

## A Brief Report on Integrated Tribal Development Projects In association with NABARD

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**Ramky Foundation (RF)** is a registered organization under the Indian Trust Act, with the motto- Towards Sustainable Growth. Since 2006, apart from the CSR initiatives to address the needs of the communities in and around Ramky Group of companies, RF is also working on issues of global relevance such as Natural Resource Management, Women Empowerment, Health and Education by partnering with various Government and Non-Government bodies.

- Ramky Foundation operates in 16 States and is implementing various projects with the support of Ramky Group CSR funds and in association with external funding agencies.
- RF has been associated with various Government Organizations/Bodies, such as NABARD, NSDC, APSSDC, NACO, Department of Water Resources Investigation and Development (Govt of W.B.), Rajiv Gandhi Integrated Watershed Management Project (Govt. of MP), I & CAD, Government of AP, Govt. of Delhi and Govt. of Tripura.
- Presently, RF is promoting 3 FPOs in Guntur, 2 FPOs in Kurnool, 1 FPO in Kolar and 1 FPO in Visakhapatnam districts in association with NABARD, AP. As on date, 5 FPOs have been registered, out of which 2 are already making business.
- RF is currently implementing **FOUR** Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs) in two states, which are, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. **TWO** are ongoing in the Koyyuru mandal of Vishakhapatnam dist., AP and **TWO** are in West Bengal.
- RF has successfully **implemented TWO** ITDPs, in association with **NABARD** so far- **one in Sankrail block, West Bengal and the other one in Kurnool dist., AP.**

**Below are the progress reports of ongoing and completed ITDPs:**

### **TDP, Koyyuru, Vizag, AP**

Ramky Foundation has been implementing **TWO** Tribal Development Projects in Visakhapatnam district supported by NABARD.

#### **Aim of the Projects:**

This programme aims at reducing the migration of tribal people to urban centers by providing them livelihood in the form of income and basic necessities like fuel wood, timber and cattle fodder. The programme assists tribal families in Koyyuru Mandal of Visakhapatnam District by giving them assistance to develop orchards and related activities.

#### **Project Status:**

**Project 1:** Project was sanctioned in the month of September 2018 and funds were released in the month of October. Even after the delay in sanction of the project, 90 percent of the project activities were completed in a period of 6 months and the proposal was submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of the grant was also released later. Target of 2<sup>nd</sup> year plantation was completed in 300 acres.

#### **Key Achievements:**

- It usually takes 3 years of time for the completion of plantation in 500 acres, while we were able to achieve it only within a year.
- Survival rate is 95% in Cashew and Mango plantation and 90 percent in teak (Border Plantation). Considering the benchmark, viz. about 85 percent of Survival rate, we did attain some impressive figures.
- DDM, NABARD conducted a post-project assessment as well. Impressed with the TDF activities, they allocated 2<sup>nd</sup> project to Ramky Foundation in the same area.
- All the farmers built tree guards or fencings for protecting the plants.
- Inter crop was cultivated in a total of 200 acres of 1<sup>st</sup> year's plantation.

- Maintenance of all the books of accounts by Ramky Foundation was carried out diligently by Ramky Foundation in all the phases of the project, which was later verified and appreciated by DDM, NABARD.

### Project 2:

So far,

- Plantation has been completed in 200 acres, and
- Land has been prepared for the Inter crops.



### Major interventions taken up in the Project:

- Orchard Development (fruit/plantation/herbal crops/forest Plants) as the core component
- Water Resource Management
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Human resource development (Community development)
- Women Empowerment through components such as Drudgery Reduction measures, On-Farm and Off-Farm Income Generation Activities.
- Community health

### TDP, Keshiary, Howrah, WB

Overwhelmed by the performance and the proactive work done by the Ramky Foundation, NABARD came forward yet again to extend a grant support of Rs.259 Lakh, while 18% of the CSR funds were released to the Foundation by **REEL** to promote WADIs in **450 acres** of Tribal land in Keshiary block in the same district in the year 2019. The field team started operations in the Block in the month of July, 2019. As of yet, the plantation has been completed in **300 WADIs**. Also, the preparations have been made in 150 WADIs for the plantation during this year's rainy season.

Till date, Ramky Foundation has planted and nurtured **around 50,000 fruit trees** in the district. **30,000 more trees** are expected to grow in the next 2 years. Furthermore, 1,20,000 border plants were developed.



### **Project during the Nationwide Lockdown, 2020:**

The entire work was carried out by a team of 5 members under the guidance of Mr. Nani Gopal. The team accomplished a remarkable task during the summer 2020, despite the nationwide lockdown underway. The team, working in close coordination with BDO Keshiary, encountered various challenges. We identified 200 new WADIs for taking up plantation, **while creating 18,000 man-days of employment by engaging 320 ST families** in Pit digging, soil conservation and fencing works. The total value of employment generated was **Rs.27 lakhs that fetched Rs.10000-12000/- of income to each of the ST participant's family**. The entire wage payment was covered under MGNREGS through a convergence approach. Though NABARD sanctioned the grant to Ramky Foundation, the RF team accomplished the labour component through MGNREGS.



## Project Highlights:

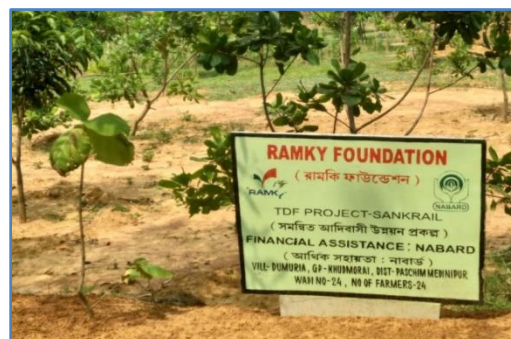
Executing this project successfully, the RF team has once again proved that commitment, dedication, hard work, integrity and a passion to help the others are all that you need to perform well.

### Team achievements

- Saved Rs.27 lakhs of project money
- Created 18000 man-days of employment during difficult times
- Ensured Rs.10000-12000 income to the needy families
- Completed the work on time and developed rapport with BDO
- Mobilized Rs.27 lakhs of fund, which is more than the expenditure incurred under the project for the last one year
- NABARD district officer appreciated our work and we were offered to take up one more WADI project in Narayanpur Block in the same district.

### TDP, Sankrail block, Howrah, WB

We initially promoted small orchard development (fruit plants development--one acre per family--called WADI) to ST families in Sankrail Block, West Medinipur district, West Bengal with the financial assistance from NABARD in 2013. Field team worked hard and faced a lot of difficulties to sustain the plantation, and finally the strenuous work resulted in the promotion of **825 WADIs**. A total of **43,514 trees survived**, which generated better income for the farmers. NABARD supported a **grant of Rs.323 lakhs** to accomplish the work.





## TDP, MAA THOTA, Kurnool, AP

- Maa Thota, a Tribal Development Project, the implementation of which began in 2010 with the support of NABARD, was successfully completed in December 2017. The project was implemented in 14 villages of Atmakur, Kothapalli and Pamulapadu mandals in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh.
- Project Components included Horticulture plantation in 1000 acres, Soil Management, Water Resources Development, border plantation, promotion of intercropping for additional source of income, micro enterprises for 100 landless tribal, women development, health, etc.
- RF successfully completed all the activities under various components of the project. Foundation succeeded in achieving the project target of Horticulture Plantation in 1000 acres and livelihood support to 100 landless tribal families, totally benefitting 1100 households as part of the project.

### Project Progress Report:

S. No.	Name of the Component	Name of the Activity	Extent/Members
1.	Water Resources Development	Water supply through tanker	610 acres
2.	Horticulture plantation & Maintenance(2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> year Plantation)	Basins weeding	800 acres
		Formation of Fertilizers & PP. Chemicals distribution	800 acres
3.	Health	Medical camp	152 members
		Health & Hygiene awareness program	206 members
4.	Capacity Building	Tailoring Training Centre	01 center (30 members)
		Training to farmers on cultivation aspects & input management	01 day camp

### Details of the Projects in association with NABARD

S. No.	Name of the project	Location	Category of Beneficiaries	Total Budget (in Lakhs)	Implementation Period	Status
1	MEDP	Kurnool, AP	Rural Women	0.342	01-06-2010 to 31-07-2010	Completed
2	Maa -Thota (Tribal Development Project)	Kurnool, AP	1000 Tribal Families Wadis' Development	478	01-08-2010 to 2018	Completed
3	Environmental Promotional Activity (EPA)	Peda Kakani, AP	Rural Communities	3	Oct-10	Discontinued
4	Farmers' Clubs	Guntur District, AP	Small and Marginal Farmers	1 lakh	Sep-11	Completed
5	National Level Exhibition	Ongole, AP	Women	1.503	Jan-12	Completed
6	REDP	Gantyada, Vizianagaram District, AP	Rural Women	0.49	01-01-2012 to 2013	Completed
7	MEDP	Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP	Rural Women	0.63	01-06-2012 to 31-07-2012	Completed
8	Promotion of Organic Farming through Application of Solid Waste Manure	East Medinipur, West Bengal	Marginal Farmers	2.75	01-11-2012 to 31-03-2013	Completed
9	MEDP	Dundigal, RR District, Telangana	Women	0.31	01-06-2013 to 31-07-2013	Completed
10	MEDP	Parawada, Vizag District, AP	Women	0.31	01-06-2013 to 31-07-2013	Completed
11	MEDP	Prakasam District, AP	Women	0.31	01-06-2013 to 31-07-2013	Completed
12	UPNRM Project	Atmakur, Kurnool , AP.	120 Tribal Women	117.41	26-02-2013 to 31-03-2018	Completed
13	CAT	Podili, Prakasam District, AP	Farmers	0.405	01-11-2013 to 31-12-2013	Completed
14	RO Water Plants in Fluoride Effected Villages	Banakacherla , Yerraguduru of Kurnool District, AP	Communities of Two Villages	5.6	01-03-2015 to 31-08-2015	Completed
15	CAT	Kurnool District, AP	Farmers	0.847	01-11-2015 to 31-01-2016	Completed

16	Scale up of Technology-Knowledge-Practices under Natural Farming (FSPF)	Atmakur and Pamulapadu Mandals , Kurnool District, AP	Small & Marginal Farmers	7.07	01-09-2016 to 31-07-2017	Completed
17	Vennela Rural Mart (VRM)	Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP	Women	0.9	August 2011 to December 2012	Completed
18	Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP)	Sankrail Block, West Bengal	1000 Tribal Families By Providing Wadi	435	28-02-2013 to 31-03-2019	Completed
19	Farmers Producer Organization (FPO)	Pamulapadu, Kothapalli & Atmakur Kurnool, AP	Farmers	9.06	Oct-15	Ongoing
20	Farmers Producer Organization (FPO)	Mahanandi Mandal, Kunool, AP	500 Farmers	9.06	21-02-2017 to 2020	Ongoing Project
21	Tribal Development Project (TDF)	Koyyuru, Visakhapatnam District	500 Tribal Families	440.28	06/08/2019	Ongoing
22	Tribal Development Project (TDF)	Keshiary, West Medinipur District, West Bengal	800 Tribal Families	353.87	31/05/2019	Ongoing
23	Tribal Development Project (TDF)	Purulia District, West Bengal	Tribal Families	372	18/03/2020	Ongoing
24	Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)	Nadendla Guntur District, AP	500 Farmers (Approx.)	11.44	2019 -2020	Ongoing
25	Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)	Piduguralla Mandal, Guntur District, AP	500 Farmers (Approx)	11.44	2019-2020	Ongoing
26	Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)	Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP	500 Farmers (Approx)	11.44	2019-2020	Ongoing
27	Introduction & Promotion of Integrated Crop Management Practices In Banana (FSPF)	Mahanandi, Kurnool District, AP	500 Farmers (Approx)	10	07-03-2020 to 2022	Ongoing
28	Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)	Visakhapatnam, AP	500 Farmers (Approx)	11.44	2019-2020	Ongoing
29	Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)	Kolar District, Karnataka	500 Farmers (Approx)	11.44	2019-2020	Ongoing