



WEBINAR ON Rebuilding Livelihoods in Rural Areas – Covid-19, Migration & Beyond...

The Nationwide lockdown & the halt in economic activities has hit the rural communities severely. At the time, when the entire world was having a huge brawl with the Pandemic, the immediate necessary action to have been taken was imposing a lockdown in India where we have a population of more than 130 Cr. But while saving lives from the virus, people of the country were exposed to extreme poverty. A mammoth job layoffs started across all sectors so as to restructure their manpower costs which rendered lacs of people helpless. The migrant workers who migrated to big cities & industrial hubs in search of job were unable to secure their employment and even a safe place to live. As a result, reverse migration started. The workers came back to their natives with a lot of difficulties. Some walked down all the way as the public transport system was completely shut. And some waited for the government's Shramik Special Trains & buses to reach their homes. But even after coming back and completing the institutional quarantine of 14 days, their struggle continued. No jobs, no income, no food was testing their level of tolerance. The relief kits provided by some NGOs eased out the extreme adversity for a few days. But that did not meet the nutrition level that a family needs to have. After the unlock phase getting started in the country, though some of the workers went back to the cities from where they came, but some stayed back and wanted to try their luck at their native. Under MGNREGS, in order to enhance the livelihood in the rural communities, wage employment was then given to these people so that they get an opportunity to earn for themselves. Conscious of the fact that livelihoods of these workers is as tough as the containment of corona virus infection, the Chief Minister of Odisha – Sri Naveen Pattnayak in the end of April, announced a doubling of the number of jobs offered under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to 10 lakh in place of the 5 lacs employment provided earlier with a target to ramp up the work to 20 lacs per day as early as possible. With the meltdown of economy & shrinking of GDP to the lowest ever, it's interesting to see what steps are being taken by the government to ensure giving a better life to destitute & deprived section of the society.

AGENDA

Dt.: 09 September 2020 Time: 03:00 PM to 05:00PM

Welcome Note	Sri Santosh Mishra President Mahashakti Foundation
Context Setting	Sri Sudarshan Chhotray Senior Journalist Director – Focus Odisha Foundation

Lead Presentation	Sri Achyut Das Director AGRAGAMEE
Guest Speakers	Sri N.M Prusty Development Expert, New Delhi Sri Debabrat Patra Regional Manager-East Action Aid Association Sri Suryamani Roul Development Expert, New Delhi
Odisha Perspective	Sri Ramesh Chandra Jena CEO & Director MART Global Management Solutions LLP

Moderator	Sri Prakash Nayak Development Communication Expert, New Delhi
Vote of Thanks	Sri Sudarshan Chhotray Senior Journalist Director – Focus Odisha Foundation

PANELIST

Sri Achyut Das



Sri Das is the Director cum Secretary of Agradamee. He's a development Activist who has worked in OXFAM India Trust, a National level NGO Social Work & Research Centre (SWRC) in Tilonia, Rajasthan. He is the ex-member of State Planning Board in Odisha and ex-member of Joint Machinery Setup for coordination between voluntary agency & govt. by Planning Commission, India. Sri Das has completed special course on Human Rights in the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands and a course in Development Management, University of Birmingham, UK. He's also the recipient of the prestigious SARDA Equal Opportunities Award.

Sri N.M Prusty



Sri Prusty worked in various organizations in India and Africa across sectors ranging from Government, Business, NGOs and Bilateral Donors as staff and in advisory positions for nearly 40 years. He has worked in roles varied from Project management in provincial public sector industrial development organizations, civil service in the federal Ministry of MSME and entrepreneurship development to commercial banking and development financing institutions. Apart from this, he has worked in SME Consulting (ICICI-GITCO) to senior-level strategic management functions in institutions of national importance (NDDDB and Technology Mission), Chief Executive in MNC in West Africa and India and in top management of International NGO (CARE) and Bilateral donor agencies (CIDA& USAID).

Sri Suryamani Roul



Sri Roul is an accomplished development management professional with more than three and half decades of experience in building livelihoods strategy, entrepreneurship, enterprise promotion, women's economic empowerment, inclusive value chain initiatives & social development programs. He has just completed his tenure at TechnoServe India as Deputy Director wherein he was responsible for overseeing programs that range from agri-business development to technical assistance to Farmer Producers Companies. Prior, he has served as Senior Vice President for ACCESS Development Services, a spin off organization set up with support from DFID and CARE International, besides leadership positions in CARE India's flagship projects supported by EU, DFID and WFP.

Sri Debabrata Patra



Sri Patra is the Associate Director of ActionAid and Regional Head of the Bhubaneswar Region. He has more than twenty years of experience in humanitarian sector managing big teams and programmes in different states of India and elsewhere in ActionAid. Currently, he's the lead person in emergency response programmes for ActionAid India. He is a Senior Manager in E fast – an International roster for emergency deployment and was deployed in Sierra Leone, UK, Nepal, Mozambique for various assignments. Currently he was a part of ActionAid International, which completed the real time evaluation of COVID19 response of ActionAid in 16 countries.

PANELIST



Sri Ramesh Chandra Jena

Sri Jena is the CEO & Director of MART Global Management Solutions LLP. He has more than 20 years of experience in Project management, Consulting, Strategy formulation, Advisory, providing Large-scale implementation support to bilateral & multilateral projects for Government, Corporate and CSR in the domain of Livelihoods promotion, Agri-business promotion, Marketing, sustainability and impacting communities at the bottom of the pyramid. He has been providing consulting support towards assignments of World Bank, IFAD, JICA, USAID, DFID, GIZ etc. corporates and many state and central government programmes and also been involved in multiple International assignments in Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and UK.

HOST



Sri Prakash Nayak

Sri Nayak has more than 25 years of experience of working in many South Asian and East African countries, especially under various international assignments of the United Nations. He was the international communication expert with UN-FAO, Kathmandu wherein he successfully managed a regional cooperation programme on highly pathogenic and emerging diseases (HPED) in all SAARC Countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. Under an assignment with UNICEF Asia-Pacific Regional Office at Bangkok, he managed a communication for development capacity building program in Kenya, Somalia, Somali-land & Punt-land. As an advisor-BCC of United Nations Mine Action Services, (UNMAS), Kabul. He implemented a BCC strategy that applied for mine risk education & life-saving behavioural interventions in Afghanistan.

OPENING REMARKS



Mr. Santosh Kumar Mishra

Mr. Mishra, a retired OAS is the President of the leading livelihood development organisation of Odisha – Mahashakti Foundation. He has more than 40 years of experience in the field of rural development & SHG Bank linkage program. He has served as ASO Tahasildar, Block Development Officer in different Blocks of Odisha. Currently, he is heading the formidable Board of Mahashakti Foundation. He is also one of the Advisory member in Migration Watch India Initiative.

CONTEXT SETTING



Mr. Sudarshan Chhotray

Mr. Chhotray is a Journalist since 1993 who has worked with leading Media houses in the Country. He Started his career with BLITZ Mumbai. And has worked for Humanscape, India Today, Tehelka, India Insight, Outlook and of recently his by-lines are there in Firstpost.com, The Wire, News18 Network & International Publications like The New Humanitarian etc. As a first Generation TV Journalist he has worked in Ajira Odisha, Aankhon Dekhi, Aaj Tak and ETC NEWS.

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