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Photo: Slum communities in Gramdevati Street in Benhampur access to water supply after child club’s demand a public tap in the slum

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Message from the President

I am pleased to serve as the President of the Governing Board of the Youth for Social Development and for the fifth 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 dynamic headship of Mr. Bibhu Prasad Sahu and our committed and efficient staff we have achieved a great amount of results and impact of our work has been wide 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 efforts success, thank to all supporters and partners (institutions and individuals) also thank all stakeholders associated with us.

Lokanath Misra
President
I am happy to place the ‘Annual Activity Report’ for the year 2013-14 before you. This entire year we have engaged in making our efforts to fulfill the mission and achieve the goals of Youth for Social Development. We have tried of hard to use our full potentials meet the desired needs of the communities we work with. Despite 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. Innovative projects this year keep us very busy and make our efforts worth. Improving children’s physical environment in slums through engagement of children and analyzing children’s policies and budget at the local government level, engaging youth to improve housing and basic service delivery in slums in Berhampur city, 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 and also the monitoring of MPLAD Funds utilization in Odisha made us eventful this year.

Working mostly with children, youth, women and community based organization make our labor constructive and projects are more successful.

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

Bibhu Prasad Sahu
Secretary
About Youth for Social Development

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.

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
- Mr. Srikant Patibandla, Member
Programme

Improving Safe and Healthy Environment for Children in Slums in Berhampur

Making Berhampur a child friendly city supported by the Bernard van Leer Foundations, the Netherlands with a purpose to improve the living condition of young children (0-8 years) living in urban poverty. Under this project YSD directly working with more than 1600 children in 22 slums in Berhampur city. YSD empowered children through 22 child clubs. Child clubs in these slums organized various activities like sanitation drive, plantation drive, meet the corporators and mayor, participated in sports, dance, song and drawing competition, participated in rally and exhibition and prepared skit to create awareness on issues of safe and healthy neighborhood, participated in preparation of city development plan through micro plan etc. These child clubs are constructively engage with the local and state government to demonstrate safe and healthy living environment in slums and ensure their participation in planning and development of their neighborhood in Berhampur city.

- **Children’s Federation**

Children are the junior citizens of the country, government of India has respected United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in which provision has been made in article-2 non discrimination, article-3 best interests and article-6 every child’s right to life and maximum development and article-12 listening to children and respecting their views, based on this children in the city have absolute rights to demand basic services and ensure their participation and voices are heard. The neighborhood of the children living in urban poverty in Berhampur city is worst. Among the major issues highlighted by the child clubs are poor basic services like lack of clean and safe drinking water, inefficient collection and management of garbage, no sewerage system and unsafe drains, no household or public toilets and no housing to live, no space for play and network, unsafe electricity, no public transport and unsafe traffic and polluted air and earth. On the other hand there is no space for children to participate, plan in development and governance of the city and their voices are counted.

Children’s from 22 slums in Berhampur formed first ever Children’s Federation in Berhampur city. More than 150 children members of twenty two (22) child clubs assembled to discuss their issues on safe and healthy environment in slums. The basic purpose of formation of the federation is, first to demand for safe and healthy environment and make Berhampur a child friendly city, second to inform and involve
children and respect their views and experiences, third to protect children from all kinds of exploitation, violence and abuse.

**Analysis of Local Government Budget and Policies**

‘Centre for Local Government Budget and Policy Research’ of YSD has done an extensive analysis of Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BMC) budget since 2000-01. The basic purpose of the analysis are to (1) demystify policies, programmes and budgets of Berhampur Municipal Corporation since 2000, (2) assess the expenditure in basic services like water, sanitation, housing, street lighting, roads, public space and parks, livelihood and infrastructure with special focus on children living urban poverty in Berhampur Municipal Corporation and (3) disseminate the results and advocate for improved budget allocation and basic service delivery for the urban poor. Strategies adopted to analysis of income, expenditure, dependency and growth, sector wise analysis of BMC budget (water, sanitation, housing, street lighting, roads etc.), trends/patterns of public spending on public welfare, sector wise composition of budgetary resources earmarked for children, women, weaker section and slum dwellers and analysis of policies, budgetary allocation and implementation. The major findings of the analysis are; poor own income of BMC (income growth rate was 17.4% in 2001-02 but it is -3% in 2013-14), increased dependency burden on grant-in-aid, 73% (Rs. 9800 lakhs) of income comes from state and central government, increased per capita income (Rs. 325 in 2000-01 increased to ten times Rs. 3025 in 2013-14), sanitation remains very low priority with expenditure of only 14.74% (Rs. 1252 Lakhs) while in roads and bridges it is Rs. 1700 lakhs, commitment for slum free city remains gloomy with only expenditure of 23.78% in housing (IHSDP and RAY) for 137 slums and informal settlements, livelihood expenditure for the urban poor is only 8.24% (Rs. 700 lakhs) is significantly low as compared to its slum population 1,17,541 (30.5%) and expenditure in street lighting remain much less than others i.e. only 3% (Rs.260 lakhs) where as in parks for public amusement remain very low i.e. Rs. 10 lakhs (0.12%).

This analysis has given major policy recommendations among them are mandatory public discloser of budget documents, ensure citizen participation through ‘ward committees’, increase budget allocation for the urban poor and specific basic service like water, sanitation (garbage, drainage and public toilet), housing and transportation, implement ‘development outcome budget’ to measure the money spent and the results which follow to ensure effective government management and accountability.

Youth for Social Development started an initiative ‘know your city budget’ campaign is an initiative by civil society groups and activists working on governance and human rights issues in Odisha to attain transparent, accountable and inclusive budget by engaging citizens and government.
Empowering Youth to Participate in Urban Governance

With the support from UNHABITAT, Youth for Social Development (YSD) mobilized youth from slums in Berhampur city to understand urban governance, basic service delivery, their rights and youth policy and motivated for leadership in their slums. From 20 selected slums in Berhampur city 512 young men and women participated in this process and formed fifteen youth clubs in fifteen slums. Through this ‘youth club’ young men and women started discussing on the issues of basic services and meet every month and also engaged with the whole community in this process and created link between the youth clubs and community organizations. Young people started with a mapping exercise of their slums on issues, basic infrastructures and housing situation and available land in slums. 45 Youth Citizens Monitors (YCM) selected and trained to take lead on making a report card and address the issues and interface with government. Youth club members were trained on leadership and how to use various tools to collect information and demand their rights through advocacy. They are also trained to communicate with government officials and elected representatives and address media. In the beginning youth clubs started collecting information through using right to information. On the other hand youth engaged in many civic activities like sanitation drive, meet their corporators and government officials, promotion of use of dust bin and keep the neighborhood clean and plantations of trees and making rally for their rights are some of the major initiatives taken by the youth clubs in slums in the city.

Post ‘Phailin’ Relief Accountability in Ganjam district of Odisha

Disaster in the form of Phailin Cyclone has made a land fall at the Gopalpur coast near Berhampur city of Odisha in India on 12th October, 2013. The cyclone created havoc and devastation in and around Ganjam district with Berhampur city surroundings as the epicentre. The havoc continued further and degenerated due to another disaster in the form of incessant rain across the district severely affecting seven blocks (Berhampur, Chikiti, Hinjili, Sana Khemundi, Patrapur, Dharakote, Aska), while remaining eight blocks are partially affected due to flash floods.
The death toll, due to both the disaster cyclone and flood mounted to about 35. Pre-preparedness helped in minimizing the loss of lives. However, loss of property included damaged and collapsed houses (3.40 lakhs in Ganjam), loss of crop, collapsed buildings, overflow of drains causing flood like situation, uprooting of cell phone towers, telephone and electric polls, trees added to the damage. In response to the disasters, government agencies, international and local non government organizations are engaged in relief and restoration activities. However, ground realities and several media reports too have brought the issue of corruption in relief activities along with lack of accountability among these agencies.

Lack of transparency in aid/relief distribution is doubling the disaster effect, with the victims continuing to live on day-to-day survival basis. Moreover, lack of transparency is leading to duplication of work by various agencies. Hence, to provide any meaningful aid and assistance to the disaster and flood victims. In addition to the above, community participation in the relief material or wider consultation with the community is absent. The absence of citizens' voices in disaster preparedness and post-disaster relief measures is creating wide gap between the actual policy making and implementation on the one side and community needs on the other. This in turn is replicated in weak or no people's participation, absolute lack of transparency and accountability. In this backdrop Youth for Social Development (YSD), has started emergency relief monitoring in 40 affected slums in Berhampur and four affected blocks in Ganjam through mobilizing local volunteers. Ground level realities are presented to the district administration during the inter agency coordination group meeting and appealed to all the agencies -- both the government and non-government to ensure transparency and accountability standards in the relief and rehabilitation activities.

**Community Sensitization of Right to Food and Entitlements**

Formation of ‘citizen monitoring committees’ and empower them to fight against corruption through legal tools like grievance process, Right to Information (RTI), social auditing, and public hearing, 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 in three public programmes Public Distribution System (PDS), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and Drinking Water services in Berhampur city of Odisha, India.
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 (16) active citizenship education programme in 12 slums and 4 villages in Berhampur and Rangeilunda block.

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. More than 124 people from all spheres of life have visited the centre for getting support from the two centers.
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 Programme on Access to Information

Fifteen (15) Right to Information (RTI) training programmes has been organized to empower citizens to participate in governance covering 15 villages in two blocks in Rangelunda and Kukudakhnadi. Average 32 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.

Social Audit of Member of Parliament (MP) Local Area Development (LAD) Funds in Odisha

A study has conducted during early 2014 to find and get an idea how MPs operate and utilize their part of funds. Youth for Social Development with a commitment to improve accountable governance bring transparency in utilization of public funds and ensure its efficient and equitable utilization of tax payer’s money has conducted this. The basic objective of the study is to assess the spending pattern of MPLADS funds in Odisha 2009-14, to examine the spending patterns by party, experience, education, and sector-wise and to map performance of MPs based on their spending of MPLAD funds.
The study is limited to MPs in Odisha Loksabha i.e. lower house of the parliament during 2009-14. Secondary data available in the MPLAD website has been used for the analysis with constituency wise expenditure data along with the sector wise expenditure. Analysis is limited to only the information (utilisation data) available till February 19, 2014. The results are (1) on an average all 21 MPs have spent 72% of their LAD funds within the five year period. There are still 28 of LAD funds remain unutilized (2) not a single MP in Odisha has achieved 100% utilisation of LAD funds in the five year period (3) community hall seem to be most preferred works for all most all the MPs (59.9%) has been utilized in ‘other public facilities’ for 18,994 numbers of works. Besides this it has presented the best and worst performer MPs in Odisha.

Publications

- ‘Basic Services and the Urban Poor Children’ Policy and Practice Brief on children living in urban poverty issue-I,II, III and IV
- ‘Sisu Duniya’ a newsletter on children’s safe and healthy environment, issue-I, II and III
- Report of ‘Social Audit of MPLAD Funds in Odisha’
- Brief report of ‘Budget Analysis of Berhampur Municipal Corporation’ during financial year 2013-14

Advisors and Supporters

Advisors

- Dr. Gopa Kumar K. Thampi, Director, Asia Foundation, Srilanka
- Dr. Bhagabata Patro, Professor in Economics, Berhampur University, Odisha
- Mr. Redempto Santander Parafina, Social Accountability Advisor, ANSA-EAP, Philippines
- Dr. Siba Sankar Mohanty, Associate Professor in Economics, Doon University, Dehradun
- Mr. Prashant Raymus, National Coordinator, NCDHR, New Delhi

Supporters

- Partnership for Transparency Fund, Washington DC, USA
- Bernard Van Leer Foundation, The Netherlands
- United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UNHABITAT), Kenya
- Public Affairs Center, Bangalore, India
Network Partners

- Global Partnership for Social Accountability, The World Bank
- World Urban Campaign, UNHABITAT
- 'I'm a City Changer' Campaign, UNHABITAT
- Global Budget, Transparency, Accountability and Participation
- 'Humara Bachpan' early childhood campaign
- Affiliated Network for Social Accountability-South Asia Region

Identity and Recognition

Identity

- Registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860-Regd.No- **GJM-7422/61 of 2005-2006 dated 17/02/2006**
- Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 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
- Member to Guide Star India

Banker and Auditor

Banker

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

Financial Auditor


International Travel and Staff Category

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