participated in above said training programmes.
4.1.3	Village level Trainings to the farmers (i) Concept and Importance of Natural Farming methods, key strategies (ii) Preparation of jeevamruthams and kashayams (iii) Productivity enhancement activities (iv) Crop Post management, harvesting (4 days training in each village in 3 years).	82	76 Village level trainings completed	Remaining trainings we planned in February
4.1.4	Exposure visit for Lead Farmers (82 famers + 8 staff = 90) (1st year 2 days nd year 1 day)	1	0	Dates also finalized for exposure visit on 23 rd & 24 th of February 2024 as first batch, 28 th & 29 th as second batch in the month of February 2024.

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4.1.5	Creation of lining to the cattle sheds	50	Completed cement lining in 46 cattle sheds.	Remaining 4 will be completed in the ensuing month. Farmers are coming forward to take up this activity in Daripeta, Penguvada, Korraiguda, Pathuru and Savarabonthu villages.)
4.1.6	12 PVTG villages are supported with Tools(drums and weeders)	12	12	Villages Identification completed and village resolutions also completed. We planned in the month of February, 2024.
4.1.7	Native Seed /Local Selective Cashew Crop promotion (6 varieties of seeds procurement and distribution to farmers)	6	6	procured native seeds of millets like Ragi, Bajra, Samulu, black gram and Hanumulu etc.. for future seasons.
4.1.8	Demo plots one per village	40	35 completed	All 35 demo plots are completed. Remaining 5 has been planned on Cashew orchards. We were planned to ground the activities in the villages of Moolanelabonthu, Diguva Anathagiri, Bombadiguda and Pathuru or Ippaguda.
4.1.9	<i>Promotion of Integrated Farming System</i>	4	0	We identified and planned in Cheepuruguddi, Burjiguda, Chandanagiri and Raivada or Purusothakarra)

4.1.10	<p><i>Irrigation, Soil and Water conservation Initiatives</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gravity fed irrigation system 1 2. Repairs to check dams 1 3. staggered trenches - 3750 	1	1	<p>(1) Gravity fed irrigation system work: Pipe line work has been completed. Inter connectivity of pipe lines is under progress at Chandhanagiri village.</p> <p>(2) Bush clearance and other pre construction work has been completed and repair of Check dam work is under progress at Dabaru village.</p> <p>(3) 1,094 Staggered trenches were completed as on date out of 1750. The remaining 656 treches will be completed before 28th Feb'24</p>
4.1.11	Custom Hiring Centrae	1	1	We discussed Dos and Don'ts with farmers and staff to run smoothly.
4.1.12	Monthly Project staff Review meetings	12	10	Every month regularly done and as per requirement monthly 2 or 3 times also done
4.2.1	Study on identification of Exclusion in project villages	82 Villages	Completed 82 Villages	Baseline Collected from 2,715 HHs.
4.2.2	Staff and Youth Exposure on Adivasi Rights, exclusion and inclusion process 18 GPs x 2 and 9 staff = 45 members, 3 day event	1 No	0	Planned to Exposure vist to Nature NGO area at Auruku. In february 5 th ,6 th &7 planned.
4.2.3	Training to 164 Adivasi youth 1) Govt schemes, welfare program and acts related to Tribal (2) Identification of excluded and process	2 Days training program to	2 Days training program to	

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	of inclusion 3) community mobilisation, advocacy and lobbying Y1 2 days Y2 2 days Y3 1 day	164 Adivasi Youth	164 Adivasi Youth completed	
4.2.4	Village (82 villages) level trainings to community on (i) Welfare Schemes Exclusion reasons (ii) inclusion process and having basic cards and documents (2+1+1 days per year.	2 days training in 82 Villages	Completed 1-day training program in 82 Villages. And 2 nd day training programme in 46 villages completed	
4.2.5	Interface Meetings with 18 Sachivalayams once in a year.	18 No	15 No Interface meetings Completed	Remaining 3 planned to complete February month
4.2.6	Mandal (4 mandals) level interface meetings with Government officials to resolve grievances, smoothen implementation of schemes,	4 No	1No Interface meetings Completed	Remaining 3 planned to complete February month