Annual Report 2012-13

YOUTH FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
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Forwarded from President

I am delighted to serve as the President of the Governing Board of the Youth for Social Development and for the fourth time presenting the “Annual Report”. Our primary responsibility is to keep the organization true to its mission and core values in the context of a new development. The test of our worth will be our contribution to improving governance, citizen participation and empowerment of most vulnerable and marginalized section of the society.

With the leadership of Bibhu Prasad Sahu and our dedicated and effective staff we have achieved a significant amount of results and impact of our work has been wider spread. With the strategies, we are seeking to advance well defined goals, concentrating most of our resources, time and expertise to fulfill our goals for the well being of vulnerable and marginalized section of rural and urban poor in Odisha.

We are also committing ourselves to work in partnership with organizations and individuals from a wider variety of vantage points who can help move forward a shared agenda for improving governance and services for the poor. We still have a long way to go in building sustained support based on the idea comes from the communities we work with and people and organization associated with us for an equitable and just societies. In keeping with our mission and core values, the board and staff of YSD are committed to doing our part to keep the needle moving in the right direction.

I congratulate the entire team for their success, thank to all supporters and partners also thank all stakeholders associated with us.

Lokanath Misra
President
I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2012-13. This year through our entire programme, we have sought ways to engage our self efficiently to meet our goals and needs of the communities we work with. Despite many challenges we are committed and finding ways to help communities to realize their full potential and maximize the quality of life.

We have always worked hard to know the needs and work accordingly to frame our strategies by mitigating the challenges come in our way. Three innovative projects this year keep us busy and make our efforts worth. Monitoring rural roads and fighting corruption in PDS, ICDS and drinking water services with legal tools like right to information, right to food and right to work are major initiatives undertaken by engaging various stakeholders like communities, service providers, elected representatives, civil society and media.

Working mostly with youth, women and community based organization make our labour meaningful and projects are more successful. We also started working for children’s safe and healthy environment in urban areas makes us busy to work with children and youth in slums to improve basic services, protect their rights and make them participate in local governance are major areas of work this year.

I thank all our supporters, organizations and individuals, advisors, board members and the entire team for their hard work and commitment. I do hope this ‘Annual Report’ will encourage you to continue or join the effort to support improve governance; promote citizen participation and quality of life of the poorest.

Bibhu Prasad Sahu
Secretary
About YSD

Youth for Social Development (YSD) is a not-for-profit independent social research and development organization established in 2005, (registered under Societies Registration Act.1860) by a group of professionals devoted to improve the lives of the tribal, rural and urban poor in Orissa. YSD undertakes research, public education, capacity building, documentation, dissemination, people centered advocacy and participatory development action. Sustainable livelihood promotion, influencing public policy & finance, improving democratic governance for the betterment of the people and the state, are the thrust areas of the organization.

Our Vision
YSD envisions a just, equitable and sustainable society where all people have access to their social, economic and democratic rights and the capacity to achieve their full potential and lead a dignified life.

Our Mission
To facilitate sustainable social and economic development of marginalized communities in urban and rural Odisha through research, policy advocacy, participatory community action and people’s empowerment.

Our Focus
YSD focuses on promoting good governance in development areas that have direct impact on poor and vulnerable groups especially women, children and scheduled tribes. These areas include livelihood, water and sanitation, education and land and housing security. YSD gives special attention to underserved and marginalized locations including slums, remote tribal and rural communities in poor districts of Odisha.

Our Core Values
- Social justice and equity
- Integrity and legitimacy
- Transparency and accountability
- Participatory approach
- Commitment to service of vulnerable people

Our Strategic Objectives
- To improve service delivery and living conditions of communities through women empowerment, good governance and access to information
- To boost economic opportunities in disadvantaged communities through skills development, livelihood opportunities and access to start-up capital
• To improve delivery of educational services in Anganwadi Centers and formal education institutions
• To improve wellbeing of communities through access to safe drinking water, sanitation facilities and basic health and hygiene education
• To facilitate development of slum communities through access to slum development programs and improved public service delivery
• To improve living conditions of communities in environmentally affected areas

Governance

The responsibility to achieve the vision of the Youth for Social Development (YSD), as it appears in the bye-law of the association, rests with the ‘Governing Body’. The Governing Body’s monitoring role includes engagement of the chief executive, evaluate his/her performance, preparing and approving the strategic plan, review the annual activities and financial plans and approve the annual budget and financial audits. The board generally meets four times in a year. The Governing Body consists of the following members

• Mr. Lokanath Mishra, President
• Mr. Deepak Kumar Pattnaik, Vice-president
• Mr. Bibhu Prasad Sahu, Secretary
• Mr. Ajaya Kumar Sahu, Treasurer
• Mr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik, Member
Programme

Community Empowerment on Monitoring PMGSY Rural Roads

As a part of our commitment towards promoting social accountability and empowering citizens, has under taken citizen monitoring of public procurement of rural roads in Gajapati districts of Odisha. In this programme, communities living in the villages where rural roads were constructed were trained through rigorous classroom and field training called Citizen Monitoring and Audit Teams (CMATs).

A three step innovative method were followed to monitor roads consists of one, monitoring of ongoing roads two, audit of completed roads were carried out using pre-set field monitoring inventory including use of field monitoring equipment like camber board, straight edge, measuring tap, dip stick, square ring, measuring scale and a set of observations. The field monitoring equipments were used for conducting tests scientifically for accuracy and observations pertained to different steps involved at various stages of construction. Some of these tests and observations include attributes like, formation and carriageway width, thickness of the layer, camber (cross slope), quality of compaction, size and gradation of aggregates, shoulder width, shoulder camber, etc. Third step involved the monitoring of contract agreements signed between the rural development department and contractors. These contracts are obtained and reviewed for understanding the deliverables similarly bill of quantities/estimates are reviewed for understanding the procurement process.

This resulted in finding surprising results like the performance of completed roads are dismally low, only two roads out of eight crossed the half way score out of maximum of 15 in case of overall adherence to quality. In case of completed roads none of the roads out of 12, even crossed the half way mark (3) of the overall quality adherence. This has created an agenda for advocating for improved rural roads by engaging and empowering citizens and civil society organizations. Finding has been shared among communities, public officials, elected representative at local and state level, civil society and media. This created a rigor among the citizens and implementing government agency and the department started monitoring these issues. As a result construction of pending roads since 5 years has been geared up, change in quality of construction materials, action taken against corrupted contractors, intervention of senior officials and notice issued to the bidders for post construction maintenance and bidding information disclosed by the rural development department are among others.
Empowerment of Communities to Access Livelihood and Food Entitlements

With the achievements of results in phase-II of the anti-corruption project, phase-III started with an aim to minimize corruption and maximize citizen engagement in three public programme i.e. Public Distribution System (PDS), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and Drinking Water services in Berhampur city of Odisha, India. This phase started with the lessons learned and experiences gained in the past two projects with community engagement to fight corruption. Most of the activities were carried out with more strategic and robust manner.

Among the major action formation of citizen monitoring committees and empower them to fight against corruption through legal tools like grievance process, RTI, social auditing, public hearing, and advocacy, design of standard inventory for citizen monitoring/social auditing and train the citizen monitors, constructive engagement with public officials and the elected representatives to improve transparency, accountability and service delivery, advocate for improved service delivery and reduce corruption through the Coalition Against Corruption, citizen friendly hotline to help people report corruption, use of RTI and publication of hand book and IEC materials on citizens monitoring.

There are many results and impact due to the efforts among them 1404 no in 10 wards of eligible excluded beneficiaries got poor left out (PLO) ration cards and all ration card holders have the stipulated quantities of ration items regularly on stipulated price, all the ration shops operating open at the accepted times, people were oriented and empowered through training workshops, all 31 grievances and 67 RTI applications filed by community, strong district level network of CSOs/CBOs established to address issues of corruption, all the government and ration shop owners share all related information with communities, respond to the genuine demands, follow the stipulated rules and procedures. All the relevant cases were documented and shared with wider audience.
Empowering Youth for Civic Engagement through Information Technology

Sixty four (64) youth from 2 high schools in Berhampur were trained on how to use technology to for purpose under the ‘create with purpose’ project supported by Taking IT Global, Canada. Under this third phase of the programme youth in under-served communities were trained with real-world experiences and 21st-century tools to communicate their ideas, exhibit their potential, and take action in their communities. Young people in and out of school and encouraged the use of cutting-edge multimedia tools to communicate and share their ideas, demonstrate their potential, and take action where they live. Youth were trained on use of image shooting, video making and use software to make videos and exhibit in their communities to make change.

Making Berhampur a Child Friendly City

“Making Brahmapur a child friendly city” a project funded by the Bernard van Leer foundation in which YSD has undertaken a thorough analysis of urban local government policies and budgets meant for the growth and development of children at the local level by empowering children and slum communities to demand improved policies, budget allocation and services to the poor slum dwellers in general and children in particular in Brahmapur city of Odisha. The urgency is to bring all these issues on the table by facilitating better civic engagement, citizen action, and dialogue between government and civil society with the end in view of improving service delivery. This will ultimately visualize the policies and programmes and budgetary allocations for children and on the other hand identify issues surrounded for children by bringing children’s report card there by involving children, their parents and communities and setting agenda for influencing urban development policies for pro children and push for increased budgetary allocation by informing, mobilizing and engaging children, their parents and communities.
Citizen resource Centre

Citizen Resource Centre (CRC) in Koinpur village in Rayagada block of Gajapati has been successfully supporting citizens on various ways. The ideation in promotion of Citizen Resource Centre is to create a space for the citizens to play a proactive role to improve all spheres of their life e.g. social, economic and political particularly creating an identity as a citizen, supporting access to and usage of information, promoting active and engaged citizenry where these would result in citizens competent, concerned and responsible social actor. CRC centre function as an information centre, a knowledge centre, a guidance centre, a monitoring centre and an action centre. CRC will disseminate and demystification of information, conduct sensitization and awareness programmes and conduct training of citizens in the beginning. People from all spheres of life has visited the centre for getting support and the

Active Citizenship Education

Active citizenship education has been designed as a listening space to understand different perspectives on civic engagement. This dialogue process helped to explore the needs of the field and to make recommendations for creating a more supportive environment for development and active citizenship. Through this programme citizens helped to understand their role and responsibilities and duties towards society and engage for support of nation building through active citizenship. This includes knowledge on their rights and information, training to the citizens on government policies and programmes and engagement of citizens in governance and public activities to promote transparency, accountability and governance. We have conducted fourteen (14) active citizenship education programme in 10 slums and 2 villages in Berhampur and Rangeilunda block.
Women and Child Rights Programme

Women empowerment training programme has been organized in twelve (12) slums and eight (8) villages to train women on their right and participation in governance. The training includes aware them on various acts like domestic violence act, right to information act and other acts. This also includes process of access to various public programmes like ICDS, JSY, Mamata Yojana and other livelihood and skill development programmes of state and central government. The empowerment programme also includes training to women members to participate in ‘gram sabha’ (village parliament), ward sabha in urban areas and also to participate in elections.

Citizen Empowerment on Right to Information

 Twelve (12) Right to Information (RTI) training programmes has been organized to empower citizens to participate in governance covering 12 villages in two blocks in Rangeilunda and Kukudakhnadi. Average 22 citizens were participated and trained on process, techniques and usage of RTI in their public life. The training includes practical sessions on how to obtain information from various public offices they are filing RTI forms, framing questions and usage of information for transparency and accountability.
Publications

- Citizen Monitoring of Public Procurement Ensuring Accountability in Rural Roads
- Social Audit Toolkit on Integrated Child Development Scheme
- Social Audit Toolkit on Drinking Water Service Delivery

Advisors and Supporters

Advisors
- Dr. Gopa Kumar K. Thampi, Fellow, IGS, BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Prof. Bhagabata Patro, Berhampur University
- Redempto Santander Parafina, Social Accountability Advisor, Philippines
- Pravas Kumar Mishra, Development Professional

Supporters
- Partnership for Transparency Fund, Washington DC, USA
- Affiliated Network for Social Accountability, South Asia Region, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Bernard Van Leer Foundation, The Netherlands
- Taking IT Global, Toronto, Canada

Identity and Recognition

Identity
- Registered under FCRA, 1976-Regd.No-104910159
- Income tax-PAN No-AAAAY0652P
- Income Tax TAN No-BBNY00029B

Recognition
- Accredited to Credibility Alliance
- NGO Partnership System, Planning Commission, Government of India
Banker and Auditor

Banker
- Andhra Bank, Courtpeta, Berhampur
- Corporation Bank, Giri Road, Berhampur

Financial Auditor

International Travel and Staff Category

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