



Convergence of NREGS and ICAR

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Approach to convergence of NREGS in AP

- NREGS in the long run will wither away, if
 - Wage employment opportunities are available for every HH, in the same village from the Agriculture and allied sectors, through out the year
 - Unskilled labour become skilled
 - Opportunities for skilled labour are created
 - Self employment opportunities are created in the village



Small steps forward in this direction in AP

- Horticulture under NREGS on the fallow lands of poor
 - 3 lakh HHs will in the next couple of years will not seek NREGS
 - But they need **knowledge** support for maximizing returns



Small steps forward in this direction in AP

- NREGS ushered in green revolution in rainfed areas, owing to the huge investments in NRM
 - Enhanced production, enhances wage employment opportunities in the village



Small steps forward in this direction in AP

- Thousands of water bodies restored under NREGS
 - Enhanced production, enhances wage employment opportunities in the village
 - Fisheries development would provide sustainable livelihood to large no of NREGS wage seekers



*Expansion of livelihood security to the
rural HHs*

*is possible if there is convergence of
NREGS with other initiatives*



Government of AP's Preparedness

- Government of Andhra Pradesh has been very live to the need for convergence in NREGA
- Taken many initiatives at State level for convergence



Convergence Initiatives in Andhra Pradesh

1. Andhra Pradesh Drought Adaptation Initiative
2. Common Property Resource (CPR) Management Project under NREGA in Chittoor and Anantapur districts- with Action Fraterna & NGO its Partners
3. Community Managed sustainable Agriculture



Convergence Initiatives in AP

5. NAIP- with CRIDA
6. Tree Based NRM (Watershed) Program with BAIF in Mahabubnagar district
7. Plantation program with Rubber Board, Coffee Board and Tribal Welfare Department
8. NRM Program with ICRISAT in Mahabubnagar

APDAI

- Project has piloted 10 initiatives useful as coping mechanism
- Selected pilots are integrated in to NREGA for up-scaling in 100 villages, initially
- Focus is on improving production systems on farm





Project on Development of Common Lands

- To rejuvenate the degraded Common Lands for enhancing the livelihood support of the dependent communities
- Extent: 24000 Acres, in 44 villages of 37 Mandals with 24 NGOs in Chittoor and Anantapur
- Funds for works execution from NREGA and Facilitation cost by NGOs



NREGA & Sustainable Agriculture

- Initiative is on non-pesticide management as a means to eco-friendly & cost-effective agriculture
- NREGA provides silt application & vermi-composting components
- Facilitation cost born by SERP (APRPRP)
- Initiative covers 173 mandals and 5-10 villages/mandal



NAIP Livelihoods Project- CRIDA

- “Livelihood based approach” to NAIP
(ICAR)
- Collaboration results will be used to
upscale “farming sysetms approach” in rain
fed areas

Biomass based Watershed

Project- BAIF



- Technical Support from BAIF
- Improving biomass on dry lands through “multi-tier” tree species.
- Ensure usufructs throughout the year
- Provide sustainable livelihood
- Taken up in 6 Mandals of Mahabubnagar district. Work started recently
- All Activities funded under NREGA



Convergence with Coffee & Rubber Board

- ITDA, Paderu- Coffee Plantation
- ITDA, Rampachodavaram- Rubber Plantation
- Cost sharing between NREGA, TROCR and respective Boards

Item	Coffee	Rubber
Area	100000 Ac	31000 Ac
Cost	200 Cr	148.77 Cr
Duration	5 years	7 years



ICRISAT & GoAP Collaboration Project

- MOU signed between ICRISAT & Dept of Rural Development
- Activity cost from NREGS
- Facilitation cost by ICRISAT
- Project aims at Production Systems improvement- focus on soil fertility, micro-nutrient management, seed production, cultivation practices, value addition,etc
- Project provides end to end technical support in improving farming systems



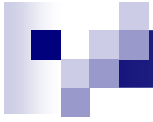
Institutional Arrangements at State

- A State level steering committee was formed with Principal Secretary, RD as Chairman and various partners as members
- A consortium formed to provide technical support to RD Dept. and working for last 3 years (CRIDA, ANGRAU, ICRISAT, MANAGE etc as members).



Partnering with KVKs

- 4 KVKs are identified
- State Level meeting held
- Each KVK will cover 30-50 villages
- KVKs will handhold about 1000-1500 farmers per year and ensure adoption of technologies
- This collaboration will provide value-added services that are built on the infrastructure created under NREGA.



Thank you